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BEFORE THE HONORABLE PETER MCSHANE, JUDGE

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1 **CONTINUED CROSS EXAMINATION OF DETECTIVE DANIEL WHEELER BY**
2 **ATTORNEY BERKE:**

3 Q Detective, can you tell us who assigned you to handle
4 this matter?

5 A Repeat it, please.

6 Q Can you tell me who in your department assigned you
7 to this case?

8 A I can't tell you exactly. It would have been one of
9 my supervisors.

10 Q And how many supervisors did you have at the time?

11 A At five years ago I'm not sure which supervisor it
12 would have been.

13 Q Would there be any reference in any of the police
14 reports that you have completed?

15 A There might be.

16 (WHEREUPON a phone goes off)

17 THE COURT: That's the weather report that my
18 son just sent me. So, sorry about that.

19 Q Showing you a report. See if that refreshes your
20 memory.

21 ATTY. PALERMO: May I ask what he's refreshing
22 the detective with?

23 THE COURT: A report. What --

24 ATTY. BERKE: Date of report 5/27/20, 11 pages.

25 Q Did you have a chance to look at that?

26 A Yes.

27 Q Is there any reference to who assigned that case to

1 you?

2 A No.

3 Q Do you have a case file for investigations that
4 you're working on?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Did you bring that with you?

7 A No.

8 Q Were you asked to bring it with you?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you have a chance to look at it before you
11 testified today?

12 A Yes.

13 Q When did you look at that?

14 A I been reviewing my reports.

15 Q When did you get a chance --

16 A Yesterday.

17 Q And within that case file you didn't identify that
18 form CT-100?

19 A No.

20 Q Can you describe the bedding that was taken from the
21 house at 96 Lake Avenue in Trumbull?

22 A I wasn't on scene. I can tell you there was three
23 items that was seized but I wasn't there to seize them.

24 Q Do you know what items those are?

25 A Three bedding items, yes.

26 Q Can you tell us whose bed and what type of item they
27 are?

1 A I can't tell you exactly off the top of my head. I
2 know there were three items. Two from one bed and one from
3 another bed.

4 Q Would you know what those items are?

5 A Not exactly off the top of my head, no.

6 Q Were you ever advised of what type of bedding would
7 be located on those beds? For example, was it just a
8 comforter or some other bedding on the bed?

9 A I'm not sure what you mean.

10 Q Some people use sheets that are fitted. Some people
11 use sheets that are folded underneath. Some people have top
12 sheets. Some people have comforters. Things like that. Do
13 you know what was found on the bed when the officers went
14 there?

15 A If you have something to refresh my memory, I'll
16 gladly look at it but off the top of my head I can't really
17 remember that.

18 Q Who is responsible in the Trumbull Police Department
19 to maintain records of particular investigation?

20 A The Records Department.

21 Q So, there is some records that have barcodes.

22 ATTY. BERKE: If I can approach.

23 THE COURT: Sure.

24 A You're talking about this.

25 Q Yes.

26 ATTY. PALERMO: Your Honor, I'd like to know
27 what he's showing the detective.

1 THE COURT: Can you show it to counsel, please.

2 Q You said in your department -- that's created by your
3 department or a different department?

4 A I have no information on that. I'm not aware of the
5 barcodes. When we do our reports, that's not part of my
6 report. That's something that happens maybe afterwards. I
7 don't know.

8 Q So, that's not something that you would insert on a
9 report.

10 A No.

11 Q Have you ever seen that before on a report from
12 Trumbull P.D.?

13 A Not while I'm working on it but I don't know what
14 happens after with records.

15 Q But if you had an opportunity to pull up a file on an
16 investigation, have you ever seen the barcode on a report?

17 A I'm not familiar with that.

18 Q Who would be responsible for submitting items that
19 are seized to the State Lab?

20 A Items that are brought to the lab are brought usually
21 by a detective who's assigned to bring things back and forth
22 to the lab.

23 Q Did you bring things back and forth to the lab in
24 this case?

25 A I don't believe I did.

26 Q Would there be any reference on the items that would
27 suggest who it was that brought it to the lab? Do you sign

1 off on materials that are dropped off?

2 A I believe there's reports about that.

3 Q Do you know if it would be listed on the particular
4 item?

5 A I'm not sure that it would be on the item. I believe
6 the detective who brings stuff to court does a supplement.
7 He's trying to bring something there and bring something
8 back.

9 Q Do you recall what items were sent to the lab for
10 examination?

11 A I believe all the items that were seized were sent to
12 the lab for examination.

13 Q And is it fair to say you don't remember what that
14 was? You had asked me to refresh your memory.

15 A I don't --

16 Q You don't remember what those items were, correct?

17 A The three bedding items were sent to the lab.

18 Q Right but you didn't remember what type of bedding
19 items.

20 A I don't remember exactly.

21 Q Would it refresh your memory if you had a chance to
22 look at a report that references them?

23 A Sure.

24 Q Have you had a chance to review that document?

25 A Yes, I did.

26 Q And does that refresh your memory of the items that
27 were seized and sent to the lab?

1 A It's not my report. I'm not seeing exactly where it
2 is in this report.

3 Q That doesn't refresh your memory about what was
4 seized?

5 A No.

6 Q I apologize if this question is redundant. It's been
7 a long day. The decision on what items that the lab tests,
8 that rests within the investigative officer that's in
9 charge?

10 A Repeat that for me one time, please.

11 Q Certainly. The decision or the direction on what
12 items are tested, that rests within the investigative
13 officer in charge.

14 A The lab has to accept it but ultimately yes. It's
15 our decision to say, hey, let's send these items to the lab.

16 Q And that would be you.

17 A Yes.

18 Q In this case.

19 A Yes.

20 Q Did anyone ask you to seek elimination DNA from Mr.
21 Hall's family?

22 A No.

23 Q Did you consider seeking elimination DNA from Mr.
24 Hall's family?

25 A No.

26 Q Are you aware of any hair samples that were found or
27 tested?

1 A I'm not aware.

2 Q Are you aware if any hair samples were located?

3 A I'm not aware.

4 Q In regards to the potential hair sample, you're not
5 aware or you don't remember?

6 A I guess I don't remember.

7 Q Would it refresh your memory if you got a chance to
8 look at a document?

9 A Sure.

10 ATTY. PALERMO: Can I see it?

11 THE COURT: Can you show it to counsel, please?

12 ATTY. BERKE: Certainly.

13 THE COURT: And I'll ask you to do that in the
14 future. All documents used -- intended to refresh
15 recollection, please show to counsel.

16 Does that help refresh your recollection?

17 A Yes. To an extent.

18 Q So, do you recall that hair fibers were collected and
19 sent to the lab by Trumbull P.D.?

20 A This report -- these reports are hard to understand.
21 So, just looking at it quickly --

22 Q So, sir --

23 THE COURT: Just answer the question. Do you --

24 A No.

25 THE COURT: -- know if they were sent to the
26 lab?

27 A I don't know.

1 ATTY. BERKE: I have nothing else.

2 THE COURT: That's it for cross. Any re-direct?

3 ATTY. PALERMO: Yes, Your Honor.

4 **RE-DIRECT BY ATTORNEY PALERMO:**

5 Q Would it help you to review one of your reports to
6 refresh your recollection on what items of evidence were
7 seized from G.T.'s home from particularly L.T.'s home?

8 A Yes, it would.

9 Q I'll refer you to the second page. Tell me if that
10 helps refresh your recollection.

11 A Yes, it does.

12 Q Okay. And do you now remember what was seized from
13 L.T.'s room?

14 A It was L.T.'s -- I hate to do it but I need to see it
15 one more time.

16 THE COURT: You can ask it in a leading fashion.

17 A There's a lot of --

18 THE COURT: Was a comforter seized?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Was a comforter seized from the large bed?

21 A Yes, it was.

22 Q Was a sheet seized from the larger bed?

23 A Yes, it was.

24 Q And was a mattress cover seized from the twin bed?

25 A Yes, it was.

26 Q And is there any indication that the officers that
27 went there found hair and seized hair?

1 A No.

2 Q Now, you indicated that you don't recall who sent
3 those items to the lab and those items being the comforter,
4 the mattress cover and the sheet, is that correct?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q Would it help refresh your recollection if I showed
7 you an evidence receipt that was received from the lab?

8 A Yes, it would.

9 Q Showing counsel that with the attached documents.
10 I'm going to ask you to look at the bottom particularly and
11 ask you if that helps refresh your recollection as to who
12 from the Trumbull Police Department brought those items up
13 to the lab.

14 A Yes, Detective Murray.

15 Q Thank you. And as far as you know, besides these
16 three items: the mattress cover, the comforter, and the
17 sheet, and the buccal swabs, the DNA swabs, was anything
18 else sent to the lab?

19 A No.

20 Q Earlier you were asked by defense counsel did you
21 tell G.T. to bring L.T. to the hospital. Do you remember
22 that?

23 A Yes, I do.

24 Q Okay. What did you or what do you recall advising
25 her about seeking medical attention?

26 A I recall telling her that if she felt it was
27 necessary to bring the children to the doctor or the

1 hospital.

2 Q Okay. And do you recall if she ultimately brought
3 L.T. for a medical exam?

4 A I don't recall that.

5 Q Did you -- and when you told her to -- You talked
6 about the hospital. If she felt it was necessary. Was
7 there any indication at that time that there was an
8 immediate need to go to the hospital as far as you were
9 aware?

10 A No.

11 Q Does the Center for Family Justice have any part in
12 recommending a medical exam as far as you know?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And did you give her any advice -- Did you give G.T.
15 any advice regarding the Center for Family Justice?

16 A I advised her that if she chose not to go to doctor
17 or the hospital, that the Center for Family Justice also has
18 an avenue to provide medical services.

19 Q But you don't know if L.T. went to the doctor through
20 the family --

21 A I don't know that.

22 Q Okay. When you went to the house and took the photos
23 on, I believe it was June 3rd, you stated.

24 A Yes.

25 Q At that time did you believe that there was any --
26 did you have any reason to believe that there was any
27 potential evidence that needed to be collected on that

1 particular date based on what you knew?

2 A No.

3 Q Okay. Did there become a time when you did feel that
4 the mattress cover, the sheet and bedding needed to be
5 seized as evidence?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And why did you feel that way?

8 A I obtained further information the next day on the
9 4th.

10 Q From whom?

11 A From G.T.

12 Q Okay. And after you received further information
13 from G.T. what did you do?

14 A I sent other investigators, detectives to the house
15 to look for any possible evidence in the bedroom.

16 Q Okay. Thank you. Now, when you sent those other
17 officers to the house, was that on the 4th?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Counsel asked you did you direct those officers to
20 take -- to use an alternate light source on the couch.

21 A No.

22 Q Okay. You remember that question?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And why didn't you direct them to use the light
25 source on the couch?

26 A It would have been reasonable for his DNA to be on
27 the couch.

1 Q Whose DNA?

2 A Nicholas, Nicholas Hall.

3 Q Okay. The Defendant's.

4 A The defendant.

5 Q Okay. And why would it have been reasonable for his
6 DNA to be there?

7 A Based on the interview that we did with him, he
8 basically said that he was cumming all over the house.

9 Q Cumming all over the house.

10 A Yes.

11 Q Did he say in particular the couch?

12 A I can't remember that.

13 Q How about regarding the carpet? Did you direct the
14 officers to use the alternate light source on the carpet?

15 A No.

16 Q Why not?

17 A Because based on the interview with him it was
18 reasonable to believe that he may have came or ejaculated on
19 the carpet.

20 Q And how about the laundry room? Did you ask those
21 officers to direct the alternate light source on the laundry
22 room?

23 A I did not.

24 Q And why not?

25 A It was the same reason.

26 Q Because you would have expected his DNA to be there.

27 A That's right.

1 Q Because why?

2 A Because he admitted to having relations with his wife
3 all over the house.

4 Q Relations with his -- including the laundry room?

5 A I can't remember exactly at this point -- I'm not
6 sure.

7 Q How about G.T.'s bed? Did you ask the officers to
8 use the alternate light source on G.T.'s bed?

9 A I did not.

10 Q Why not?

11 A Because it would be expected that his DNA would be on
12 the bed.

13 Q Because?

14 A Because he said that he had sex with his wife on the
15 bed.

16 Q And how about W.T.H's room?

17 A I believe he said he had sex in there as well.

18 Q Now, counsel asked you did you take any buccal swabs
19 or asked for any DNA samples from members of the defendant's
20 family other than the defendant? Do you remember that?

21 A I do remember that.

22 Q And what was your answer?

23 A My answer was that we did not.

24 Q And why not?

25 A We had no reason to believe that his family member
26 was laying in the children's beds or would be spreading any
27 kind of DNA in the house.

1 Q Did they live in the house? Other family members of
2 the Hall family, did they live in the house?

3 A Not that I was aware of.

4 Q And was there any evidence or any information you
5 received that would indicate that there was a need to get
6 their buccal swabs?

7 A No there wasn't.

8 Q So, why did you get the -- in terms of the
9 information seizing the bedding, why did you do it at that
10 point?

11 A On 6/4 I spoke to G.T. She provided additional
12 information and at that point, being the children's bedroom,
13 I sent the investigators over to see if there's any evidence
14 of value that could be collected.

15 Q Now, this is a sexual assault case, correct?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Is this considered a delayed disclosure case?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And could you just explain what that means to the
20 jury?

21 A A delayed disclosure just means it happened at some
22 point in the past. It's not something that happened now, an
23 hour ago, eight hours ago. It happened in the past.

24 Q And typically in delayed disclosure cases do you
25 expect to find a lot of evidence of the crime or of the
26 sexual assault in those kind of cases?

27 A No, we don't.

1 Q Why is that?

2 A Because so much time has passed that evidence gets --
3 is no longer there, or no longer available, or the scene has
4 been already used -- or things have been washed. The
5 evidence is no longer there.

6 Q When evidence is sent to the State Laboratory for
7 testing, do they put a label on that?

8 A Who, the lab? The lab puts a label on it.

9 Q Okay. And would you recognize the lab label if you
10 saw it?

11 A Not really because I don't do the lab runs.

12 Q If you -- if there had been hair that you had seen in
13 this case, would you have collected the hair?

14 A The investigators would have that I sent, yes.

15 Q Would it depend on where it was?

16 A Of course.

17 Q Okay. And would you expect to find Nicholas Hall,
18 the defendant's hair in that house?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Why?

21 A Because he lived there.

22 Q Okay. So, you would expect to see his hair in that
23 house.

24 A Yes, I would.

25 Q Would you expect to see L.T.'s hair in that house?

26 A Yes, I would.

27 Q How about G.T.'s hair?

1 A Yes, I would.

2 Q So, if you saw hair all over the floor would it be
3 your procedure to collect all of this hair?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. Why not?

6 A Because that hair is expected to be there.

7 Q Thank you.

8 A Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Any re-cross?

10 ATTY. BERKE: Yes.

11 **RE-CROSS EXAMINATION BY ATTORNEY BERKE:**

12 Q There's a reason why people in the forensic field use
13 terms like bloodlike substance or hairlike fibers, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And isn't it true that the reason they use those
16 terms is when you're collecting evidence in the field you
17 can't identify what it is without subsequent testing by the
18 forensic laboratory?

19 A Well, I think you would be able to determine a hair
20 versus blood.

21 Q Well, I'm just saying that term bloodlike substance
22 or hairlike substance. You won't see in a report some of it
23 says blood or some of it says hair because it's seized and
24 then submitted for further testing in a forensic lab.

25 A I'm not sure I'm following you.

26 Q Okay. Let me take a step back. A reference to
27 hairlike fibers, in the field you don't necessarily know

1 that's hair. That is an item that is secured at the scene,
2 packaged and then provided to the lab for their analysis.

3 A So, yes. I suppose a hair can be on something that
4 was collected and then packaged and sent to the lab.

5 Q Right. That analysis of that fiber, that hair, is
6 not done by an officer in the field. It's done by the
7 forensic biology lab.

8 A I mean, sometimes it can be if it's clearly -- if
9 it's clearly there but in other cases it would get packaged
10 for the lab to make that determination.

11 Q So, you had met with G.T. on June 4th or was it by
12 phone?

13 A Spoke to her via phone.

14 Q What time of day was that?

15 A I can't remember.

16 Q Was that something you would note in your report?

17 A It's possible.

18 THE COURT: It's possible. You wrote a report
19 and you wouldn't write what time you spoke to
20 somebody.

21 A We do a lot of things. Sometimes we don't always put
22 the time in. Usually the date is the most important part,
23 Your Honor.

24 Q And that call was on June 3rd.

25 A I believe it was June 4th you're referring to when I
26 spoke to her.

27 Q What was the first day you spoke to her?

1 A I'm not sure.

2 Q Once again, would looking at your report, do you
3 think refresh your memory?

4 A Yes.

5 ATTY. PALERMO: Which report?

6 ATTY. BERKE: This is 1 of 11 from date of
7 report 5/27/20.

8 A Which day are you referring you?

9 Q So, the first time you spoke to G.T.

10 A Yes.

11 Q What day and what time was that?

12 A It was on 5/27/2020 and there was no time listed.

13 Q And what was the next time you spoke to G.T.?

14 A On 6/1/2020 I made contact for further questioning.

15 Q You made contact -- I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you.

16 A On 6/1/2020 I made contact for further questioning.

17 There's no time listed for the phone call.

18 Q And when was your next communication with her?

19 A The next contact was on 6/3/2020.

20 Q And how did you make contact with her?

21 A Detective Coppola and I responded to the house and
22 that was at 4:30 p.m.

23 Q And that was as you described earlier to take
24 photographs.

25 A Yes.

26 Q Did you attend the forensic interview of L.T.?

27 A I attended it via Zoom.

1 Q And that was on June 3rd as well.

2 A That was on June 3rd as well.

3 Q And was that before or after you took the
4 photographs?

5 A That was after the -- the photographs were after the
6 forensic interview. The forensic interview occurred earlier
7 on June 3rd, 2020 at about 1 o'clock.

8 Q And is it your testimony that after you witnessed the
9 forensic interview that there would be nothing of
10 evidentiary value on the couch in the living room?

11 A That's correct.

12 Q And further there'd be nothing of evidentiary value
13 in the laundry room after you witnessed that forensic
14 interview?

15 A That's correct.

16 Q And I ask the same question regarding W.T.H.'s room
17 and G.T.'s room.

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Thank you.

20 ATTY. PALERMO: Just two quick questions, Your
21 Honor.

22 THE COURT: This is re-re direct.

23 ATTY. PALERMO: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 **RE-RE DIRECT BY ATTORNEY PALERMO:**

25 Q If you saw a piece of hair on a floor, would you be
26 able to recognize it as a piece of hair?

27 A Yes, I would.

1 Q And when you took the photos on June 3rd and did not
2 seize any evidence, why was that?

3 A Because at that point from what we knew, we expected
4 his DNA to be in all those areas -- we expected his DNA to
5 be in all those areas in question.

6 Q And is that because he lived there?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Or visited there at that time?

9 A He lived there and at that time he was visiting
10 there. So, his hair or DNA would be expected to be there.

11 Q And something changed after you talked to G. [name
12 omitted], excuse me, G.T. on the 4th?

13 A Yes, it did.

14 Q Okay. I don't want you to tell me what G.T. told you
15 but did you receive more detailed information?

16 A Yes, I received additional information.

17 Q Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Any re-re cross?

19 ATTY. BERKE: No.

20 THE COURT: Now we're going to go the second
21 part of the --

22 ATTY. PALERMO: Excuse me, Your Honor?

23 THE COURT: Now we're going to go to the second
24 part of direct, is that correct?

25 ATTY. PALERMO: Yes, Your Honor. In terms of --

26 THE COURT: Counsel, you still have a report up
27 here.

1 ATTY. BERKE: I do. Thank you.

2 ATTY. PALERMO: I'd like to put the video
3 interview of the defendant in evidence.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Was this detective part of
5 that interview?

6 ATTY. PALERMO: He was.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Can you lay a foundation
8 through him?

9 ATTY. PALERMO: Okay. I will ask him.

10 Q Okay. So, after you interviewed --

11 THE COURT: I'm just going to interrupt you for
12 a second. Remember I said, ladies and gentlemen, we
13 did it in two sections? Here's why we did it in two
14 sections. We were working on the video which is now
15 ready but counsel still has to lay a foundation as to
16 so you know a little bit about the background of the
17 video instead of just playing it for you.

18 Go right ahead.

19 Q So, we spoke earlier before the lunch break, right,
20 that you interviewed the defendant?

21 A Yes.

22 Q With another detective.

23 A Yes.

24 Q Who was that?

25 A Detective Lavin.

26 Q Okay. And you indicated that it was recorded.

27 A Yes.

1 Q How was it recorded?

2 A Audio and video.

3 Q And after the interview what did you do with the
4 recording?

5 A After the interview it was saved as evidence.

6 Q As part of this case?

7 A Yes.

8 Q It was saved and put in evidence.

9 A Yes.

10 ATTY. PALERMO: At this time, Your Honor, I'd
11 ask that we play the portions.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. While we're
13 getting ready to tee it up, I'll remind you, ladies
14 and gentlemen, that you will not be hearing the
15 entire interview. There are questions by the police
16 and responses by Mr. Hall that I have excluded. I
17 have excluded these questions and responses in
18 accordance with our Connecticut case law, as well as
19 General Statutes. You are not to speculate as to
20 what might be asked or answered and you are not to
21 speculate as to why I excluded it.

22 Second, there are numerous references to they,
23 them, or kids in responses. Whenever you hear such a
24 response you should know that the response applies to
25 L.T. only. There is only one individual alleging
26 such behavior and that is L.T. and you can give this
27 video whatever weight you deem appropriate as it

1 applies to L.T. only.

2 And, counsel, you had an objection.

3 ATTY. BERKE: I do. I don't know if there's an
4 ID for it.

5 THE COURT: This is going to be what exhibit?

6 THE CLERK: It's 24, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: 24.

8 ATTY. BERKE: It's for ID now. I'm objecting.
9 I'd ask the Court to consider the objections that
10 were not sustained that were previously discussed for
11 the reasons before and I'll submit that in writing.

12 THE COURT: Yes. And the Court has heard
13 objections previously. I've overruled those
14 objections. That's when you weren't in the room.
15 And as a result, the interviews, again not the entire
16 interview but the interview is being admitted into
17 evidence as a full exhibit. It's 24.

18 ATTY. PALMERO: Thank you, Your Honor. I have a
19 manila envelope. I don't know if you can put the
20 exhibit label on this.

21 THE COURT: Is the disc in there?

22 THE CLERK: The disc is in the computer.

23 THE COURT: Now, the audio is not great. We
24 have worked out a system in which I think the laptop
25 is going to go over here. Oh, no. The laptop will
26 stay right there and the speaker is over here.
27 You're going to see that it doesn't jive with his

1 mouth when he's opening and closing. It may be
2 distracting but it's the best. Again, this is
3 something that's an exhibit. It's a full exhibit and
4 you'll have it in the jury deliberation room at the
5 appropriate time. So, if you can play it now.

6 (WHEREUPON Exhibit 24 is being played)

7 THE COURT: Can you pause it please? That's as
8 good as it gets. Do you want to move down? I know
9 you like your chairs but do you want to move closer
10 to that speaker? You're welcome to. Thank you. If
11 I knew this would get you to move I'd do it earlier.
12 You know what, there's a seat right here, sir.
13 There's a seat right here. You just want to take
14 that mic off and you can move it closer? Thanks. Go
15 right ahead.

16 (WHEREUPON Exhibit 24 is being played)

17 THE COURT: I'll ask if the State can please
18 mark where that is.

19 ATTY. DAVIS: Sure.

20 THE COURT: I have a marking but it may be
21 incorrect. What do you have for your marking?

22 ATTY. DAVIS: So, for the record, I have 36
23 minutes and 35 seconds.

24 THE COURT: Thirty-six, thirty-five. Thank you.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to pull the plug
26 right then and there. Sorry about that. I will tell
27 you this. We have about another hour, twenty, is

1 that correct?

2 ATTY. DAVIS: Yeah, sorry. That's about
3 correct, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: We got an hour, twenty. So, we're
5 obviously not going to get that today. We're going
6 to start tomorrow. While we're up here I have been
7 receiving weather updates and I should tell you this.
8 My son's a teacher. He's more excited about a snow
9 day than the kids are. So, that's what I keep
10 getting but I did get one from the Chief Court
11 Administrator while we were here, an email, and
12 basically it said new jurors do not have to come in.
13 Jurors in existing, you know, jurors in existing
14 cases however it's up to me. The forecast we have is
15 a wintery mix Thursday starting somewhere around 4
16 a.m. You know, Connecticut is a really
17 geographically diverse state, I mean, in that the
18 shoreline gets weather that they don't get in Enfield
19 and vice versa. Here's what I'm going to do. I'm
20 going to make an Executive decision and that is we're
21 going to go tomorrow but we're not going to come in
22 here right at 10 o'clock. I'm going to give
23 everybody enough time, 11 o'clock to come in from
24 what I was -- You know, from what we got on the
25 update is we're going to get a switch over, the whole
26 state is going to get a switch over to first sleet
27 and then rain. Total accumulations of snow for the

1 entire state is less than half an inch but, look, I
2 know that means it still gets sloppy out there. So,
3 we're going to go for 11 o'clock. And I'm telling
4 you this and I told the parties the same thing,
5 don't make any heroic means to get here. If you
6 can't get here, call us. Unforuantely that means if
7 one of you is not here we can't go forward but we're
8 going to do the best we can to get going.

9 Now, each and every time you leave the courtroom
10 I have to give you this and tomorrow when you come in
11 we're going to play the rest of it. I'm sorry.
12 That's actually better video than what we heard a
13 couple of times earlier. It's actually easier if you
14 just put it on a computer and when you deliberate
15 you'll have just a computer in there but we'll send
16 you a speaker in there as well if that helps if you
17 want it.

18 So, please do not make up your mind or form any
19 opinions about the evidence you've heard so far. You
20 are not to discuss the case with anyone, including
21 fellow jurors. You are not to seek out any
22 information outside this court related to the case or
23 the evidence you've heard thus far. Please do not do
24 any investigation, independent examination, or go to
25 the scene of the alleged incident. Also, I'll remind
26 you that what is evidence is the properly introduced
27 exhibits and court sworn testimony. Anything that

1 happens outside of here is not evidence and should
2 not be considered. So, I'm going to send you -- Does
3 anybody have any questions for me? If you do, just
4 raise your hand? Yes.

5 A JUROR: What do we do Friday if we don't have
6 jury duty? Do we go to work?

7 THE COURT: Well, I'll be here. I don't know
8 about the parties. I have something else going on
9 that day. So, I canceled the parties. They're not
10 going to be here. Do you go to work? I think the
11 answer is yes. Well, work it out with work I guess.
12 You can tell them that the trial is not going forward
13 that day but at the end of this you'll get a note or
14 a letter that says the days that you were here and it
15 will glaringly have Friday the, what is that, the 7th
16 will not be on there. That's that. Does anybody
17 else have any questions?

18 A JUROR: Your Honor, do you expect we'll be
19 here on Monday or Monday and Tuesday?

20 THE COURT: Yes. Yes.

21 A JUROR: Both?

22 THE COURT: Yes. Monday, just as a preview, I
23 think the State anticipates they'll be wrapping up
24 their case on Monday.

25 ATTY. DAVIS: Yes.

26 THE COURT: I didn't like that look. We're
27 hoping Monday and then Tuesday but I think there's

1 only a few more witnesses left. Some of them take
2 time like this because we got another hour, twenty on
3 this but that's that. Okay. Anything else? Thank
4 you, everybody, so much. You can leave your
5 notebooks in there. We'll take care of them.

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