IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY

CASE NO. CRC14-00216CFAES

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VOLUME II

CURTIS J. REEVES,

Defendant.

PROCEEDINGS:

Excerpt of Testimony of:

CURTIS J. REEVES

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The Honorable Susan Barthle

Circuit Court Judge

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(Thereupon, the following excerpt of Testimony of CURTIS J. REEVES was transcribed per request of Counsel.)

MR. MARTIN: Judge, I'm going to begin my case by playing a video. It's marked as State's Exhibit Number C for identification. It will be Item Number 1AWS, as identified by Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

On that particular exhibit, I'll be playing File Number 20140113131442. This will be the original export of the surveillance video from the GeoVision system, unaltered, unedited, and it's the, quote "best evidence" in this case.

You've heard testimony about a USB key that was handed over through Mr. Meyers to Detective Smith because it was downloaded off-site by Eric Andrew. This is that thumb drive, and I will be playing a portion of the file number that I put on the record.

It is also one of the items that, by stipulation, the chain of custody has been stipulated to, along with authenticity.

MR. ESCOBAR: Authenticity?

MR. MARTIN: Yes.

THE COURT: I love that word.

MR. MARTIN: Because this is the original best

evidence, I've had someone with more savvy than I -we actually used a WriteBlocker so that it could be
downloaded onto my hard drive so that the computer
would not go back and add anything to the exhibit.

So I do have the exhibit here. I do have the WriteBlocker. Like I said, someone knows how to use this. They did that for me so I'm going to be playing it off my computer which you will see up on the screen the file number that I placed on the record, but for safety purposes, I prefer not to keep putting this thumb drive in and out of the computer without someone who really knows how to use this WriteBlocker.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. MARTIN: All right. If I can find my glasses.

MR. ESCOBAR: They're right over there.

MR. MARTIN: There we go. Could have been on my head. It would have been less embarrassing.

Give me just a second. There we go.

BY MR. MARTIN:

Q. Now, what I'm going to do, I'm going to back it up to the very first part where Mr. Escobar was discussing and Mr. Reeves was discussing that there's a break in the recording, and it's the frame where Mr. Reeves indicated

that he was -- that Mr. Oulson comes into the frame, and 2 this is at 13:26:24.

Mr. Reeves, what I'd like for you to do is watch the screen. This is the place where you indicated that you had a difficult situation with Mr. Oulson. You can see in that particular frame -- that is the frame you had a discussion with Mr. Escobar about, in your opinion, Mr. Oulson was coming over the seat, right?

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- Mr. Reeves, you're going to have to speak up. know it's been a long day and -- but we're going to have to get this on the record. Okay, sir?
 - Α I understand.
- All right. So can we start over a little bit? 0. Because I'm all dried up with antihistamines. You've been talking for the last four hours, so we're just going to have to suffer through it. All right?

All right. Now, let me start over. This particular frame, this is where you had a discussion with Mr. Escobar about -- and you told us that you perceived Mr. Oulson coming over the seat, correct?

- Α. That is correct.
- 23 All right. And Mr. Escobar asked you about the Ο. 24 white -- the white area in the screen.

Do you remember that?

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- Q. All right. I want you to look over there and -- do you see that?
 - A. I do.
- Q. And then he put on a second exhibit, I believe, and he -- it was a loop and we had the yellow circles and the red circles.

Do you remember that?

- A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. Now, I believe you indicated that it is at this time you believe that you were hit by Mr.
- 12 | Oulson with something?
- 13 A. I was hit by Mr. Oulson with something.
- Q. All right. Now, what I would like for you to do, just like Mr. Escobar did, I want you to watch and follow the white area on the screen.
- 17 (Video playing)
- 18 BY MR. MARTIN:
- 19 Q. Now, that is you uncrossing your legs, isn't it, 20 so you can lean forward?
 - A. It is possible, yes, sir.
- Q. There you are with your legs crossed and that's the way you were sitting in the theater.
- 24 And this is you uncrossing your legs, correct?
- 25 A. I do not recall crossing my legs, but it is

1 possible.

- Q. You indicated that it was at this point in time that the reason for the movement was that you wanted to stand up.
 - A. I got hit in the face.
- Q. You indicated that the movement here was that you wanted to stand up, correct?

MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, I'm going to object. That was not the location where he said he wanted to stand up -- is when his actual body is moving -- there you go.

MR. MARTIN: I'm going to get -- Mr. --

MR. ESCOBAR: But you can't the -- you can't ask the question on another frame, Judge. That's the problem. If he wants to get to the frame that he wants to ask a question on, then get to the frame and then ask the question.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. MARTIN: Thank you.

BY MR. MARTIN:

Q. We had discussed that this is the location -we're going to change topics, but this is the location
where you said that you believed that Mr. Oulson was
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- Q. All right. Now, we're going to go forward. I want you to watch the white mark. We're going to stop it there. You're beginning to lean forward, are you not?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. And in order to lean forward, you're going to have to uncross your legs, are you not?
 - A If they were crossed, yes, sir.
- Q. All right. Now, I believe you indicated it was, at this point, that you were going to stand up?
- A. Yes. I moved forward in my seat, yes, sir, after getting struck. That's correct.
- Q. You leaned forward in your seat and you closed the distance between you and Mr. Oulson; did you not?
- A. Until I realized that's what I was doing, yes, sir.
- Q. All right. Because as we see from the frame, as we move it back, Mr. Oulson is moving out of the frame as you're moving towards him, correct?
- 20 A. That's what the frame seems to look like, yes, 21 sir.
 - Q. All right. So he's backing up from you and you're moving towards him?
- A. I'm moving towards him and his wife is pulling big him back.

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1 Q. His wife is standing up; is that your testimony?
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- A. No, sir. She's in the seat next to him and she was trying to hang onto him.
 - Q. And he was in the seat next to her, right?
- 5 A. That's correct.

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- Q. And both of them were sitting down at that point?
 - A. He wasn't. He was trying to come over the seat.
 - Q. All right. Your testimony is that at this point, he was trying to come over the seat --
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. -- 13:26:25?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. And it's your testimony, then, that

 Ms. Oulson, seated in her seat, was trying to reach out to

 her husband that's 6'4" and trying to what?
- A. Well, she had been holding onto him trying to hold him back, I assume.
- 19 Q. While seated in her seat?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And what part of the body was she holding onto?
- A. Well, when he first turned, she was holding onto his arm.
- Q. All right. And Mr. Oulson is a very tall, lanky

1 individual; is he not? 2 Α. That's correct. 3 Now, I'm going to go forward because I know 0. there's a break in the frames here, but I want to get to 4 that point, then I'll identify where the break is. 5 6 Now, you've leaned back into your seat, correct? 7 Correct. Α. 8 Q. Now, right before the frame at 13:26:35 -- right 9 before that is the frame at 13:26:30. That's where Mr. 10 Escobar pointed out to you there's some five to seven 11 seconds that there was no recording. 12 Do you remember that? I do. 13 Α. 14 All right. So now we're going to go to the Q. 15 frame where we first see, based on your testimony, that 16 Mr. Oulson was -- had moved to his right, based on your 17 testimony. 18 Judge, I don't want to interrupt MR. ESCOBAR: 19 but I believe that the seconds were more than five to 20 seven seconds. But let the record -- the Court has 21 the exhibit and can see what the second count will 22 be. 23 Well, I'm at 13:26:30, and the next MR. MARTIN:

MR. ESCOBAR: Okay.

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- 2 Q All right. Are you ready to go, Mr. Reeves?
- A. I'm prepared.
 - Q. I'll wait for you.
- 5 A. I was waiting for you.
 - Q. Oh, very good.

Now, this is where you indicate that Mr. Oulson stood up?

- A. Based on what I'm seeing here right now, it appears to be that, yes.
 - Q. Well, you've watched this over and over, right?
- 12 A. I haven't memorized the time frame.
- Q. All right. Now, when we were -- let me go back to the other frame and then we're going to be done.

When we compare -- when you looked at those two frames, you would agree that Mr. Oulson, at least in the frame, is lower in the frame than the previous frame we looked at where you said that he stood up and faced you, right?

- A. I --
- 21 Q. Do you want to see it again?
- 22 A. Yes. You're saying that that one was lower?
- Q. Yeah, watch it. Do you see -- do you got a reference point? Pick something out and make a reference point. Got it?

1 Got it. Α. 2 All right. Very good. We're going to go Q. 3 forward. 4 MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, I have a feeling -- okay. MR. MARTIN: 5 No. 6 MR. ESCOBAR: Can you give us -- you've got to 7 give us a frame number. I know. 8 MR. MARTIN: 9 BY MR. MARTIN: 10 Now, at frame 13:26:35, when you look at that 11 frame, the head of Mr. Oulson is higher than the previous 12 frame. 13 MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, I'm going to object. is no way that anyone can opine on 13:26:35 from that 14 There is less than a centimeter -- there is 15 16 less than a centimeter. How -- it's an improper 17 predicate to even lay a lay opinion on that. 18 is absolutely, virtually nothing showing on that 19 frame. 20 THE COURT: There's as much showing on that 21 frame as any others. 22 MR. ESCOBAR: But Judge, let's go back to the other one so we can take a look at this one versus 23 24 the other because --

Is this cross or what?

This is my

MR. MARTIN:

time, right? 1 2 MR. ESCOBAR: Judge -- okay. 3 THE COURT: All right. Your objection is what? 4 MR. ESCOBAR: Improper predicate for a lay 5 opinion on that limited frame at 13:26:35. 6 MR. MARTIN: All right. 7 THE COURT: Go back to it, Mr. Martin, just one 8 more time. 9 MR. MARTIN: Sure. I'd be happy to. 10 BY MR. MARTIN: 11 At 13:26:25, I want you to look at where you 12 believe Mr. Oulson is in the frame. All right? 13 MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, if I can make now just for 14 the record -- I want to preserve for the record those 15 two frames that we're talking about -- because now 16 we've got some time stamps here, 13:26:25, and he is 17 saying that this right here is nowhere close to the 18 previous frame that he was trying to get Mr. Reeves 19 to opine on, as a lay person, on who was in the 20 previous frame. 21 So I would object to that particular process as 22 an improper predicate for that previous opinion. 23 MR. MARTIN: Didn't we hear on direct 24 examination that Mr. Reeves said that's Mr. Oulson 25 and that's Mr. Oulson?

1 MR. ESCOBAR: But not on that previous frame, 2 Your Honor. 3 MR. MARTIN: Yes, yes, yes. 4 MR. ESCOBAR: At no point in time on that 5 previous frame did I even touch that. 6 THE COURT: All right. I thought I heard him 7 say before that's Mr. Oulson coming right there. 8 MR. ESCOBAR: Right now, right here, on this 9 frame. 10 MR. MARTIN: No, that was during direct. 11 MR. ESCOBAR: I'm talking about the other frame 12 that he was asking the opinion. That frame, there's 13 no doubt. I brought that frame and I asked Mr. Reeves, who is that? At the same time that we see 14 15 this little light and this little object, what is 16 that? 17 Now, if you look at the next frame that he's 18 wanting to opine, you watch and see, there's no 19 object and there is a fraction -- there is a -- a 20 tiny, minute fraction of this particular --21 THE COURT: All right. 22 MR. ESCOBAR: -- silhouette. THE COURT: I'll overrule -- overruled. 23 24 MR. MARTIN: All right. 25 THE COURT: Go ahead.

1 BY MR. MARTIN:

- Q. Do you have a reference point?
- 3 A. Yes, sir, I do.
- 4 Q. All right. Now we're going to 13:26:35.
- 5 MR. ESCOBAR: The same objection.

6 BY MR. MARTIN:

- Q. Do you have a reference point?
- 8 A. Yes, I do.
- 9 Q. All right. And 13:26:35, Mr. Oulson's head is
 10 higher than it was in the previous frame, correct?
- 11 A. It appears to be. He was moving around.
- Q. All right. Now, when Mr. Escobar showed you the looped video where we had the red and the yellow circles, do you remember that?
- 15 A. I do.
- Q. All right. My question is: Starting at 13:26:25, this is the looped section that you watched, is it not?
- 19 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. Keep watching. So about right there, right?

 Then it looped back with Mr. Oulson being in the position

 that he was at in 13:26:25, right?
- A. The time was throwing me off, but what I see in the picture is myself leaning forward.
- 25 Q. All right. And then you lean back, right?

- 1 A. Right.
- 2 Q. All right.
- 3 A. To get away from him.
- Q. So when we talked about the loop, this is what the loop looked like, right?
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- Q. All right. But when we look at it and place it in context, what we're really looking at is one serious event where Mr. Oulson is in the position that he's in and then you lean forward, right?
- 11 A. (Inaudible.)
- Q. This wasn't what was occurring, right? It wasn't loopy like that in real life, right?
- 14 A. No. Neither way was it loopy, but.
- Q. Not loopy, but, I mean, the looped series. That
 was the video, it was a loop, right?
- 17 A. That Mr. Escobar showed?
- 18 Q. Yeah. It kept just playing over and over like 19 this, right?
- 20 A. Right, I think so.
- Q. Okay. But when I play it backwards, that's where the loop started. It started like that, didn't it?
 - A. I don't recollect where it started.
- Q. All right. We'll let this exhibit speak for itself.

1 Now, you indicated that at the time that Mr. 2 Oulson was in front of you, you don't have a recollection 3 of popcorn being tossed on you, right?

- The second time he came at me, no, sir, I Α. don't -- I don't remember the popcorn.
- Okay. And you mentioned that was the second time, and what we have here at 13:26:25 is what you're telling us was the first time?
 - Α. Yes, sir.

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- Now, you also indicated to us that when you returned -- I want to get back to before the break. Give 12 me a second. It's going backwards.
- 13 Okay. This is you returning from the manager, right? 14
 - Α. That's correct.
 - All right. And it's at this point at some point Q. in time, according to your testimony, you realized that Mr. Oulson had put the phone away?
 - Α. Yes.
 - All right. The use of the phone that was so disturbing to you that you went to the manager, that was no longer an issue to you, right? It wasn't being used? It wasn't out?
 - When it wasn't out, right. Α.
- 25 0. All right. Then as you sat down, I believe your

testimony was that you had contact with Mr. Oulson and made the statements that you've told us about.

- A. I made a statement. I had no contact with Mr. Oulson.
- Q. I appreciate that, because I'm not talking about physical contact, so I -- I assume that was the reason you made that statement. I'm talking about communication contact.
- A. I --

- Q. Oral contact?
- A. I spoke -- yes.
- Q. Okay. And then you sit down, and after you made that statement to Mr. Oulson is when we have a little bit of a break in the recording, and then we see Mr. Oulson turning towards you, right?
 - A. That's what we're seeing right now, yes, sir.
 - Q. All right. And I believe you said that -MR. MARTIN: Judge, we've stipulated in a
 transcript of Mr. Reeves' statement.
 - MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, what we stipulated to is that Detective Proctor has reviewed a transcript of the statement, but there are -- I will tell the Court and Mr. Martin as well, there are a few little areas that Mr. Reeves has reviewed and that the words are -- are different, and that's what we stipulated

1 to. 2 Just so the Court knows that we're only 3 stipulating to this document that Mr. Proctor has 4 opined that those were the words that were exchanged. THE COURT: Who transcribed it -- transcribed 5 it? 6 7 Someone at the Sheriff's Office, MR. MARTIN: 8 Judge. 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 MR. MARTIN: And then he sat down and reviewed 11 And based on his reviewing of the record, he 12 believes it's as accurate as it can be. 13 THE COURT: But there is some --14 MR. ESCOBAR: That Mr. Reeves will tell 15 Mr. Martin when he questions him. 16 THE COURT: Okay. 17 Judge, did I give you a copy of MR. MARTIN: 18 that transcript? 19 I think we've got one here. MR. ESCOBAR: 20 THE COURT: I've have one. 21 MR. MICHAELS: This is your extra one. 22 THE COURT: Was one already admitted? 23 MR. ESCOBAR: There is. There is. 24 MR. MARTIN: Madam Clerk, may I have that 25 number?

THE CLERK: Number 35.

2 MR. MARTIN: Number 35?

THE CLERK: Uh-huh.

4 MR. MARTIN: It's marked on this one. That's

not my marking. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

Approach the witness, Judge?

THE COURT: You may.

BY MR. MARTIN:

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- Q. Mr. Reeves, for the benefit of the next following questions, I just want you to follow along with me. All right?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And what we're going to do is there is a page number down on the bottom right-hand corner and then there are some numbers along the side. The numbers in bold, like page 75 and 76, that's actually the page of the report -- of the Pasco Sheriff's Office report as it was printed on 1/12/16.

But we're just going to refer to the pages at the bottom and the line number. Okay, sir?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. All right. Thank you.
- Mr. Reeves, if you would go to page 4 of the -
 of the exhibit. If you would go ahead and read,
- 25 basically, lines 20 all the way down, then I'll have some

questions for you. Just let me know when you're done.

A. Okay.

- Q. All right. So we're at 13:26:16, and when you described this event to law enforcement, you indicated that when you came back from discussing this situation with the manager, that as you were walking back, you noticed that Mr. Oulson had put his phone away, right?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. Then you indicated to law enforcement beginning on line 21, "I came back into the movies and, uh, guy had put his phone away, and I -- when I went by, I -- uh -- I said -- uh -- 'I see you put it away. I told the manager for no -- for no reason.' In other words, I -- I went in and ratted him out. And if he was going to put it away, I wouldn't have gone, you know," right?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. And that's what you told law enforcement?
 - A. That's when I gave them the statement, yes, sir.
- Q. All right. And then Mr. Proctor says, "Right?"
 And then you respond, line 26, "Make sense?" Correct?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Then you continue with explaining the events to Mr. Proctor by saying, "And, uh, he turns around in his seat, and a -- uh -- hell, that's got some ice in it. And

he -- he says something about he was answering -- you're going to have to get a -- you're going to have to get the top, Proctor, you've got it."

And then on line 30, "And, uh, he said something about I don't remember it it was any of your fucking business, I was texting my daughter' or something like that. Or, I'm sorry, 'and you stay the hell out of my face,'" correct?

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- Q. Okay. Now, when you're explaining those events to Mr. Proctor, this is you coming in at the 13:26:17, after complaining to the manager, correct? Right?
- A. I'm watching.
 - Q. Okay. Well, I need a response. That's okay.

 Is that you?
 - A. Yes, that's me.
 - Q. Okay. Thank you. And like you indicated, you took your popcorn from your wife and you sat down.
- 19 A. That's correct.
 - Q. Okay. And it was at some point between 13:26:16 and 13:26:20, that you noticed that the phone was no longer out and you made that statement to Mr. Oulson, correct?
- A. I don't know the times. I made the statement before I sat down.

Q. Okay. So before you sat down -- so right here before you sat down, somewhere in here, you made that statement to Mr. Oulson?

- A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. Then, in explaining the event to law enforcement -- after you made that statement, you tell law enforcement, "And he turns around in his seat." And that's what we see right there at 13:26:25; is it not?
 - A. No.

- Q. "He turns around in his seat," according to what you told law enforcement?
 - A. No. That is not what I see on the video.
 - Q. But that's what you told law enforcement?
- A. I told law enforcement that he acknowledged -he started arguing with his wife while he was still in his
 seat. He -- oh, I'm sorry. Immediately when I came in,
 his -- the first thing that I heard him say was after I
 was -- had -- after I had been hit in the face.
- Q. Okay. We're going to go back up a little bit because you might have misunderstood me.
 - A. Okay.
- Q. Okay? In discussing this sequence of events with law enforcement, you indicated -- and I'm going to paraphrase just a little bit -- that when you came back from the manager --

MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, can I object here for just a quick second? This video does not have the non-recording periods; therefore, the witness is not able to actually see the non-recording periods on this video. That is a real problem.

I would ask Mr. Martin, if he's going to go to a particular video, to please show those sections that are also non-recorded, because, obviously, there's no time frame in space.

If the Court recalls, initially when the testimony came out, you know, the last frame is continuous, and we don't know where the non-recording period takes place, and so it really is not a true and accurate depiction of, in time, what visually one can see.

That's -- that's a real problem for trying to tell a witness, this is happening after this is happening without having an interim time frame of no recording, because that will tell you how many seconds lapsed in between.

This particular -- this particular film right here which is at 13:26:25 and, you know, the next event. There's a period of time.

And so I'm just telling the Court we've got to have, you know, some reference in time if we're going

1 to be showing this to a witness and asking him for 2 sequences. 3 THE COURT: Doesn't it show the different time, like --4 5 MR. MARTIN: I did. And I've been pointing out 6 every time there's a five to six-second break. I 7 know where the breaks are, and they're very prominent 8 on the -- on the time, because we go from 13:30 to 9 13:35. I've been very up front with Mr. Reeves for 10 where the breaks are. I know where they're at, and 11 I've been putting them on the record. 12 MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, and just to make sure it's 13 on the record before. 14 THE COURT: It's on the record now and you need 15 to, yes, read the numbers. I've heard them several 16 times. The objection is overruled. 17 MR. ESCOBAR: Okay. 18 BY MR. MARTIN: 19 All right. At 13:26:18, is when you begin to Q. 20 sit down, and it's at some point that you make the 21 statement to Mr. Oulson about you realized he's put the 22 phone away, right? 23 Yes, sir. Α. 24 All right. Then you take your seat and you look Q. 25 like you're fully settled in at 13:26:21, correct? You've

got your popcorn in your left hand, you're settling back in the seat.

- A. I'm sitting -- that's correct.
- Q. All right, sir. Now we're at 13:26:24, and there's going to be a break of just a couple of frames from this point on. 13:26:24, and there's a couple of frames, probably -- I think it was three, and then we see frame 13:26:25, correct?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. All right. Now, you told law enforcement that after you had made those comments to Mr. Oulson, and I'll refer you back to page 4, line 26, "He turns around in his seat."

Do you remember telling law enforcement that?

- A. Yes.
- Q. It's right there in the transcript, right?
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- 18 Q. Okay. And that's what we see at 13:26:25; is it 19 not?
 - A. No, sir, it is not.
 - Q. Okay. You didn't tell law enforcement that after you sat down and you made that comment to Mr. Oulson, that Mr. Oulson then became -- then started to come over his seat, did you? You never told law enforcement that?

- A. I told law enforcement, to the best of my recollection, exactly what happened when it happened.
- Q. Did you tell law enforcement that after you sat down, after making the comment to Mr. Oulson, that the next sequence of events was that Mr. Oulson was coming over the seat?
- A. The next thing that I noticed was that his wife had ahold of him.
- Q. When I referred you to line 26 of page 4, "He turns around in his seat," that is what you told law enforcement?
 - A. That is correct.

Q. Okay. In the sequence of events -- and I'm going to refer back to page 4, again, the same paragraph that you -- I'm sorry -- the same lines that you were reading, 20 through 40.

After you indicate to law enforcement that you made that comment, we see in the transcript on line 26 you tell law enforcement, "He turns around in his seat."

On line 34, as you can -- I'm sorry -- on line 31, then you tell law enforcement that he says something to the effect, "I was texting my daughter," correct?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And that's what you told Mr. Escobar occurred right at 13:26:25. He got mouthy and he said something

about I'm texting my daughter, right? He played that for you, that frame right there?

- A. I think we're splitting hairs. We're talking about seconds. Less than seconds. This was instantaneous.
- Q. Well, we have an opportunity to now look at the statement that you made to law enforcement and compare that with the video from Cobb.

Let me ask you this: At the time you made the statement to law enforcement, you didn't know there was a video, did you?

- A. I suspected that there was. As a matter of fact, I mentioned to my attorneys that they needed to get the video. Most public venues do have video.
 - Q. All right. Inside a theater?
 - A. Yes, sir.

- Q. Where -- inside a theater where no food is being served?
- A. I think anywhere you have large crowds of people, most any responsible retail establishment would probably have some sort of camera system coming and going or even inside. At the Gardens, we had cameras everywhere.
- Q. Sure. Would it surprise you to learn that only Theater 10 and one other theater where they actually

1 served food has a camera? 2 MR. ESCOBAR: Your Honor, is he testifying about 3 what -- objection. It's an improper predicate of his 4 knowledge. 5 THE COURT: Response? 6 MR. MARTIN: I just asked him if it's surprising 7 to learn that. He can say yes or no. THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead. 8 9 BY MR. MARTIN: 10 Would that surprise you? Q. 11 No, not at all. Α. 12 Okay. So your statement that you would expect Q. that there'd be cameras at all of the theaters at Cobb is 13 14 not really accurate, is it? 15 It was a guess in the first place. 16 Q. Okay. 17 It was an assumption on my part that there was a Α. 18 likelihood that there would be a camera. 19 All right. When we look at page 4, lines 20 Q. 20 through -- it goes down, you're explaining the sequence of 21 events, we have a statement, (inaudible) turned in the 22 seat. And then after that, you say, "He jumps up and he turns around." 23 24 Now, can you jump up and turn around if you're 25 already standing?

A. I can't.

- Q. But apparently Mr. Oulson can?
- A. I think that --
- Q. I can't hear you, Mr. Reeves.
- A. I'm working on terminology, sir, give me just a minute. This was an interview that was conducted right afterwards. I was under a great deal of emotional distress. I may have missed a couple of seconds one way or the other. It's possible. If I did, I apologize.
- Q. Well, I appreciate you apologizing, but what we're looking at is this was your opportunity to explain to law enforcement what occurred for them to make a determination of whether or not you would, in fact, be arrested or go home to your family, correct?
 - A. Oh, that's correct. Yes, sir.
- Q. All right. So when you are laying this out to law enforcement, this particular sequence on page 4, spoke to Mr. Oulson, turns in his seat, then you tell him something about texting his daughter which we've already gone through.

Then you tell law enforcement, "He jumps up and turns around." But my question to you: If he's already, as you said, sitting in the seat, he then jumps up, right?

A. Are you saying after he says the things that he says? Is that where you're getting at?

- What I'm saying is right here at frame Q. No. 2 13:26:25, that if Mr. Oulson is seated in his seat, but 3 you indicate he's standing there, he's coming over the seat, he can't jump up and turn around if he's already 4 5 standing.
 - Α. I agree with that.
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- Α. So at that point, I would say he was already standing. He was trying to jump onto his seat, not out of his seat. He was trying to get over his seat. I think that may help you understand.
- So he never turned in his seat, as you told law Q. enforcement; that's your testimony today?
 - He turned around, yes, he did. Α.
- And when he turned around, you told law 0. enforcement that's when he made the statement, "I'm texting my daughter."
- That's when his wife grabbed him and he made a Α. lot of statements.
- All right. But you told Mr. Escobar that when he was, quote, "coming over the seat," he was, quote, saying, "I'm just texting my daughter."
 - When he was trying to, yes, sir. Α.
- Which is it? Q.
- Α. Tell me where your conflict is and I'll try to

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- Q. I can't do any better than I just did.
- A. Neither can I.
- Q. You had him seated, saying words, and jumping up?
 - A. Then I can't do any better either.
 - Q. I'll tell you what, I think we'll just move on.

I want to go through some of the testimony that you provided to us this afternoon. I want to begin with your background. I want to begin with your training and experience at the Tampa Police Department, all right, sir?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. All right. You indicated to Mr. Escobar that you have had training over the 27 years you were at the Tampa Police Department, in -- and I'm going to use very loosely, use-of-force situations -- use of deadly force, use of non-deadly force and when it's appropriate.

Do you remember that line of questioning you had with Mr. Escobar?

- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. All right. In those courses, not only when use of force is appropriate or not appropriate, you're also taught about the advantage of de-escalating the situation; were you not?
- A. That's a common term. Yes, sir.

- Q. Okay. As you put it, not upset the apple cart, right?
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Q. When you were talking about your duties at Busch Gardens and being in public relations and management, that part of your philosophy of Busch Gardens was the customer is always right and don't upset the apple cart.

Do you remember that?

- A. I thought we were talking about the police department.
- Q. I know, but I was referring you back to when you said, "don't upset the apple cart."
- A. Okay. I was a little confused. You were one place and then you were some place else.
 - Q. I understand. You'll have speak up a little bit. Can you?
 - A. I'm doing the best that I can. I've had a sore throat for a month or so.
 - Q. You also indicated that part of your law enforcement training involved that you became an NRA certified firearms instructor?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Are you familiar with the concept of index shooting?
 - A. I think that's a concept that came -- that was

not very prevalent at the time I was involved in firearms shooting, sir. I'm not that familiar with it.

Q. Do you know what it is?

- A. I have an idea of it, but no, I don't know what it is.
 - Q. Shooting without looking at your sights?
 - A. Well, I never heard it called "index shooting."

 I've heard it called other names other than that.
 - Q. What other names?
 - A. Instinct, instinct shooting.
 - Q. Okay. Is it your life experience that the human body has the ability, say, if I point at that monitor right there. I'm just -- I don't even have to look, I just point. But if I pretend this was the side of my gun, I can actually close my dominant eye, and, by golly, my finger is right on that monitor, right?
 - A. I think with enough exposure and experience that can happen, yes.
 - Q. Okay. Someone who has a background like yours with training over the years, up until before this incident going to Shooters' World and practicing, you have the ability to do that, do you not? Instinctively just point the gun and be able to hit a mass that's as wide as a chest?
 - A. At one time I did. I'm not sure I still hold

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- Q. It's relatively easy to do from 3 feet away?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Seven feet away, still not bad?
- 5 A. Correct.
- Q. Fifteen, you've got to have some experience,
 agreed?
- 8 A. Agreed.
- 9 Q. All right. But the closer you are, it's just as
 10 accurate to do -- I'll call it index shooting, as opposed
 11 to taking a beat down the sight and shooting center mass,
 12 right?
 - A. Instinctive shooting, or as you are calling it, index shooting, yes. The closer the target is, the more effective and quicker you could make that happen, yes, sir, and quite accurately.
 - Q. And Mr. Oulson was less than 36 inches away from you, correct?
 - A. Or closer, yes, sir.
- 20 Q. Or closer?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. That's 3 feet, right?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You had a discussion with Mr. Escobar about your federal proficiency license that you have to qualify for

each year, very commonly referred to as a HR218 license;
do you remember that conversation?

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- Q. Now, that particular license doesn't give you any arrest power, does it?
 - A. No license does that, sir.
- Q. All right. It doesn't give you the power to conduct an official investigation for law enforcement, right?
 - A. It does not.
- Q. Okay. You indicated that after leaving law enforcement, you went to Busch Gardens and you made the transition from law enforcement to the private sector.

Do you remember that line of questioning?

- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And you indicated that in the private sector, it was more about public relations and communications, right?
 - A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. And you went to some classes to gain those skills; did you not?
 - A. Well, yes, sir. It helped develop those skills.

 I don't know about gaining them, but it did develop them.
- Q. All right. A continuing of the developing of those skills?
- 25 | A. Yes, sir.

Q. Okay. Fair enough. And you also mentioned that at Busch Gardens, at least back then, beer kind of flowed pretty good there at Busch Gardens, right?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. All right. And people would get drunk?
- A. Occasionally, yes, sir.
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- A. Occasionally.
- Q. All right. And you had the communication and management skills to handle those individuals; did you not?
 - A. I trained the officers and the managers and supervisors. The managers and supervisors were already fairly well-skilled. I had just enhanced the training. They did most of it. The only time I got involved was if it was kind of an out-of-control situation.
- Q. Okay. I left out one area about HR218.

 You have to go and requalify every year to get that license, right?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. And it's a 40-round course?
 - A. Yes, sir, I think it is.
- Q. All right. And at stage 5 of that course, there's a mandatory reload?
- 25 A. I'm not sure what stage it is, but, yes, there's

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- Q. All right. And the previous qualification that you did, you qualified, if you will, with two guns, a pistol and a revolver. That's what's on your license?
 - A. Yes, that's correct.
 - Q. What was the pistol?
- A. It's a .22 Smith and Wesson. I don't remember the model number.
- Q. And the revolver?
- A. That -- I'm sorry. The revolver was a .22. The semiautomatic was a .22. It was a -- I think it was a Walther. I think it's called a Walther P22.
- Q. You didn't qualify with the Kel-Tec, did you, that you were carrying on January 13th?
- 15 A. No, sir, I didn't.
- 16 Q. And the Kel-Tec is a .380 caliber pistol; is it not?
- 18 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you qualified with two -- two .22 caliber pistol and revolver, one each?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- Q. And the .22 caliber is a lot easier to shoot than the .380, right? As far as recoil, it's less?
- A. And it has a wider back strap, so it takes up

 more space in the hand. The Kel-Tec is narrower, it's a

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- Q. All right. But that's what you were carrying on January 13, 2014, was a Kel-Tec?
 - A. That's correct.
 - Q. The pistol you did not qualify with?
 - A. That's correct. But I might add that the 218, when you qualify with a semiautomatic and a revolver, you're qualified with all calibers of both types of weapon.
- 10 Q. Now, the 40-round course, you're familiar with 11 the target?
- 12 A. Yes, I am.
- Q. Okay. And the target is a silhouette that roughly mimics a body shape, right?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. And points are scored in zones 4 and 5 that are 17 basically center mass?
- 18 A. I don't recollect the exact target, but that's 19 fairly accurate.
 - Q. Okay. So in 1993, you retired from the Tampa Police Department, correct?
- 22 A. September 30, 1993.
- 23 Q. Then you began working at Busch Gardens?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. Once retiring from Tampa PD, you lost your

1 powers of arrest, correct?

- A. That's correct.
- Q. Once you retired from Tampa PD, you no longer had the authority as a police officer to give lawful commands to individuals that they would have to follow, correct?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. Once you left Tampa Police Department, individuals interacting with you could comply with your requests or not comply with your requests, right?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q They didn't have to do what you said like when you were a law enforcement officer?
- A. Well, most people didn't do what you said when I was a law enforcement officer. That really didn't change that much.
- Q. You indicated at Busch Gardens that you made that transformation from law enforcement to the private sector, and the philosophies changed at Busch Gardens from keeping the environment safe and it was more dealing with people.

Do you remember that line of questioning?

- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Let's go to January 13, 2014. You had some discussion with Mr. Escobar about that particular day.

When you left to go to the movies after all the plans had been made with your wife and your son Matt, you took your wife's car, right, to the movie theater?

- A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. Now, inside your wife's car on January 13, 2014, was a box of ammunition. You put that in the car?
 - A. Yeah. In all probability, yes, sir.
 - Q. Okay. You put it in the car that day?
 - A Oh, no. It could have been there for months.
- Q You're going to have to speak up just a little bit.
- 12 A. It could have been there for months.
- 13 Q. All right. In your wife's car?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. So you leave the house and you have your Kel-Tec .380 in your pants pocket with a black pocket holster?
- 17 A. That's correct.
 - Q. And the purpose of the pocket holster is that the characteristics of a pocket holster allow it to remain in the pocket as the pistol is drawn. That's its purpose, right?
- A Well, that's the purpose of most holsters -23 most pocket holsters.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. That one I manufactured and sometimes it did,

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- Q. But you drive to the theater in your wife's car with the ammunition in your car that we've discussed, along with the Kel-Tec in your pocket, correct?
 - A. Absolutely.
- Q. Okay. You go up to the Cobb Theater and you buy your tickets, right?
 - A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. And you did not leave your gun in the car, 10 right?
- 11 A. It's in my pocket.
 - Q. You go through the doors and walk through the lobby and get your snacks and drinks and the firearm is still in your pocket?
 - A. It's still in my pocket.
 - Q. Once you get your snacks and drinks, then you enter Theater 10, you find your seats and sit down, and your gun is still in your pocket?
- 19 A. Absolutely.
- Q. Okay. Now, when you entered the theater, you were not an employee of Cobb Theater, were you?
 - A. No, I wasn't.
- Q. You were a patron that went there to have a movie experience, right?
 - A. That's correct.

Q And no different than Mr. and Mrs. Oulson when they went into the movie theater, they went in there for a movie experience?

- A. I would assume so. Yes, sir.
- Q. Along with all the other patrons in there?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. After you sit down, there comes a point in time when I believe you indicated the previews were on, but there was a light shining in your face that you found very disturbing?
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- Q. You've got to speak up just a little bit. I apologize to keep asking you, but I can't hear you.
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Perfect. All right. And this is while the previews were on, right?
- 17 A. I'm sorry?
- 18 Q The previews were on at this time?
- 19 A. When I was in the --
- 20 Q. When you saw that light in your face?
- 21 A. Oh, yes, that's correct. Yes.
 - Q. Other people were walking into the theater getting in their seats?
- 24 A. No. No.
- 25 Q. There was idle conversation with the patrons --

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- Q. And nobody else was coming in?
- A. I saw no one else entering at that point.
- Q. Now, you indicated that because this light in your face was taking you away your movie experience of watching the previews, you had contact with Mr. Oulson, right?
- 9 A. Yes, it was distracting. And yes, I did have a 10 conversation with Mr. Oulson.
- 11 Q. Mr. Oulson didn't initiate the contact with you,
 12 right?
- A. I wasn't offending him, sir. He was offending me.
 - Q. All right. So --
- 16 A. I understand. Yes, sir.
 - Q. And on that first contact when you asked him and made that request, he was very rude to you; was he not?
 - A. Yes, he was.
- Q. All right. So from that point on, you kind of knew that any further contact with Mr. Oulson, you'd probably get the same response, right?
- A. I probably had some reasonable expectation of that. I was hoping that wasn't true.
- Q. Okay. But when we talked about the training and

experience that you have, as far as cues to look out for in particular environments, people's actions -- do you remember that conversation with Mr. Escobar?

- A. Yes, sir, I do.
- Q. And you gave the example that a church parking lot, the cues might be different than, say, a bar full of rowdy people, right?
 - A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. All right. Now, in this particular case, we're 10 in a theater, right?
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- 12 Q. And Mr. Oulson wasn't bothering you verbally,
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- 14 A. He had his --
- 15 Q. Verbally?
- 16 A Verbally, no.
- Q. Okay. But something about Mr. Oulson was bothering you, so you made contact with Mr. Oulson?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q And that changed the environment in that theater at that point in time; did it not?
 - A. Probably minimally, yes.
- Q. Okay. And after Mr. Oulson made the remarks
 that he did to you, you had a second contact with Mr.
- 25 | Oulson?

- 1 A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. All right. Knowing that the first contact he was very rude, you probably expected the same rudeness on the second contact; did you not?
- 5 A. Well, I didn't really expect that. No, sir, I didn't.
 - Q But you had a gun in your pocket?
 - A. I don't think that's changed.
 - Q. Okay. Now, on the second contact with Mr.

 Oulson, he was rude to you. Whatever words he was saying,
 there was some cussing, whatever, it was rude, right?
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- Q. All right. And but for your initial contact with Mr. Oulson, that environment within the theater between you and Mr. Oulson would not have changed, right? It was your contact with Mr. Oulson that was the precipice, if you will, for the change in the demeanor of one of the patrons in the theater?
- A. My request to him did -- did have an effect on him, yes.
 - Q. So we had first contact rude, the second contact rude. Now --
- A. I'm sorry. I didn't get the last word, the second contact what?
 - Q. Rude, right?

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- 2 Q. Okay.
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- Q. And so now you have a third contact with Mr.

 Oulson before you go to the manager, right?
- A. No, I didn't. I only had two contacts before I went to the manager.
 - Q. I believe your testimony was that you were getting up. You say, "Well, I guess I'll just have to go get the manager."

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- A. That was the second contact with Mr. Oulson.
- Q. All right. So you left the theater to go talk to the manager?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. All right. Leaving your wife there alone?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. With the man that was rude to you once, if not twice, sitting directly in front of her?
 - A. Okay.
- 21 Q. Is that true?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. Now, when you came back, as we've seen on the video and had some discussions, you knew that whatever Mr. Oulson was doing that you were complaining of was no

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- A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. That whole change in environment had gone back to -- I'll call it normal for a theater, right?
 - A. I wasn't there. I wouldn't know about that.
 - Q. All right. But Mr. Oulson wasn't standing up and yelling and screaming at anybody else, was he?
- A Well, he was having a conflict with his wife when I left.
- Q. A conflict?
- 11 A Yes, indeed.
- 12 O A conflict?
- 13 A. Yes, indeed.
- 14 Q. What do you mean by "a conflict"?
- A She was trying -- it appeared to me as if she
 was trying to quiet him down both times that I spoke with
 him.
- 18 Q. As you were coming back in the theater?
- 19 A. I have no idea when that conflict ended. When I 20 left, she was conversing with him.
 - Q. All right. Do you still have that statement in front of you?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Please find in there where you told that to law enforcement.

- A. I don't know that I told them every single thing that happened at every single second that it did happen.

 I told them what I could recall at the time.
 - Q. But you recall this now?

- A. I had indicated in my statement that she was holding onto him every time he opened his mouth. I said that several times, sir.
- Q All right. Well, find that in the statement.

 "Every time he opened his mouth, she was hanging onto him."
- A She was hanging onto him the first time I spoke to him. She was hanging onto him the second time I spoke with him. She was hanging onto him when he jumped out of his chair.
- Q. Page 4, line 32, 33, this is the same thing that we're talking about. This is after you come back from the manager and you tell Mr -- Detective Proctor, "He turns around in his seat. He says something about texting his daughter." And then you insert, "See, and his wife is holding him back. So I sat down."

Do you see that?

- A. I'm sorry. Where are we at again, sir?
- Q. Sure. Line 32, 33, page 4.
- A. She very well could have been conversing with him when I got back there. The only thing I noticed was

1 him.

- Q. But that's what you told law enforcement.

 That's kind of out of context, but yeah, that's what you told them.
- A I don't know that it's out of context. I just don't recollect it.
- Q Now, if you go to page 7 of the transcript, lines 19 and 20, and this is -- you're going to have to put it in context by reading the page before, but again you refer to, "His wife was talking -- whoever was with him was trying to hold him back."
 - A. Okay.
- Q. And this is your discussion about -- if you look on page 6 and go through that, is when he was standing up and coming over the seat, right?
- A. Yes, sir. To the best of my recollection, she was trying to control him in every contact that I had with him.
- Q. Okay. But you did not tell law enforcement that prior to going to management that Mrs. Oulson was restraining and trying to hold her husband back, did you?
- A. I would have to read the whole thing again. I don't recollect that.
- Q. There you go.
- A Make yourself comfortable, sir, and I'll read

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- Q. Okay.
- A. This was the first time I went?
- Q. You did not tell law enforcement that Mrs.

 Oulson was trying to hold her husband back before you went and complained to the manager. You never told law enforcement that?
- A. Okay. I may not have, then. What I -- my comment on that is every comment that I made to him and every time he erupted, Mrs. Oulson was trying to control him.
- Q. My question to you, Mr. Reeves: You did not tell law enforcement that Mrs. Oulson was trying to restrain her husband before you went and complained to the manager?
 - A. I don't recollect right now, sir.
 - Q. You didn't do that, did you?
- A. I do not recollect, sir.
 - Q. The only time you mentioned that to law enforcement was after you came back from complaining to the manager?
 - A. That's possible.
- Q. Now, you left and complained to the manager and you came back and you're returning. And we've had some discussions and we've watched the video and you indicated

on direct that as you were walking back, Mr. Oulson was looking at you, glaring at you. I forget your words.

- A. I said staring.
- Q. Staring?
- A. Yes.

- Q. You didn't tell that to law enforcement, did you?
 - A. If I didn't, it was an oversight, sir.
- Q. But that was important, wasn't it, to tell law enforcement that when you came back, Mr. Oulson was still agitated with you to the point that he was staring at you when you returned? That was important and you didn't tell them that?
- A. I would -- I gave them the best statement that I could as candidly as I could. They asked very few questions. I was fairly well convinced that this was a self-defense case, and their lack of asking questions kind of indicated that I covered every single second of every single step that I made. No, sir, I didn't.
 - Q. You didn't tell them that, did you?
 - A. I just said that.
- Q Oh. All right. Now, when you returned -- let's talk about this.
- You say Mr. Oulson was staring at you. What did -- what -- tell me, how did he do that?

A. When you stare at somebody, you look directly at them.

- Q. Did he stand up and look at you?
- A He was seated.

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- Q. How did he turn in his seat, to his left or fight, when he saw you come in?
 - A. He turned his head to the right, I assume.
 - Q. Turned to the right?
 - A. I don't know if he was sitting that way or if he turned his head that way.
- Q. All right. So before you get to your wife's position, as you're walking down the aisle, he turns to the right?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. He didn't say anything to you?
- 16 A. No, sir.
- Q. There was no cursing, foul language from Mr. Oulson, was there?
- 19 A. Not at that point, no, sir.
- Q. He didn't reach out and try to touch you at that point, did he?
- 22 A. No, he didn't.
- Q. And you walked back, sat down -- picked up your popcorn, sat back down in your seat with the gun still in your pocket, right?

A. It's still there.

- Q. All right. Now, we've come back and we have an environment that has changed, if you will, that's kind of settled down since you returned. It wasn't as contentious, if you will, as when you left?
- A I wasn't there, so I wouldn't have any knowledge of that.
- Q. All right. But the attitude of Mr. Oulson when you came back was not the same attitude as when you had contact with him two or three times before you left?
- A. He wasn't cussing at me, if that's what you mean, sir.
 - Q. Okay. He was sitting there with his wife?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, Mr. Oulson, as a patron, would have just as much right to have a pleasant movie experience as you would; would you agree?
- A. I agree.
 - Q. But when you came back knowing that Mr. Oulson did not want your contact, you had contact with him again; did you not?
 - A. I was trying to do what you just indicated, which was change the environment to a more pleasant situation when I made my comment.
 - Q. How was it unpleasant? He was watching the

previews, he wasn't doing anything. What was unpleasant that you had to make contact with Mr. Oulson?

A I think he was rather unpleasant when I left. I assumed that when he stared at me coming back, it was pretty much the same.

- Q. So you took it upon yourself -- knowing that this individual did not want to have any contact with you, you took it upon yourself to, again, have contact with Mr. Oulson?
- A. In an attempt to settle the environment or -there are several different ways to look at it. To change
 the environment to a more pleasant environment so that we
 could all enjoy the movie.
- Q. And what was it about Mr. Oulson's conduct at that point that you thought that you could not have a pleasant movie experience but for you saying something to Mr. Oulson?
- A. Mr. Oulson had displayed a very arrogant attitude, and one of the things that I wanted to do was -- it was pointed in my direction. One of the things that I wanted to do was let him know that I had no ill will. I wanted everything to be just fine. That was my intent in contacting him.
- Q. But that attitude by Mr. Oulson was before you left for the manager, not after.

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- Q. My question to you: After you returned from the manager, what was it about Mr. Oulson's conduct that you felt that you had to contact him? He wasn't bothering you.
- A. I believe I have made that fairly clear. Did you not understand that I was trying to settle down -- if there was any hurt feelings, I was trying to resolve or end them so that he could enjoy his movie and I could enjoy my movie.
- Q. And what indication did Mr. Oulson give you that he needed that type of --
 - A. The stare when I came in.
- Q. The stare?
- A. It appeared to me that -- if someone looks at you like that, it appears as if they still are agitated. I guess that would be the word.
- Q. Okay. That same stare that you did not tell law enforcement about?
 - A. That's the same one, yes, sir.
- Q. All right. In which you just placed a significance importance to, that you wanted to settle things down between Mr. Oulson, but you didn't tell that to law enforcement, did you?
- 25 MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, I'm going to object. This

1 has been -- I've been very lenient. This is about 2 the sixth or seventh time that he's gone over the 3 same exact question. 4 MR. MARTIN: Now he's --MR. ESCOBAR: Asked and answered. 5 6 MR. MARTIN: Now he's placed some significance 7 and importance to it of what he wanted to do, so I 8 think that I have a right to explore that. Before, 9 he just said, No, I didn't do it. Now he's 10 explaining the importance to it, so I think I have a 11 right to cover that, just briefly. I'm not going for 12 another five minutes on it. 13 THE COURT: All right. There is a little bit of 14 difference to it, so I'll overrule, but let's not 15 beat it to death. 16 MR. MARTIN: I understand. 17 BY MR. MARTIN: 18 You did not tell law enforcement that Mr. Oulson Q 19 stared at you and the significance that you placed on that 20 stare as the reason that you wanted to make that comment 21 to Mr. Oulson. 22 You didn't tell law enforcement why you made 23 that comment, did you?

I didn't mention it to law enforcement because

it wasn't that important in the overall scheme of things.

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- Q But it was important to you that afternoon as
 you walked by that you had to make a comment to Mr.

 Oulson. It was important to you then. Why wasn't it
 important two hours later when you were being interviewed
 by the police department?
 - A. I'm not sure it was important the first time. It was something that I felt that was the right thing for me to do.
 - Q. And as we've gone through with the video, it's your testimony, at that point, that you were struck by something in the head?
 - A. Absolutely. Yes, sir.

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Q. All right. And you pointed out to the Court in the pictures that you've been shown by Mr. Escobar, and I believe the one from the booking -- you looked at that picture and said, Oh, I can see some swelling there.

Do you remember that?

- A. Well, I said I could see a little swelling there, you know.
- Q. All right. You had no injuries to your cheeks or eye sockets, did you?
 - A. I had bruising to my eye socket and the eye.
- Q You had a little red mark on your eyelid from rubbing it?
 - A. I had a bruise on my eye socket from getting

hit, and I had a scratch of some sort on my eyeball. So
the fire department rinsed it out with something, made it
feel a little bit better. A couple of days later it was
okay. It took about maybe two weeks for the socket to not

- Q. All right. A bruise, like, a black eye?
- A. I think you would call it a bruise. I don't really bruise on my face. It kind of turns, like, yellowish-looking rather than a bruise-bruise.
- Q. All right. And you were photographed by the investigator from Mr. Escobar's office; were you not?
 - A. That's correct.

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- Q. Were you shown any of those photographs today here in court?
 - A. No, I was not.
 - Q. And those photographs were taken while that, quote, "little bruise" was still there?
- 18 A. I don't recollect. I think it was probably
 19 after that.
 - Q. Okay.
- 21 A. It wasn't really a -- it was difficult to see.
 22 It was more sore than visible.
- Q. But you told your lawyers, Hey, come look. I've got a bruise on my face. Let's document this, right?
- MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, we weren't retained yet. I

1 think he's assuming facts that certainly are not in 2 evidence. 3 MR. MARTIN: Well, what's not in evidence is 4 when he was retained. 5 BY MR. MARTIN: Now, we've gone over the video, as far as the 6 7 sequence of events and the video speaks for itself. Your 8 statement speaks for itself. 9 MR. MARTIN: I'm just checking my notes, Judge. 10 BY MR. MARTIN: 11 You watched the video that Mr. Escobar played 12 for you when you fired your pistol. Where's my chair? 13 You were in your chair. 14 Do you remember the video? 15 Yes, I was, I do. Α. 16 Okay. And you were seated -- and I'm just going 17 to pretend these are arm rests, but your arm was by your 18 side, right? 19 Α Correct. 20 All right. And as you fired the pistol, you 21 leaned straight across and fired. That's what the video 22 shows. Not that far. 23 Α. 24 Q. This far? 25 Α. My arm is not fully extended either.

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               THE COURT: Okay.
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     BY MR. MARTIN:
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marked for identification C. We're playing an excerpt
from File Number 20140113131442 that is on the USB drive
identified by the Sheriff's Office as 1AWS. We're at
13:26:37 at the time, and I'm going to move it forward.
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Now, at that point -- oh. What happened to the screen here? Oh, I've got to turn it on. I'm sorry.

We are at 13:26:37. I'm just going to play a little bit, so you can kind of get a reference. Good enough? Do you know where we're at?

- 10 A. That's right after he hits me with the popcorn 11 bag?
 - Q. There you go. All right.
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- Q. Now, what we see over in the -- this is you, correct?
- 16 A. I think so, yes.
- 17 Q. That's Mr. Oulson's hand?
- 18 A. I think so.
- 19 Q And that's your wife?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Now, as we bring it forward, I want you to watch Mr. Oulson's hand. It continues to move out of frame, correct? Do you see it?
- 24 A. I see it moving, right.
- 25 Q. Okay. But as I go forward, it's moving away

1 | from you, correct?

- A. It appears to be, right.
- Q. All right. And you're leaning forward. Do you see it?
- 5 A I see it.
- Q. All right. Now, at this point, you already have your firearm out; do you not?
- 8 A. Just a second.
- Q. Sure. I'm going to help you out in just a 10 little bit. See your hand right there?
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. Now, that's right in front of your wife's face.
- 13 So if I bring it -- so her head is blocking your hand.
- 14 The gun was out at that point, right? It has to be,
- 15 | right?
- A. It appears to be, yes.
- 17 O. For it to be there at 13:26:37?
- 18 A Right.
- 19 Q. If you just bring it back one frame, it has to 20 be out, correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Go back three frames. Do you see
- 23 Mr. Oulson's hand?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. All right. As you're leaning forward and your

gun is always out, Mr. Oulson's hand is going away from you; is it not?

- A. It appears to be, yes, sir.
- Q. All right. And at that point, your gun is out and you're beginning to lean forward, right?
 - A. It appears that way, yes.
 - Q Do you see it?
 - A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. All right. And another frame. At that point, the gun is out, right? Do you see it?
- 11 A. Yes, yes.
 - Q Now, the next frame is when we see the reflection, if you will, of the chamber becoming hot with the firing of the gun. So either the gun was fired there or there, but somewhere right in there that gun was fired?
 - A. Yes, that's correct.
 - Q. All right. And then after the gun is fired, you continue, do you not, to press the gun forward straight across over the back of that seat?
 - A. It appears to be, yes, sir.
 - Q. All right. Now, when we talked about index shooting and you're sitting there and you see the center mass of Mr. Oulson, and you point that gun -- because you didn't look at your sights, did you?
- 25 A. No.

- Q. All right. You pointed that gun at center mass on Mr. Oulson, did you not?
 - A That's exactly right. Yes, sir.
 - Q. All right. And you were looking straight into the eyes of Mr. Oulson; were you not?
 - A. My left eye was closed, I believe. It was later found out it was watering a lot. I have -- my right eye was open for sure.
 - Q. All right. But you were not looking down your sights like we talked about?
 - A. No, no. It was instinct shooting.
- 12 | Q Instinct shooting?
- 13 A Yeah.

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- Q. All right. And in order for instinct shooting to be accurate, whether it be from 3 feet or 7, you have to keep an eye, if you will, on the center mass that you want to hit, correct?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. All right. And that's what you did in this
 20 particular case?
- 21 A. Most likely.
 - Q. All right. As you're leaning forward, you're keeping your eye on the center mass of Mr. Oulson, which is the broadest part right here in his chest.
- That's what you're taught, right?

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               MR. ESCOBAR:
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               THE COURT: Let him finish.
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All right. So when you fired the shot on Mr.

Oulson, index shooting, you were staring at center mass,

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               MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, he's answered the question.
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               THE COURT: I think it's been answered.
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          photographs of the seat and locations where the
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          popcorn was. I was just following up on that, Judge.
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Thank you.

MR. MARTIN:

BY MR. MARTIN: 1 2 You know where the seats are in relation to your 3 seat, right? 4 Α. Yes, I do. I don't know how they are in front 5 of me, though. 6 So I'm going to ask it one last time and then 7 I'm going to sit down, okay? 8 MR. ESCOBAR: Judge, I mean, how many times are 9 we going to do this? 10 MR. MARTIN: One, then I'm going to sit down, 11 that's what I'm going to do. 12 MR. ESCOBAR: It's been asked and answered. 13 THE COURT: As the Trier of Fact, the only thing 14 minutely left in my imagination is to ask, did the 15 seat get hit? 16 MR. MARTIN: Well, there you go. Well, 17 actually, there's going to be two, but that's going 18 to be one of them. All right. BY MR. MARTIN: 19 20 So the seat was not hit with the bullet, right? 21 I did not shoot the seat. No, sir. Α 22 Q And you indicated that Mr. Oulson was a very 23 tall, lanky guy, right? 24 Α Yes, I did. 25 6'4"? 0.

1 I had no idea at that time. Α. 2 Taller than you? Q. 3 Α. Yes. All right. 4 Q. Judge, I'm not going to have any 5 MR. MARTIN: 6 further questions. If you just give me two or three 7 minutes, I'll shut everything down and I'll move my 8 equipment. 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 MR. MARTIN: Thank you. 11 THE COURT: Is the court exhibit up there? 12 MR. MARTIN: No, ma'am. Actually, it's my --It is an exhibit that's marked. 13 THE COURT: 14 MR. MARTIN: Oh, that's right. We did get it 15 from the clerk. I apologize. All right. I'll hand 16 it back to the clerk, Judge. 17 THE COURT: Mr. Reeves, I'm betting you're not 18 done yet. 19 THE WITNESS: Okay. 20 THE COURT: It's just a quess. 21 MR. MARTIN: And Judge, as far as State's 22 Exhibit marked for IDC, that will be coming in in the State's case-in-chief. 23 24 THE COURT: I anticipated that. I think we've 25 mentioned that.

1 MR. MARTIN: Yeah. 2 THE COURT: And I'm not going to take a break at 3 this time. I'm thinking based on the cross, the 4 redirect won't be lengthy. I've only got a few questions. 5 MR. ESCOBAR: 6 MR. MARTIN: Give me a second, Mr. Escobar. 7 apologize, Judge. 8 MR. ESCOBAR: Mr. Reeves, while he's getting me set up there, let me, if I may, Your Honor, ask some 9 10 questions? 11 THE COURT: Go ahead. 12 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 13 BY MR. ESCOBAR: 14 In looking, again, at Exhibit -- Defendant's 0 15 Exhibit Number 35, which is entered as the purported 16 transcript of the tape of Detective Proctor and yourself, 17 I want to direct your attention to page 79, just so we can 18 make sure that we have, from your perspective, a clear 19 record. 20 I'm going to direct you to two areas, page 3 at 21 the very bottom, but it's directed to page 79 in the 22 paragraph, line number 34. It says, "Well, I'll tell you the damn truth." 23 24 Did you say the word "damn"? 25 Α. I think it was "dang."

1 Dang? Q. 2 Α. Dang. 3 I will correct that on mine. And then this was 0. 4 a -- I think a statement that was read by the prosecutor 5 on cross-examination. Page 4 at the very bottom, page 80 6 in the paragraph, line 26, did you say, "Hey, that's got 7 some ice in it" or "Hell, that's got some ice in it?" 8 I think it was "hey." 9 Hey. Would you tell the Court what was Q. 10 happening at that time, so that we could have some context 11 of what was the ice? 12 THE COURT: I can kind of guess, but go ahead. 13 THE WITNESS: The Sheriff's Office had gotten me 14 something to drink because I was thirsty, my mouth 15 was dry. And when they brought it to me, it was 16 covered in ice. 17 THE COURT: Okay. Like they took it out of a 18 cooler? 19 I assume they took it out of a THE WITNESS: 20 I couldn't undo it, so they had to open the cooler. 21 top for me. 22 BY MR. ESCOBAR: 23 Okay. Now, let's go to -- I'm going to show you Q

what's been admitted into evidence as Defendant's Exhibit

Number 26, and ask you to take a look at that photo and

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see if you recognize that particular photo.

A. I do, yes.

Q. Okay. Do you see a phone in that photo? And just to make sure that we've got the correct JPEG number, the JPEG number on that photo is 2060495JPEG.

Do you see a phone on the floor?

- A. Yes, sir, I do.
- Q. Was that your phone?
- A. No, sir, it wasn't.
- Q. And was that phone directly between your legs as you sat there in seat number nine of that top row?
- A. Yes, sir. The photograph depicts it in between my feet but to the right. When I first noticed it, it would be closer to my left shoe, which would have already been an estimate of 10 or 12 inches further to the left.
- Q. Okay. Well, let's talk a little bit about that.

 When did you first notice that particular phone in that
 location?
- A. At some point after I was checking my face for injuries putting my glasses on, that sort of thing, a deputy came over. And at some point, I noticed a phone on the floor so I pointed it out to the deputy.
- Q. Let's talk a little bit about that. So shots fired?
 - A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. You put the gun on your --
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- 4 A. Yes.

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- 5 Q. What do you do next?
 - A. I check and see -- that's when I discovered that my glasses are askew and I'm looking -- I'm assessing for injuries. I don't -- I don't know how bad I'm hurt.
 - Q. Okay. And so how are you checking for injuries?
 - A. With my hands.
 - Q. And what are you doing with your hands?
- 12 A. I'm sorry?
- 13 Q What are you doing with your hands?
- 14 A. I'm rubbing my face, putting my glasses back on.
- 15 Q Okay. And do you look down?
- 16 A. At some point, I look down and see the -- the 17 phone, yes.
- 18 Q. And where was that phone, in between your legs?
- 19 A. It was in between my legs, yeah.
- Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as
 Defense Exhibit Number 33 and ask you: Is this the phone
 that you saw between your legs after you had fired the
 shot?
- 24 A. Yes, sir. It appears to be.
- MR. ESCOBAR: No further questions.

1 THE COURT: All right. Now I think we're done. 2 Mr. Reeves, you can have a seat. 3 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 4 THE COURT: We are done for the day. Remember, 5 I have a 9:00 call. It will take me an hour in the 6 morning, so we'll reconvene at 10:00 tomorrow 7 morning. 8 MR. ESCOBAR: Your Honor, we need a witness 9 list. 10 THE COURT: Okay. Is that going to be 11 forthcoming? 12 MR. GARCIA: Yes. 13 MR. ESCOBAR: 10:00 tonight or is everything 14 MR. GARCIA: I'll call him at 10:00 or 10:30. 15 THE COURT: All right. Then unless we have 16 anything else we need to address, we'll be in recess in this matter until 10:00 tomorrow morning. 17 18 (Testimony of Curtis J. Reeves was concluded.) 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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