IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA KEY WEST DIVISION

CASE NO. 08-10084-CIV-MARTINEZ/BROWN

PETER HALMOS, et al	P	ET	ER	HAI	LMOS.	et al	
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Plaintiffs,

VS.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, et al.,

Defendar	its.

PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER RELATED TO RESUMPTION OF CONNIE DENNIS'S DEPOSITION, MOTION FOR SANCTIONS, AND MOTION FOR TERMINATION OF *PRO HAC VICE* STATUS OF KENNETH ENGERRAND

Before accusing a lawyer of acting in an unethical and unprofessional fashion, a fellow lawyer must think long and hard. Was the breach intentional? What were the circumstances? Was there any sense of contrition? Could the offending lawyer believe that his conduct had been appropriate?

In reaching a conclusion to seek sanctions and to ask for the termination of Attorney Kenneth Engerrand's *pro hac vice* status in this case, the fact is that not only is there no sense of wrongdoing, to the contrary, counsel has come out of the box, swinging, spraying charges against the Plaintiffs instead of accepting responsibility for what he had done.

On Friday, July 9, 2010, Steve Marino and Joe Klock traveled to Wilmington to take the deposition of INA's corporate representative. They brought with them a young paralegal, Johnathan A. Burke. The deposition proceeded without incident, with Judge



Klein presiding from Miami, and with Marino, Klock, and Johnathan, along with INA's counsel, Kenneth Engerrand, and its senior in-house counsel, John Roth, in Wilmington.

The preceding Friday, plaintiffs' counsel had made a decision to leave Johnathan to attend the deposition of INA witness Connie Dennis on Monday, as the questioning could take place from Miami, where counsel, JuanCarlos Antorcha, was remaining close to home as his wife was about to give birth. Klock and Antorcha reasoned that Johnathan could attend the deposition, hand exhibits over to Witness Dennis, and receive any exhibits in return. Messrs Engerrand and Roth were in Wilmington along with the witness.

Johnathan started out by sitting at the same end of the table as he had when Marino and Klock had been present, which put him several feet to one side of the court reporter, and diagonally opposite the witness and Mr. Engerrand, who sat opposite the court reporter. After walking up and down several times to deliver exhibits, Johnathan decided it made more sense to sit next to the court reporter as it would be closer to pass and receive exhibits. After settling in, he heard a clicking sound, looked around, and noted that Mr. Engerrand was tapping the foot of Witness Dennis at different points after questions were asked. Surprised, he texted a message to Antorcha in Miami with what he had just seen. By way of example Jonathan texted Antorcha and stated: "Are you using exhibit 11? And, counsel taps the ladies foot whenever she isn't supposed to answer (I think)." Antorcha responded that Jonathan should make sure that what he saw was indeed fact: "Make sure about the foot tapping. No to ex[hibit] 11." Jonathan



responded several minutes later: "Unless they are playing footsies." Soon thereafter,

Jonathan responded "is that good enough" with the attached picture of the foot tapping
between Engerrand and the witness. (Exhibit "A.")

An amazed Antorcha asked the witness and Mr. Engerrand if foot-tapping was going-on. Mr. Engerrand denied it; the witness admitted it. Antorcha then terminated the deposition.

Apparently, faced with the issue of how to handle what had to be a humiliating disgrace of one of its lawyers, INA decided to come out of its corner swinging and belching forth clouds of smoke to cover the "indiscretion." INA filed its 88 page (with exhibits) "MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER RELATED TO THE RESUMPTION OF CONNIE DENNIS' DEPOSITION" and accompanying exhibits. Was there an apology? Was there an explanation? No way! Instead, tons of dust was spread around – in an attempt to cover-up what had happened. That is bad enough, but think about it, they had to pow-wow together to decide how to respond, and after doing so, decided on the dishonorable path, which might have worked, but for the photo and for Jonathan's awareness.

It is INA's response which tells it all. This Court has been harsh at times with plaintiffs. Plaintiffs have taken it, but the hardest part has been the concern that this Court thought that plaintiffs were acting badly and litigating in bad faith. But isn't the proof in what one does?



How can INA justify this petty, irresponsible, unethical, and dishonest behavior and just launch a barrage of detritus unbecoming of anyone who has taken an oath as a lawyer. Look at the materials contained on the second page of INA's response as INA talks of the "foot *brushing*" caused by the close quarters under the table. Compare that to the photo, about which INA was unaware, that speaks volumes about INA's candor and truthfulness with the Court. What one sees is not close quarters, ones sees a Rosemary Wood-like stretch of Mr. Engerrand's foot, as he apparently repeatedly taps the foot of the witness while questions are being asked.

INA's answer to this really bad acting is to assault the plaintiffs for "once again manufactur[ing] a controversy." There is nothing to discuss. What needs to be done is that the deposition needs to be re-taken with a bundling board installed between whoever INA sends this time to take the deposition of Ms. Dennis as well as this Court's determination of how INA is to be punished.

What is ironic is that had INA chosen to simply apologize, perhaps this appalling behavior might have been capable of solution. But, INA has chosen to display its full colors like a male peacock on a mating dance. And, what one sees is a client and its lawyers bent on obfuscation, displaying an appalling lack of candor with the Court, and the immediate, carefully-planned strategy to cover-up.

One can only guess that Mr. Engerrand and his witness thought that with no special master present, no lawyers present for the plaintiffs, that the young paralegal



from Miami would either not notice or not know what to do. Unfortunately for INA,

Johnathan did know what to do and did document it.

As the Court reviews INA's ridiculous reconstruction of what took place, look at the picture. Does the Court see a post? Does the Court see cramped quarters? Does the Court see any reason for Mr. Engerrand's tasteful shoe to be touching the witness's foot in its tortured Arthur Murray posture?

While it was improper for INA to take the first step, it is appalling that it decided to lie and attempt to cover-up, which might have worked if Johnathan had been sleeping at the switch or if he had not snapped the photo. INA's "motion for protective order" is a disgrace. It is the plaintiffs that need to be protected from INA, who at the very least should be required to pay the full cost of any future monitoring of depositions to avoid inadvertent "tapping" and to guarantee that some modicum of ethical behavior can be maintained.

As to Mr. Engerrand, perhaps the Eastern District of Texas countenances such behavior, but this District surely does not. Mr. Engerrand's practice privileges in this case ought be revoked, the full costs of the Dennis deposition levied against INA, Ms. Dennis's deposition be retaken in Key West or Miami at plaintiffs' discretion, with the Court retaining the discretion to strike her testimony if it becomes apparent that the coaching cannot be neutralized in the taking of a second deposition, and the Court disqualifying Brown Sims P.C. from proceeding as counsel for INA in this action.



ARGUMENT

INA wants to paint a picture that this episode is somehow Plaintiffs' fault. But, let's be clear, this issue has nothing to do with Judge Klein, who was not at the deposition and thus could not resolve the problem, was not privy to the picture attached to this motion, and since this isn't a discovery dispute but a question of witness coaching/tampering. It is quite telling that INA's motion is filled with red herrings:

- a. It speaks of previous cancelled depositions.
- b. It claims that there was a request that Chief Magistrate Judge Brown be brought on the phone to resolve the matter.
- c. It cites to another "discovery crisis" manufactured by Plaintiffs.
- d. It refers to a "CNA" of an expert witness who is yet to be designated as an expert by Plaintiffs.

What does this have anything to do with what INA's counsel did and is trying to cover-up? INA decided to man-it-up and try to bluff its way out of this ethical cul-de-sac by throwing everything else into its explanation to this Court of what occurred, but the foot tapping. This issue deserves the Court's full attention. The red-herrings in INA's motion should be left for another day.

On July 12, 2010 the deposition of Connie Dennis commenced. Ms. Dennis is a key witness as she was involved with the initial claims of the Sol incident and the Hit and Run incident. Mr. Antorcha took the deposition of Connie Dennis. While taking the



deposition of Ms. Dennis, Mr. Antorcha noticed that the witness would take approximately five seconds before responding to the questions, at times longer. On some key questions, the five seconds would elapse and followed by a: "I don't remember" response. At the conclusion of Antorcha's questions, Mr. Halmos began questioning Ms. Dennis.

Soon into Mr. Halmos' questions, Johnathan texted Mr. Antorcha that the attorney sitting next to the witness was tapping her foot on various occasions. Antorcha responded to Johnathan to make sure that what he saw was in fact what it appeared to be. Johnathan texted Exhibit A to Antorcha. (Though the feet in question do not have labels on them, the pink foot belongs to Ms. Dennis, the attacking black shoe to Mr. Engerrand.)

As anyone can clearly see, Ms. Dennis' foot and Mr. Engerrand's foot are clearly touching one another. Further, this doesn't seem to be a comfortable position for either individual, clearly indicating that the intent of having the foot next to each other was for the purpose of tapping her foot. Upon receiving the picture and seeing how awkward the stance of each individual was, Antorcha inquired as to each individual:

Mr. Antorcha: Mr. Engerrand, are you tapping Ms. Dennis' foot during any of these questions . . .

Mr. Engerrand: I don't know that I've been tapping her foot. I assumed there was a pillar next to me, so I'll move down.

Mr. Antorcha: Ms. Dennis.

The Witness: Yes

Mr. Antorcha: Has he been tapping your foot" And you're under oath here.

The Witness: Yes.1

Prior to concluding the deposition, Antorcha asked Johnathan what he had seen and to put what he saw on the record.

Mr. Antorcha: Can you please put on the record what you saw.

Mr. Burke: I heard a tap . . . and I looked down, and I saw her lawyer's foot almost on top of hers. And what made it odd was she didn't move away. And as I continued to watch, it happened twice, so I let you know.²

Thankfully, isn't a picture worth a thousand words? There is no question that Mr. Engerrand's foot was tapping the witnesses. Mr. Engerrand would like for this Court to believe that Ms. Dennis' foot was the pillar to the table. Plaintiffs request that the Court take a look at the attached picture and conclude for itself where the nearest pillar on that table is. Enough games, enough blaming Plaintiffs for "smoke screens" and "delay," that is not what this is about. Enough pandering to the Court in an attempt to massage what clearly should be sanctioned. See DE 898 at 6.

To be clear, Plaintiffs are not asking for a postponement of the proceedings or anything that would delay this matter. The issue here is Mr. Engerrand coaching the witness by tapping her foot. That is it.

2 Id at Tr 78/3-23



¹ See Exhibit B, Tr. 74/15 - 75/25.

As this Court has held, "[u]nder Local Rule 30.1(A)(1), 'objections or statements which have the effect of coaching the witness, instructing the witness concerning the way in which he or she should frame a response, or suggesting an answer to the witness,' abusive deposition conduct, which is prohibited and sanctionable." *See Developers Surety And Indemnity Company v. Harding Village, Ltd.*, 2007 WL 2021939, *5 (S.D. Fla. 2007)(Brown. J). Plaintiffs believe that this Court should order Ms. Dennis to appear before it so that the Court can inquire as to what was said to her by her counsel, and whether she was coached in any way.

What occurred is just wrong. INA's response shows not only its true colors, but also how it views its duties to the Court. There was no mistake here. This was out and out witness tampering, followed by good ole misrepresentations of what had occurred. For sure, the old adage of a picture being worth a thousand words applies here.

CONCLUSION

Plaintiffs request that the following actions be taken by the Court:

- INA's motion should be stricken as impertinent and scandalous.
- 2. This Court should conduct a hearing with Connie Dennis present for examination by the Court to determine what occurred unless INA will belatedly step up to the bench and admit what it did. If, the Court is convinced, at a minimum³, the following should occur:

³ Undersigned counsel is at serious odds with what should be the actual remedy. Who knows which of the previous depositions Mr. Engerrand performed the same "foot tapping." Who knows what affidavit or sworn document submitted by this individual suffers from the same



- The deposition should be retaken.
- The Court should retain power to strike both depositions if the evil effects of the coaching cannot be cleaned-up.
 - 5. All further monitoring of discovery should be borne at the expense of INA.
- 6. Mr. Engerrand should have his privileges of practice in this case revoked because he has abused them and dishonored this Court and because his client, INA, with its in-house attorney present and observing, chose to take the low road intentionally.
- The law firm of Brown Sims P.C. should be disqualified from representing

 INA in this action.
- 8. The Court should award counsel fees, deposition transcript fees, travel fees, and all other fees in connection with the original taking and subsequent taking of Ms. Dennis's deposition, any other court hearings on the topic, and the cost of defending this motion.

disrespect and unethical behavior. And, whether his law firm, partners and co-counsel are aware of Mr. Engerrand's technique. The problem we are faced with is that we do not know, and the gambit for sanctions can run from re-taking of the deposition to striking of INA's pleadings. Thus, undersigned counsel suggests the minimum that should be done, however, that by no means is meant to suggest to the Court that the full authority and power of this Court should not be used to sanction INA from any remedy this Court deems fit. See Vargas v. Peltz, 901 F. Supp. 1572, 1581 (S.D. Fla. 1995).



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EXHIBIT "A"

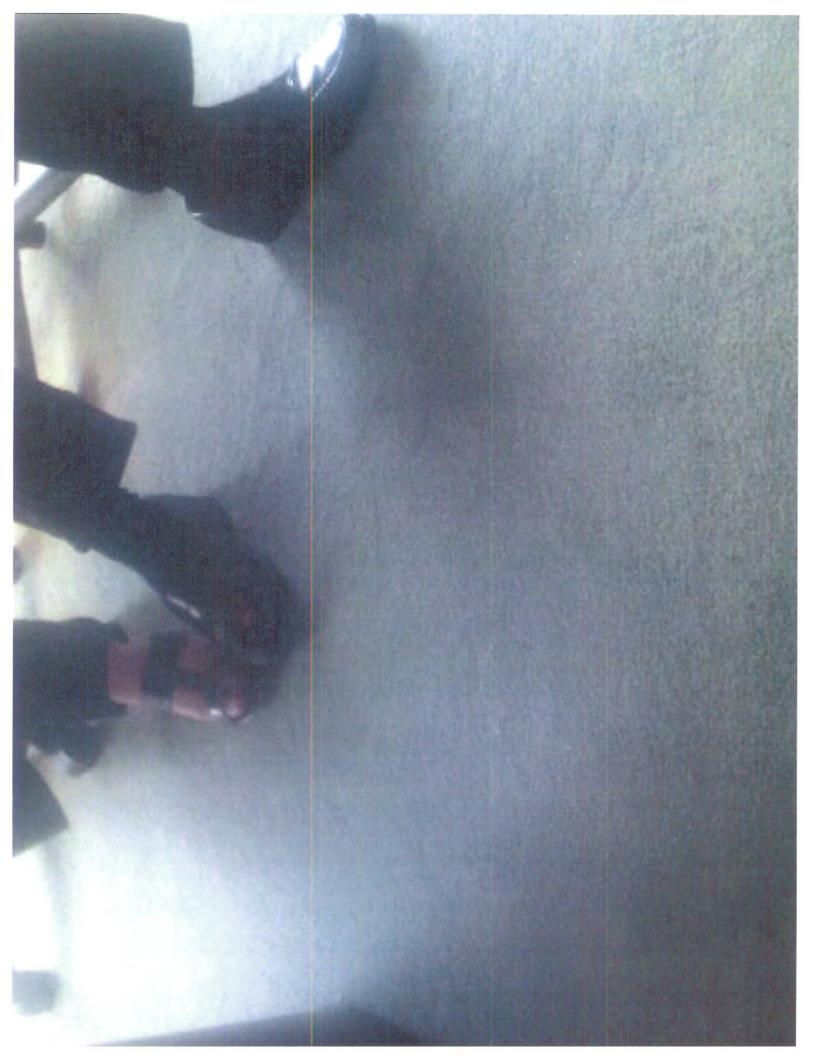


EXHIBIT "B"

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-v.-

CASE NO.08-10084 CIV-MARTINEZ/BROWN

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, STRICKLAND MARINE INSURANCE, INC. f/k/a : STRICKLAND MARINE AGENCY :

DEPOSITION

DEPONENT: Connie Dennis

DATE: Monday, July 12, 2010

TIME: 9:57 a.m.

PLACE: Cozen O'Connor

1201 North Market Street, Suite 1400 Wilmington, Delaware

REPORTER: Ted Allen

SOLICITOR: Julia

APPEARANCES:

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Dennis-8	Email dated 9/2/05 from Legacy to Ms. Dennis	53
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(Exhibits marked and attached to transcript.)

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(It is stipulated and agreed by and between 1 counsel for the respective parties that the reading, 2 3 signing, sealing, and filing of the transcript is waived, 4 and that all objections, except as to the form of the 5 questions, are reserved until the time of the trial.) 6 CONNIE DENNIS was called as a witness, and after 7 8 having been first duly sworn, according to law, was examined and testified as follows: 9 10 --- EXAMINATION ---11 BY MR. ANTORCHA: 12 Q. Good morning, Ms. Dennis.

DENNIS CONNIE 25 instance where damage caused in the salvage operation

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- 1 was not a covered claim?
- 2 A. I haven't handled hundreds of thousands of
- 3 rec marine claims.
- 4 Q. Hundreds or thousands? Hundreds, let's leave
- 5 it hundreds.
- 6 A. No, I don't remember.
- 7 Q. (Phone rings.) I'm sorry. This other phone
- 8 is ringing. It will stop in a moment. Referring
- 9 specifically to the Sea Tow contract, do you recall how
- 10 much Sea Tow charged?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Does \$28,000 ring a bell?
- 13 A. I'd have to see the contract. I don't
- 14 remember.
- MR. ANTORCHA: Hey, Peter, let me
- 16 interrupt you for a second. Ms. Dennis, who is
- 17 sitting to your left?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Mr. Engerrand.
- 19 MR. ANTORCHA: Mr. Engerrand, are you
- 20 tapping Ms. Dennis' foot during any of these
- 21 questions?
- 22 MR. ENGERRAND: Tapping her foot?
- 23 MR. ANTORCHA: Are you touching her foot,
- 24 tapping her foot, or in any way rubbing up
- 25 against her foot?

1	MR. ENGERRAND: I will make sure that I'm
2	away from her. I haven't been in the middle.
3	MR. ANTORCHA: Well, if you were to send
4	me a picture of your foot tapping hers, would
5	that be incorrect?
6	MR. ENGERRAND: I don't know that I've
7	been tapping her foot. I assumed there was a
8	pillar next to me, so I'll move down.
9	MR. ANTORCHA: You tapped her feet; is
10	that what you're saying?
11	MR. ENGERRAND: I'm moving down. I didn't
12	realize I was tapping her foot.
13	MR. ANTORCHA: Ms. Dennis?
14	THE WITNESS: Yes.
15	MR. ANTORCHA: Has he been tapping your
16	foot? And you're under oath here.
17	THE WITNESS: Yes.
18	MR. ANTORCHA: Yes, he has?
19	THE WITNESS: Yes. I didn't know it was
20	his foot.
21	MR. ANTORCHA: That's fine. I didn't ask
22	you that. Has he been tapping your foot?
23	THE WITNESS: Yes.
24	MR. ANTORCHA: Thank you. We're
25	concluding this deposition.

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MR. ENGERRAND: Let me ask her -
MR. ANTORCHA: No, no, Mr. Engerrand.
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	DENNIS CONNIE
3	Coaching the witness.
4	MR. ENGERRAND: I did not
5	MR. ANTORCHA: We're going to seek
6	sanctions before Judge Brown.
7	MR. ENGERRAND: Did you know I was tapping
8	your foot?
9	THE WITNESS: I didn't know you were
10	tapping my foot.
11	MR. ENGERRAND: That's what I wanted to
12	make sure she said. We're sitting next to each
13	other.
14	MR. ANTORCHA: You're under oath right
15	now.
16	MR. ENGERRAND: Yes, under oath.
17	THE WITNESS: I didn't know he knew he was
18	tapping my foot.
19	MR. ANTORCHA: Your foot's been tapped the
20	entire time and you didn't know?
21	THE WITNESS: It hasn't been tapped the
22	entire time. It was tapped a couple times, and
23	I'm assuming he thought it was a pillar or
24	something underneath the table. We can't see
25	through the table.
1	MP ANTOPCHA: Peter how do you want to

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1 MR. ANTORCHA: Peter, how do you want to
2 handle this?
3 MR. HALMOS: You decide.
4 MR. ENGERRAND: Get the Judge on the
5 phone. He can ask anything he wants.
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6	MR. ANTORCHA: Oh, we're going straight to
7	Judge Brown on this one, thank you very much.
8	Peter, how do you want to continue? Do you
9	want to continue or to seek sanctions before
10	Judge Brown?
11	MR. HALMOS: I'd like to we're off for
12	lunch?
13	MR. ANTORCHA: Peter, let's talk. We're
14	going to take a break for lunch now.
15	MR. HALMOS: Yes.
16	MR. ANTORCHA: Thank you. We'll need an
17	hour for lunch.
18	MR. ENGERRAND: Okay.
19	MR. ANTORCHA: Thank you.
20	(Break held off the record.)
21	EXAMINATION
22	BY MR. ANTORCHA:
23	Q. Ms. Dennis?
24	A. Yes.
25	Q. I have a few more questions to ask you

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- 1 regarding what just happened. How many times during
- 2 your deposition did Mr. Engerrand tap your foot?
- A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. That's a good answer. Guesstimate.
- 5 A. A few. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Oh. A few like five? A few like three?
- 7 A. I don't know. I wasn't paying attention.
- 8 Q. Well, how many do you think it was? Page 69

- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Was it five?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. You don't know? Good.
- 13 A. I wasn't paying attention. I was trying to
- 14 pay attention to the questions being asked.
- 15 Q. I totally understand. During your lunch
- 16 break, did you have any conversations with Mr. Roth,
- 17 Mr. Engerrand or any other attorney there?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. You went to lunch on your own?
- 20 A. Yeah. Well, I went with Mr. Engerrand, but
- 21 we were just walking down to get a water. I wasn't
- 22 sure where the cafe was.
- Q. You did not speak regarding what just
- 24 occurred?
- 25 A. Can you repeat the question?

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1 Q. Did you speak about what just happened?

- 2 A. No.
- 3 MR. ANTORCHA: Burke, are you there?
- 4 MR. BURKE: Yes, I am.
- 5 MR. ANTORCHA: Can you please put on the
- 6 record what you saw.
- 7 MR. BURKE: I heard a tap and I saw a
- 8 little -- it was pretty quiet in here. And I
- 9 looked down, and I saw her lawyer's foot almost
- 10 on top of hers. And what made it odd was she
- didn't move away. And as I continued to watch,
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12	it happened twice, so I let you know.	
13	MR. ANTORCHA: Was that during my direct	
14	or Mr. Halmos' direct?	
15	MR. BURKE: No. I had just moved chairs	
16	right before Peter started asking questions,	
17	which sat me right in front of them.	
18	MR. ANTORCHA: So it was just during	
19	Mr. Halmos' direct?	
20	MR. BURKE: Yes, as far as I know.	
21	MR. ANTORCHA: Thank you. We are	
22	terminating this deposition. We'll be seeking	
23	sanctions before Judge Brown.	
24	Mr. Reporter, can I please have an	
25	expedited copy of this transcript?	
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1	THE COURT REPORTER: Due Thursday?	
2	MR. ANTORCHA: As soon as possible.	
3	THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.	
4	MR. ANTORCHA: Thank you for your time.	
5	EXAMINATION	
6	BY MR. ENGERRAND:	
7	Q. My question would be to you; my foot was on	
8	top of yours?	

9 A. I don't remember.

10 Q. I think you said it was on top. I mean, is

11 this like a tap, or is this like my foot was sitting on

12 top of your foot?

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13 A. Honestly, I don't remember. I figured he

14 was -- I don't know.

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15	MR. ANTORCHA: We are terminating this
16	deposition. Thank you very much, guys.
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18	(Witness excused.)
19	(Deposition concluded at 12:48 p.m.)
20	(Transcripts ordered by Juan Antorcha, Kenneth G
21	Engerrand and John F. Roth.)
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CERTIFICATE

I, Ted Allen, Certified Reporter, Notary Public for the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that CONNIE DENNIS was first duly sworn to testify to the whole truth, and that the above deposition was recorded stenographically by me and was transcribed by means of computer-aided transcription under my personal direction, and that the said deposition constitutes a true record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not a relative or employee or attorney of any of the parties, or a relative or employee of such attorney, or financially interested directly or indirectly in this action.