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Q. I'm not asking what Ashley did. What happens with the gun?

A. After a few maybe -- maybe another minute to two minutes, I couldn't tell you the exact time.

Q. Of Ashley talking about Eva?

A. Of Ashley talking, and I am begging her to stop talking and to please stop.

Q. And your head's on the counter?

A. My head's on the counter.

Q. What happens with the gun?

A. She wouldn't stop, just completely would not stop, and so out of complete and utter frustration, no anger whatsoever, I don't remember feeling a single iota of anger, it was purely utter frustration, and so --

Q. What happened?

A. I -- literally the gun's sitting in front of me and I pull it out of the sleeve and I shot at the ceiling.

Q. Did you say anything before you did it?

A. Did I saying anything?

Q. Yeah.

A. About -- I said nothing except for I was, up to that point, asking her to please stop talking and please give it a rest.

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somebody to do something stupid, which was represented by her standing there with black eyes and her arms crossed as if mission accomplished, that tells me something.

Q. Okay. Did she somehow egg you on with the gun at any point in time? I didn't hear anything about that.

A. She egged me on in the argument, not stopping.

Q. She didn't bring the gun into the house, you did, right?

A. No.

Q. You were the one that threw the gun against the wall, correct?

A. Absolutely, and I admitted to that.

Q. You were the one that pulled the gun out of the sleeve and discharged it?

A. Absolutely, and I admitted it.

Q. But you think that was her fault?

A. Absolutely. There's two parties. She had the ability to stop arguing.

Q. And she should have stopped when you told her to, correct?

A. Any one of the hundred times I asked her to.

Q. All right.

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A. The picture covers the seat up.

Q. 3 is where your head was?

A. Yes, 3's where I set the gun and laid my head. Here's the shadowbox (indicating).

Q. Hold on a second.

A. Okay.

Q. When you threw the gun the effort was to make her shut up?

A. No, that's not what was going on in my head. My head was pure expression of frustration.

Q. Do you see where it says right here in your own document that's now part of Exhibit 3, I threw it to make her shut up; do you see you wrote that?

A. Yes.

Q. This is your writing?

A. Uh-huh.

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Q. When you shot, it was to make her stop fussing again?

A. I'd say that was the result, but I wouldn't say that, thinking back.

Q. I'm asking what you said here. I picked it up and I just shot it to make her stop fussing.

A. Yeah, that's what I said there.

Q. When did you write this?

A. Back when the first -- the beginning of the injunction case, when I started putting all the stuff together for it.

Q. Do you think you have an accident -- I mean an anger problem?

A. No. Absolutely not.

Q. Have you ever attended an anger class?

A. I've never had an anger issue to attend an anger class.

Q. Sully's the dog?

A. Yes.

Q. That's the dog that's in the picture in Exhibit 3, first page?

A. Yes.

Q. You hit Sully that day?

A. Sully is protective. He was under the table.

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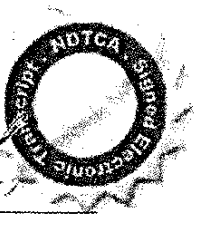
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Q. My question is did you hit Sully? Not why. Did you hit Sully?

A. You could call it hit, yes.

Q. You called it hit?

A. Yeah.

Q. He sprung up into it, I guess your lap, and I reacted and hit him.

A. Yeah.

Q. So when you say you could call it, you called it hit, correct?

A. Yes. For lack of better words, yes. The dog sprung up on my lap, all instantaneously, trying to crawl on my lap, sharp claws, I've got on shorts, and --

Q. How did you hit him?

A. I honestly --

Q. You don't remember?

A. I don't remember exactly. This is -- again, our dog is like, you know, family, and I just wanted everything to stop and I wanted him to stop and he wouldn't. He would not stay under the table and he kept --

Q. He wouldn't stop either so you hit him, correct?

A. Yes, I hit, my dog.

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MS. MURPHY: I gave them to Jessica. Do you have your copy?

BY MR. SESSUMS:

Q. Let's back up for a second before we get into this.

A. Okay.

Q. I wasn't sure you told me when you hit the hole in the wall, before or after June 15th?

A. Let's go to Ashley's -- Ashley is saying April 14th.

Q. So before that, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And you admit that that happened, on or about that day you hit the wall to get her to stop talking?

A. I hit it out of frustration. It had the effect of stopping her for a minute.

Q. And what was -- what were you frustrated about?

A. Same thing. Ashley -- the story is nothing specifically like she said. That was in -- I was the one in the closet, she was standing outside the closet, and we were arguing, once again, about Eva.

Q. Why were you in the closet?

A. I was changing clothes.

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Q. You were arguing about Eva, and did you hit the wall in the closet or someplace else?

A. No. I was in the closet and Ashley was standing at the foot of the bed, which is 10, 15 feet away, 10 feet away.

Q. Okay. I'm sorry. You hit the wall outside of the closet but Ashley was 10 or 15 feet away; is that what you said?

A. No. I was in the closet, sort of in the doorway.

Q. Yeah.

A. And the same exact scenario, she would not stop fussing about Eva.

Q. So you hit the wall where?

A. I was inside the closet and hit it from the -- on the inside of the closet just about where there's an ADT alarm system.

Q. It put a hole in the wall?

A. Yes, it did, and then it went through -- my fist went through the sheetrock and sort of hit the outside. I remember that because that's where I first started to have them put the ADT, so they already started cutting the hole.

Q. Did it ever get repaired?

A. Yes, it did.

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Q. Is this Ashley's fault again because she wouldn't stop?

A. I would say Ashley was -- Ashley was the cause of the argument, yes.

Q. Was Ashley the cause of your putting your first through the sheetrock?

A. No. It was my bad decision, but Ashley was a -- caused the argument. Ashley was the entire cause of the argument.

Q. So Ashley was not the cause for your putting your first through the sheetrock, but she was the cause for you shooting the bullet in the ceiling?

A. Ashley was the cause of both arguments because she would not stop arguing about my daughter.

Q. I'm not asking about the arguments. You misunderstood the question.

A. Okay.

Q. You said that your bad decision caused your fist to go through the sheetrock. Was it your bad decision that caused you to shoot the bullet in this the ceiling or was it Ashley?

A. No. Both were my honest bad decisions in a stressful situation.

Q. All right. Now, was everything you told the

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of -- I was watching it closely --

Q. That's not -- my question is not about the trajectory of the storm. My question is did she ask you to come to Florida when you came to Florida in September or did you come on your own?

A. No. I came on my own because she was not answering the phone very much.

Q. During your arguments in the past, besides shooting a firearm, throwing a firearm and punching a hole in the wall, did you ever throw things besides the gun?

A. I don't ever remember throwing anything. No, I don't remember -- the only thing I remember, one time standing at the sink and there's a glass in the sink and I definitely -- it broke when I put it down too hard. Other than that, I've never thrown anything.

Q. So you were in an argument and you put a glass down too hard and it broke; is that what you're saying?

A. Yeah.

Q. When was that?

A. I don't remember specifically.

Q. Was it before or after June 20 -- I'm sorry. Was it before or after June 15th?

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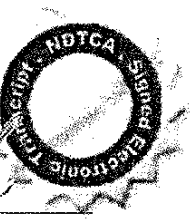
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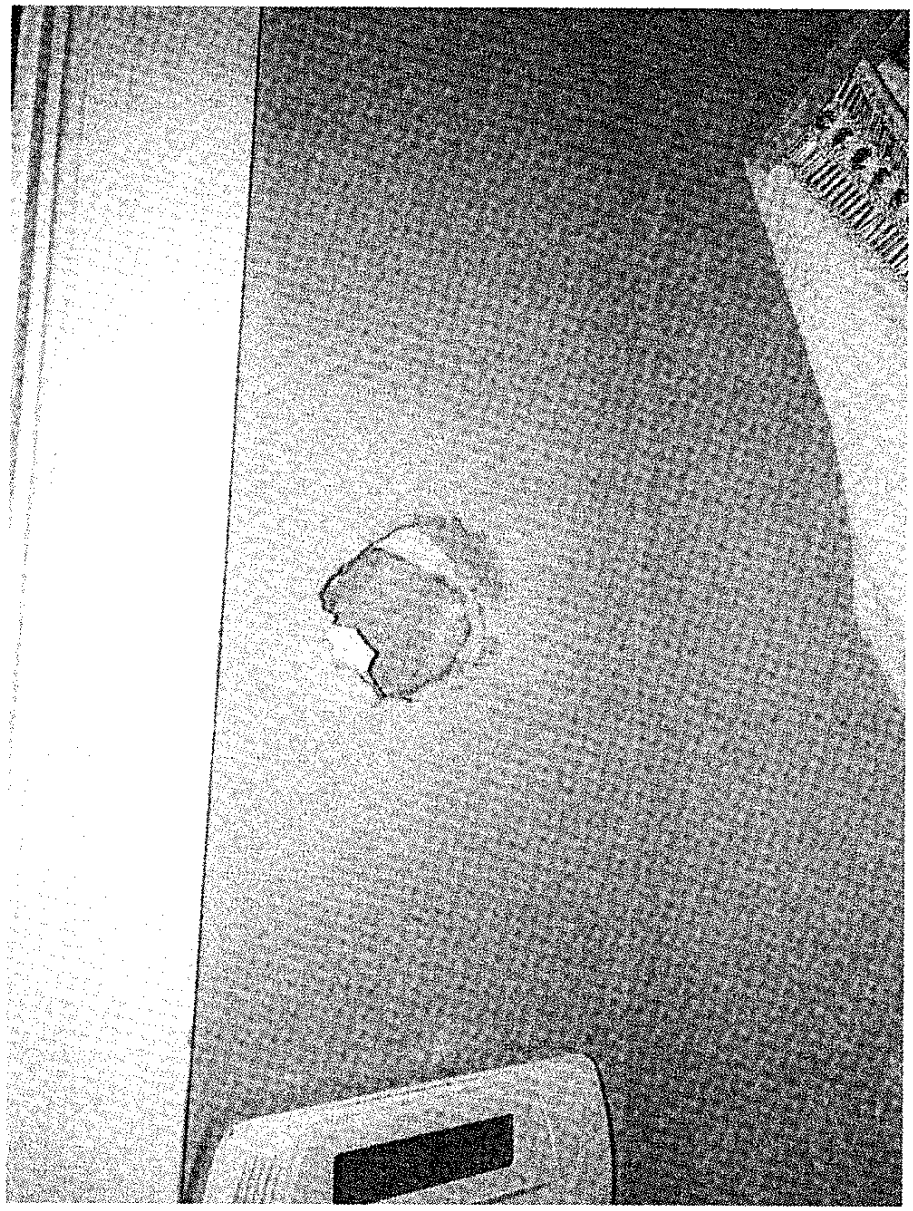
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