

1 (Lunch recess)

2 (Open court, defendant present, no jury)

3 THE COURT: Let's go.

4 (Open court, jury and defendant present)

5 THE COURT: Be seated, please.

6 MR. SASSER: May I proceed, Your Honor?

7 THE COURT: You may.

8 **STIM BOWIE,**

9 having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

10 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

11 **BY MR. SASSER:**

12 Q. Mr. Bowie, you've been previously sworn. I was
13 going to ask you a few more questions to clear some
14 things up from your earlier testimony.

15 You had a -- you had other than a
16 professional relationship with the defendant; isn't that
17 correct?

18 A. You said other than a professional --

19 Q. In other words, you knew her on a personal
20 level as well.

21 A. Well, after dealing with someone seven or eight
22 years, you have a tendency to have some type of
23 relationship, I guess. Yeah.

24 Q. Okay. How would you characterize your
25 relationship with her?

1 A. Business acquaintances.

2 Q. Did y'all go out to lunch?

3 A. I never went to lunch with the defendant.

4 Q. Never been to lunch with her?

5 A. Not with the defendant, no, sir.

6 Q. You said defendant. Who did you go to lunch
7 with?

8 A. I went to lunch with the defendant's daughter
9 before.

10 Q. Defendant's daughter. Okay. And her name is
11 Lauren?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. In fact, Lauren, she's done work at the bonding
14 company as far as returning bonds over to the jail and
15 that type of thing, hasn't she?

16 A. She has.

17 Q. So has Ms. Bailey?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. Excuse me?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. You are aware that Ms. Bailey has a background
22 in real estate, correct?

23 A. She mentioned that before.

24 Q. Hadn't you called her on occasions on a
25 personal level about real estate transactions, you'd

1 give her a call, that type of thing?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Did you ever go to dinner, movies, or anything
4 like with the defendant?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Just with her daughter?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Why didn't you mention that the other day when
9 you were on the stand?

10 A. You never asked.

11 Q. Okay. Well, you said that -- strike that.

12 So, let me make sure -- I want to make sure
13 I ask everything I need to ask, make sure we get the
14 information from you.

15 Is there anything you can think of about
16 y'all's relationship that would be important to the jury
17 to know?

18 A. No, sir.

19 MR. BREWER: Judge, improper form of the
20 question. It would call for possibly irrelevant
21 information.

22 THE COURT: Overruled. He answered.

23 MR. SASSER: I'm fine with his answer,
24 Judge.

25 Q. (By Mr. Sasser) Let's get back to the 8th of

1 September when the bond was revoked. When that bond was
2 revoked you pretty much thought Cox Bail Bonds was out
3 of the picture, didn't you?

4 A. Well, no, because I still had her -- no, I
5 didn't.

6 Q. Okay. So, the bond agreement that you gave
7 her, she signed with her fingerprint on it, and that
8 bond agreement basically tells her she needs to come to
9 court as long as the bond is in place?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Her bond wasn't in place after September 8th?

12 MR. BREWER: Objection. Asked and
13 answered. We went through this the first time, rehashed
14 information.

15 MR. SASSER: I don't believe I -- I'd like
16 a little bit of leeway.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 Q. (By Mr. Sasser) And, in fact, you had a
19 conversation with her after the 8th when it was revoked,
20 correct?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 MR. SASSER: No further questions --

23 (Pause)

24 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

25 Q. (By Mr. Sasser) Once that bond was revoked on

1 September 8th --

2 THE COURT: I thought you had passed the
3 witness.

4 MR. SASSER: I'm sorry. I was just
5 conferring with my client.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 Q. (By Mr. Sasser) After the 8th when the bond was
8 revoked, was the bond ever reinstated before it was then
9 forfeited on the 21st?

10 A. I'm sorry. Repeat that.

11 Q. The bond was revoked on the 8th, correct?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. When the bond is revoked, it can be reinstated,
14 can't it?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And you have a bond again --

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. -- if reinstated by the Court?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Her bond was not reinstated before the 21st,
21 was it?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. From the 8th to the 21st she had no bond,
24 correct?

25 A. That is correct.

1 MR. SASSER: Pass the witness, Your Honor.

2 MR. BREWER: Briefly, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: You may.

4 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

5 **BY MR. BREWER:**

6 Q. Mr. Bowie, did you ever tell the defendant,
7 hint to the defendant, implore to the defendant, say to
8 the defendant with a wink or nod that she was not
9 responsible for coming to court in Harris County, Texas?

10 A. Absolutely not.

11 Q. Did you ever do any of those things, she wasn't
12 responsible, wasn't on the hook, didn't need to show
13 up, using any of these words, implying, telling the
14 defendant she was not responsible for --

15 A. Absolutely not. I actually advised her to show
16 up.

17 Q. Let's be clear. I'm not sure it was on the
18 record before. Did you make a bond for her in the
19 Jefferson County case as well as the Harris County case
20 at the same time?

21 A. Yes, I did. The same date, same time.

22 Q. The total that your company was on the hook for
23 was the \$15,000 in Harris County, but also how much in
24 Jefferson?

25 A. \$25,000.

1 Q. Forty grand is what your company was on the
2 hook for if she didn't show up in both those cases?

3 A. Absolutely correct.

4 Q. All the stuff we talked about, lawsuits, having
5 to pay out, trying to settle, all that stuff applied to
6 the Jefferson County case as well, just like it applied
7 to the Harris County case?

8 A. Absolutely.

9 Q. Lastly, the defendant testified she came to
10 your office on more than one occasion while she had
11 warrants open for her out of Brazoria County, Harris
12 County, and Jefferson County. True or not?

13 A. Absolutely not true.

14 Q. Okay. What would you do if this defendant or
15 any other defendant with \$40,000 in outstanding bonds,
16 your bonds walked in through your door, sat down in your
17 office, and said: Hey, Stim? What would you have done?

18 A. I would make the arrest right then and there.

19 Q. That would have been completely legal, wouldn't
20 it?

21 A. Absolutely.

22 Q. It might have saved you or your company 40 G,
23 right?

24 A. That's absolutely correct.

25 Q. What's the bail bonds business about?

1 A. Making money.

2 MR. BREWER: Pass the witness.

3 MR. SASSER: May I approach, Your Honor?

4 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

5 **BY MR. SASSER:**

6 Q. Mr. Bowie, did you bring the receipt in regards
7 to the money you had to pay for the bond here in Harris
8 County?

9 A. Yes, sir, I did.

10 Q. This is the official receipt from the district
11 clerk in Harris County?

12 A. That's correct.

13 Q. Is this what's given to you when you pay
14 something?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 MR. SASSER: Tender Defense Exhibit 1 to
17 opposing counsel and ask it be admitted.

18 **(Defense Exhibit No. 1 Offered)**

19 MR. BREWER: No objections, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Admitted without objection.

21 **(Defense Exhibit No. 1 Admitted)**

22 Q. (By Mr. Sasser) So, you didn't pay \$15,000
23 here, y'all paid -- I can't see without my glasses.

24 So, you guys paid -- Cox Bail Bonding, the
25 company you work for, paid a total of \$338.82?

1 A. Let me see it. That's correct.

2 Q. And if we look at this receipt, it's broken
3 down as to what the different amounts are, correct?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. The first amount is a fee, certified mail
6 service fee zero, correct?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Citation with one copy \$8, correct?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Judgment amount zero?

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Prejudgment as provided by law \$330.82?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. This is the cost for the State of Texas filing
15 the lawsuit, isn't it?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. This is the cost of the lawsuit the State of
18 Texas files when a bond is forfeited, correct?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. This isn't anywhere close to 15,000, is it?

21 A. No, sir, it's not.

22 Q. The prosecutor talked about the \$25,000 in
23 Beaumont. Do you have a receipt for that, of what Cox
24 Bail Bonds paid as a result of her forfeiture?

25 A. No, sir. That's still open.

1 Q. Nothing's been done on it?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. This 40 that the State says you're out, you're
4 out about 370 bucks --

5 MR. BREWER: Objection. The State didn't
6 say he's out that money. That's a misstatement of the
7 facts, no evidence.

8 MR. SASSER: The jury will remember what it
9 is, Judge.

10 Pass the witness.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

13 **BY MR. BREWER:**

14 Q. Ever made a bond for Lauren Roberts?

15 A. No, sir.

16 MR. BREWER: Pass the witness.

17 MR. SASSER: Defense rests.

18 MR. BREWER: State rests and closes, Your
19 Honor.

20 THE COURT: All right. May this witness be
21 excused?

22 MR. BREWER: State has no objections, Your
23 Honor.

24 THE COURT: You are excused. Thank you.

25 Both sides have rested and closed?