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1 THE COURT: G.T., if we can have her come back.
2 She's still under oath and I'll remind her of such.

3 If you could please, G.T. Thank you. I'll just
4 remind you you're still under oath and I'll ask you
5 if you can keep your voice up.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Please be seated.

8 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Attorney Berke.

10 ATTY. BERKE: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Thank you.

12 **CROSS EXAMINATION OF G.T. BY ATTORNEY BERKE RESUMES FROM**
13 **(2/10/2025) :**

14 Q When we last left off I was asking you questions
15 about an audiotape you had taken of L.T. that led to her
16 disclosing certain information to you. During that
17 discussion do you remember asking her where did L.T. massage
18 nick?

19 A I don't.

20 Q You don't remember asking that question?

21 A No.

22 Q Did you have a chance to listen to the video since
23 you were in court yesterday?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And that's not a comment that you recall?

26 A Well, I remember it from watching it this morning but
27 I didn't remember it from my own memory. I wasn't quite

1 sure what you meant by that. Sorry.

2 Q It's okay. Do you know what I'm referring to? That
3 question.

4 A I do.

5 Q Where did you massage. You're referring to Nick.

6 A Yes.

7 Q And do you recall L.T.'s response; I didn't massage
8 him?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you recall a conversation you had with Detective
11 Wheeler on May 27th of 2020 where you had told him that you
12 checked L.T. physically and you were not concerned for her
13 safety?

14 A I don't.

15 Q Do you remember being advised to take her to the
16 hospital or doctor at that time?

17 A I don't remember being advised, no.

18 Q Would it refresh your memory if you had a chance to
19 look at a document?

20 A Yes. Okay.

21 Q Have you had a chance to review that document? Does
22 that refresh your memory regarding

23 A From what I just read, yes.

24 Q And did you advise Detective Wheeler that you were --
25 you checked your children physically; you're not concerned
26 for L.T.'s safety?

27 A Yes.

1 Q Do you recall telling Detective Wheeler that there
2 would be no evidence such as clothing available?

3 A No.

4 Q Did you have an opportunity to read the full
5 paragraph or you just stopped where it said massage?

6 A Right now?

7 Q After I just showed you this document.

8 A I just read the first paragraph.

9 ATTY. BERKE: If I can approach.

10 A I'm sorry. I stopped. Starting at my name?

11 Q Yes, please.

12 A Okay. Yes.

13 Q So, I realize it was a while ago. We're talking
14 about events that occurred back in 2020. But does that
15 refresh your memory of a conversation you had with Detective
16 Wheeler?

17 A It does, yes.

18 Q And isn't it correct that you told him that no
19 evidence such as clothes would be available?

20 A Only because it was a month prior that it happened.
21 So, I do remember saying that, yes.

22 Q So, do you remember relaying a date of April 29th,
23 2020, as the last time Nick was with the girls?

24 A I don't have a personal memory of that date.

25 Q But it's your recollection that it was about a month
26 before this date?

27 A Yes.

1 Q Do you remember the date that we're referring to that
2 you spoke to Detective Wheeler?

3 A I don't.

4 Q Approximately how long after L.T. disclosed to you,
5 did you have that conversation with Detective Wheeler?

6 A I'm not too sure. The first person I spoke to was a
7 female officer.

8 Q And then who's the next officer you spoke to?

9 A I'm not sure.

10 Q Would it be days, weeks, months?

11 A Days.

12 Q Days. And the second officer you spoke to was a man
13 or a woman?

14 A I'm not sure.

15 Q Do you remember speaking to more than one woman in
16 this case? A female officer.

17 A No.

18 Q Do you know how many times you spoke with Officer
19 Forunato? The female officer.

20 A I'm not quite sure. Maybe just a couple and then it
21 went to detectives.

22 Q Do you remember telling the officers that the sex
23 assaults occurred once you got married to Nick Hall?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Do you remember telling the officers that when you
26 were pregnant you were not cheating on Nick Hall?

27 A Yes.

1 Q When you said that did you mean that you were
2 cheating before you got pregnant?

3 A No.

4 Q You told the officers that Nicholas had a new
5 girlfriend with young children.

6 A Yes.

7 Q And that was during one of the conversations after
8 your daughter L.T. disclosed.

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you recall what officer you told that to?

11 A I don't.

12 Q And do you recall the timeframe between the
13 disclosure from L.T. and the time you told the officers
14 that?

15 A I'm not sure.

16 Q Do you remember telling the officers initially the
17 sheets on L. {name omitted} were missing?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And how did you realize the sheet was missing on L.'s
20 [name omitted] bed?

21 ATTY. DAVIS: Objection. Can we strike the
22 name?

23 ATTY. BERKE: I'm sorry.

24 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Yes. Thank you,
25 counsel. The name should be stricken. L.T.

26 ATTY. BERKE: I apologize.

27 Q How did you realize that the sheet on L.T.'s bed was

1 missing?

2 A I had come home from one of the instances where he
3 babysat, or the defendant babysat, and I noticed the sheet
4 was missing off the bed and when I asked about it she said
5 that he put it in the wash or somewhere and I couldn't find
6 it.

7 Q Was that the last time he babysat?

8 A I'm not sure.

9 Q Do you know what date that was that you're referring
10 to?

11 A I'm sorry, I'm not so good with dates.

12 Q Would it refresh your memory if you had a chance to
13 look at a document for the timing of that missing sheet on
14 L.T.'s bed?

15 A Yes. Okay.

16 Q Do you recall, at this time, what date you were
17 referring to in regards to when L.T.'s sheet may have been
18 missing?

19 A I just read it at the beginning of the paragraph but
20 I don't remember it now.

21 Q Does that put in context the timeframe in your eyes
22 of when that happened?

23 A It does.

24 Q And approximately how long before the disclosure was
25 made to that --

26 A I'm not sure. I'm not sure exactly.

27 Q Does that refresh your memory on whether it was the

1 last time Nick Hall had watched the girls?

2 A It could have been.

3 Q Do you remember him watching the girls any time after
4 that?

5 A No.

6 Q Now, did there come a point in time you had a
7 subsequent conversation with Detective Wheeler and corrected
8 that statement about the missing sheet?

9 A I'm not sure.

10 Q Do you recall advising Detective Wheeler that the
11 sheet that was missing was on S.T.'s bed?

12 A I don't remember.

13 Q Do you remember telling Detective Wheeler that you
14 had already looked through the laundry to try and find
15 sheets or clothing?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And did you advise him that they had already been
18 washed?

19 A I'm not sure.

20 Q Would it refresh your memory if you had a chance to
21 look at a document?

22 A Probably, yes.

23 ATTY. DAVIS: May we see it?

24 ATTY. BERKE: Sure.

25 ATTY. DAVIS: How many pages?

26 Q Does that refresh your memory whether you told the
27 Detective that the pajamas, clothing and sheets may have

1 already been washed?

2 A It does. It does. Yes.

3 Q And did you tell them that?

4 A I guess so, yes.

5 Q So you testified yesterday that you don't like doing
6 the wash and you frequently purchased a whole bed set, I
7 don't know if that's the proper term but a bed set. Does
8 that include a comforter and sheet, a fitted sheet and a top
9 sheet?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And you replace that often because you didn't like
12 doing the laundry?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Where did you place the bed sets that you had not
15 used? I'm sorry. That you had used and then replaced?

16 A Right. I understand. We'd used them for if the kids
17 played outside. I'd put them on the ground. If went to the
18 park. Laid them out. Things like that.

19 Q And you indicated you didn't remember how many times
20 you replaced them but you did that frequently.

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you remember telling Detective Wheeler that L.
23 [name omitted] never untucks her comforter?

24 A Yes.

25 Q She sleeps on top of the comforter?

26 A She does.

27 THE WITNESS: Can I have water? I'm sorry.

1 I don't know who to ask. I'm sorry. Thank you.

2 Thank you.

3 Q Has she done that? Slept on top of the comforter
4 since she was much younger?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And obviously we're talking about a time from at this
7 disclosure she's 9 years old?

8 A It started about that age. Yeah. So much younger
9 than she is now.

10 Q But at the time you made that statement she was 9.

11 A Yes.

12 Q And you were referring a timeframe before that.

13 A Yeah. Probably like in the last year before that.

14 Q Do you remember the first time you had brought L. [
15 name omitted] for a physical?

16 ATTY. DAVIS: Strike the name, please.

17 ATTY. BERKE: I'm sorry. I apologize.

18 THE COURT: Strike it.

19 Q The first time you brought L.T. for a medical exam
20 after her disclosure to you?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And when was that?

23 A I'm not sure of the date.

24 Q How long after the disclosure?

25 A I'm not sure. I was just waiting for them to contact
26 me to schedule everything. I wasn't sure of the next steps
27 until somebody told me.

1 Q And who are you referring to regarding scheduling?

2 A Center for Family Justice I believe or one of the
3 detectives.

4 Q And they were setting up the medical exam.

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you recall that medical exam being scheduled and
7 you rescheduling due to your work schedule?

8 A I didn't remember that until you said it yesterday.

9 Q But you do remember doing that.

10 A I don't have an independent memory of that but I
11 remember what you said yesterday.

12 Q So, at that timeframe, at some point after the
13 disclosure, the disclosure was in May of 2020 because you
14 said you didn't remember the date, so that's why I'm using
15 the month. It was at the end of the month of May 2020.

16 A Okay.

17 Q From the disclosure, the end of May of 2020, until
18 the day your daughter had a medical exam, where were you
19 working?

20 A I was doing freelance makeup.

21 Q And where were you doing that through?

22 A Mostly JoDavi.

23 Q And do you recall how many hours a week you were
24 working at that time?

25 A I don't. It's just by appointments.

26 Q So, it wasn't a fulltime position.

27 A No.

1 Q Do you recall approximately how many hours a week?

2 A It really just depended on what the occasion was, the
3 number of people. Stuff like that. So, it was always
4 different.

5 Q You testified yesterday Detective Wheeler came over
6 to take some of the bedding material.

7 A I think -- Yeah, I think so.

8 Q And do you remember who he was with?

9 A Another detective.

10 Q And during that time when he was at your house, did
11 you direct him to take certain items?

12 A I'm not sure.

13 Q How long were they there?

14 A I'm not sure.

15 Q Did you watch the process of what they were doing?

16 A No the whole time.

17 Q What did you observe?

18 A When they first got there and then I kind of let them
19 do what they had to do because I had the kids at the house.

20 Q Do you remember having a discussion with one of the
21 officers that processed the scene, Detective Pires, I don't
22 know if you remember the name, but one of the officers that
23 processed the scene, that you hadn't changed any of the
24 bedding since April 29th of 2020.

25 A I don't remember but probably.

26 Q And the date that they processed the house was the
27 beginning of June.

1 A I'm not sure.

2 Q Approximately how long after the disclosure that your
3 daughter made at the end of May did they come to your and
4 process?

5 A I'm not sure.

6 Q Do you remember if it was days or weeks?

7 A I don't know. It could have been. I don't know.

8 Q But you do remember telling them that you did not
9 change anything since the last time he was there.

10 A I don't have a memory from my head of that but it
11 sounds like it could have been.

12 Q Do you remember telling the detective that there
13 should be no stains on the sheets or comforter?

14 A No.

15 Q Do you remember telling Detective Wheeler that the
16 sexual assaults occurred in the master bedroom, W. [name
17 omitted], L.T.'s room, the couch and the laundry room?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And do you recall whether that was before they came
20 to your house and used the artificial light to find stains?

21 A I'm not sure.

22 Q Do you remember when you replaced the bedsheet on
23 S.T.'s bed?

24 A I don't.

25 Q Do you remember if that was a fitted sheet or a top
26 sheet?

27 A I don't remember.

1 Q Do you remember telling the police that you replaced
2 a bedsheet on S.T.'s bed?

3 A I don't.

4 ATTY. DAVIS: Objection. What timeframe are we
5 talking about?

6 THE COURT: What timeframe are you talking
7 about?

8 Q Do you remember having the conversation?

9 A I don't.

10 THE COURT: I guess there's no timeframe since
11 she doesn't remember the conversation.

12 Q Do you recall when you filed for divorce against
13 Nicholas Hall?

14 A I don't know the exact date.

15 Q Do you know the month?

16 A Maybe -- I don't know. Maybe February. I'm not
17 sure.

18 Q And what year?

19 A I'm not sure.

20 Q I'm sorry.

21 A Maybe 2020.

22 Q In that divorce filing do you remember asking for
23 sole legal and physical custody of W.T.H?

24 ATTY. DAVIS: Objection. Relevance.

25 ATTY. BERKE: Interest. Bias.

26 THE COURT: With regards to --

27 ATTY. DAVIS: His other child.

1 ATTY. BERKE: I'm sorry. In regards to --

2 THE COURT: Can I speak to counsel -- Go off the
3 record.

4 (WHEREUPON this matter went off the record and reconvened as
5 follows)

6 THE COURT: Thank you for your patience. The
7 objection was sustained. Go right ahead, counsel.

8 Q Since the disclosure in 2020, were you arrested for
9 eavesdropping?

10 A Objection. Relevance.

11 ATTY. BERKE: It's a pending case.

12 THE COURT: It is a pending case. I'm going to
13 allow it.

14 ATTY. DAVIS: Okay.

15 Q You were arrested for eavesdropping.

16 A I was, yes.

17 Q And the case is still pending.

18 A It is.

19 Q And how many times have you been to court?

20 A I'm not sure.

21 Q Has it been more than five?

22 A I'm sure, yeah.

23 ATTY. DAVIS: How is this relevant?

24 THE COURT: I don't know the relevance of this.
25 When was she arrested and the case is still pending.

26 Q How many times physically have you been to court?

27 ATTY. DAVIS: Objection. Relevance.

1 ATTY. BERKE: It is relevant, Your Honor. In
2 regards to the agreement --

3 ATTY. DAVIS: Maybe we should talk outside the
4 presence of the jury if we're going to go down this
5 road.

6 THE COURT: Based on that, I'm going to have you
7 leave, ladies and gentlemen. I'm sorry.

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9 (EXCERPT CONTINUED OF JUST WITNESS TESTIMONY)

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11 **CONTINUED CROSS EXAMINATION OF G.T. BY ATTORNEY BERKE:**

12 Q Do you remember what month and year you were arrested
13 for eavesdropping?

14 A I don't.

15 Q Do you remembering approximately how long ago was it?
16 Was it years ago, months ago?

17 A Years ago.

18 Q And that case is still pending?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And that's pending in Bridgeport Court.

21 A It is.

22 Q And you're represented by Attorney Felsen.

23 A Yes.

24 Q Attorney Felsen is seated in this room in the back.

25 A Yes.

26 Q She's wearing a gray sweater.

27 A Yes.

1 Q Are you aware of what the penalty is for the charge
2 of eavesdropping in the State of Connecticut?

3 A I am now.

4 Q And what is that penalty?

5 A I believe some kind of felony, right?

6 Q I can't answer the question.

7 A I'm not sure. Like a felony.

8 Q You believe it's a felony charge.

9 A I think so, yes.

10 Q And what agreements have been made between you, your
11 lawyer and the prosecution with regards to that case?

12 A I don't think any agreements.

13 Q Do you know if they are aware that you're testing in
14 this case?

15 A I'm sure.

16 Q And do you know whether that's going to be taken into
17 consideration?

18 ATTY. DAVIS: Can I just clarify? When counsel
19 is talking about they, who's they?

20 THE COURT: Actually, I am going to strike the
21 question. I'm going to strike the answer. It would
22 be speculative. They. I think they you are
23 referring to the State's Attorney's Office in
24 Bridgeport.

25 ATTY. BERKE: I can clarify it.

26 THE COURT: The -- I'll sua sponte on my own.
27 That's a fancy term I get to use every once in a

1 while. I'm not going to allow the question. You're
2 not to speculate who they is. Go ahead.

3 Q Are you aware of any agreements that have been made
4 between the State's Attorney's Office in Bridgeport and you
5 and your attorney?

6 A I'm not.

7 Q Now, you first received a phone call from Jennifer
8 Foster and told you about a disclosure that L.T. had made.

9 A Yes.

10 Q And do you remember stating that immediately after
11 the conversation with your daughter you went outside to the
12 front yard?

13 ATTY. DAVIS: I would object, Your Honor. He's
14 reading from a document not in evidence.

15 ATTY. BERKE: I'm not a witness. I'm allowed to
16 read from any document.

17 THE COURT: Go ahead. Sometimes they read from
18 questions prepared in advance. He's allowed to.
19 He's showing it to the witness. So, go right ahead.

20 ATTY. DAVIS: May you repeat the question?

21 A Would you repeat the question, please?

22 Q Sure.

23 A Thank you.

24 Q Do you remember stating that after your daughter told
25 you about the disclosure that you went out to the front yard
26 to collect yourself?

27 A I don't remember.

1 Q Do you remember stating that you attempted to call
2 your father?

3 ATTY. DAVIS: I would object. Who is she
4 speaking to? We need some context here. How does
5 she remember if she doesn't know who she's speaking
6 to?

7 THE COURT: Can you clarify the question,
8 please?

9 ATTY. BERKE: Certainly.

10 Q Do you remember testifying about these discussions as
11 part of your divorce proceeding?

12 A I don't.

13 Q So, if I were to ask you another question in regards
14 to your conduct, at least at that time, conduct meaning
15 after receiving a phone call and things that you did, you
16 wouldn't remember?

17 A Depending on what it is, I'm not sure.

18 Q Would it refresh your memory to look at a document
19 regarding that testimony?

20 A Probably. Okay.

21 Q Do you recall testifying at that proceeding?

22 A I don't recall testifying but I do remember that. I
23 shouldn't know what order they took place in.

24 Q So, let me just take a step back. Do you recall
25 stating during that proceeding that after your daughter
26 disclosed the conversation, that you went outside, tried to
27 make a phone call and that's when you threw up in the front

1 yard?

2 A I think I'm getting a little confused with -- I don't
3 remember saying it but then I read it and then I remember
4 reading it right now. I don't remember when it actually
5 happened and what I said but I know I was outside in the
6 front yard before or during the phone call with Jen and then
7 after but I just don't remember testifying to it.

8 Q So, at some point at a previous time you had a better
9 recollection of that.

10 A Of when it happened I'm sure, yeah.

11 Q And do you remember testifying in that proceeding?

12 A I don't.

13 Q Is there any aspect of -- Let me just ask you the
14 question. Do you remember being asked how many times you
15 worked at the JoDavi Salon in 2020?

16 A No.

17 Q I know you said you don't remember the testimony and
18 this may waste time but would it refresh your memory if you
19 had a chance to look at that question and answer?

20 A I'm sure. Okay.

21 Q So, does that refresh your memory regarding being
22 asked questions about how often you worked at JoDavi Salon
23 in November 2020?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And do you remember in the context of the year 2020
26 your worked there 15 hours?

27 A That sounds about right.

1 Q For the year. Now, there were other questions asked
2 of you at that hearing regarding how often you worked at
3 JoDavi at points in 2019.

4 A Okay.

5 Q And do you remember that line of questioning?

6 A I don't.

7 Q So, you don't remember indicating that it was a
8 handful of times in 2019?

9 A I don't remember the whole testimony.

10 Q Would it refresh your memory --

11 A Yeah, I'm sorry. Can I see? Okay.

12 THE COURT: Does that help refresh your
13 recollection?

14 A Yes.

15 THE COURT: Ask a question, please.

16 ATTY. BERKE: Thank you

17 Q So, from the time W. [name omitted] was born in
18 September of 2019 until the end of 2019, you did some work
19 outside of your house.

20 A Yes.

21 Q And that was a handful of times.

22 A Yes.

23 Q And each of those times were about 2 to 3 hours.

24 A Yes.

25 Q And were you employed anywhere else aside from JoDavi
26 at that time?

27 A My family's corporation.

1 Q And what do you do for them?

2 A Stuff at the office here and there.

3 Q And how often do you go to the office?

4 A Now, never.

5 Q During that time.

6 A A couple of times. I'm not sure.

7 Q Well, in the context from W. [name omitted] birth in
8 September of 2019 --

9 THE COURT: We'll say W.T.

10 ATTY. BERKE: I'm sorry.

11 ATTY. DAVIS: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Can it be stricken, please. And it
13 was said before but we'll strike it.

14 ATTY. DAVIS: Thank you.

15 ATTY. BERKE: I apologize.

16 Q From the time W.T. birth in September of 2019, to the
17 end of 2019, how often did you go to your family's business,
18 the Trefz Corporation?

19 A It's hard to say exactly but when we would have big
20 family meetings or if my dad just needed extra help. So,
21 I'm not sure how many times.

22 Q Would it be a handful of times during that period?

23 A I'm sure.

24 Q And what about 2020? From January until the
25 disclosure was made in May of 2020?

26 A I don't think ever at the office.

27 Q You didn't go to the office during that time.

1 A No.

2 Q From the time W. [name omitted] was born --

3 ATTY. DAVIS: Can we strike the name again?

4 THE COURT: Strike.

5 Q From the time W.T. was born until the end of 2019,
6 those handful of times where you were working, who took care
7 of your girls?

8 A Will you tell me the timeframe again?

9 Q Certainly. From the time W. [name omitted] was born
10 until the end of --

11 THE COURT: Strike the name.

12 Q From the time W.T. was born in September 2019 until
13 the end of 2019, who would watch the children when you
14 worked?

15 A The defendant and once his mother and sister.

16 Q After W.T. was born were there times where Nicholas
17 Hall would leave the house for several days?

18 A Yes.

19 Q How often did that happen?

20 A I'm not sure.

21 Q Do you recall indicating that happened approximately
22 every two weeks?

23 A Sounds about right.

24 Q And how long would he be out of the house when he
25 left?

26 A It depends.

27 Q Approximately. Do you recall?

1 A Two days. Three days.

2 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, sorry to do
3 this to you but we have to break for lunch.

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