

EXHIBIT A

IN THE MATTER OF: * BEFORE THE COMMISSION
JUDGE NORMAN R. STONE, III * ON
CJD 2012-014 * JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

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To: Judge Norman R. Stone, III
District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County
District 8
Towson, Maryland

CHARGES

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission on Judicial Disabilities (hereinafter the "Commission") has caused to be made and completed an investigation, through its Investigative Counsel, Steven P. Lemmey, of Judge Norman R. Stone, III (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Judge"), who was, at all pertinent times, a Judge of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County. The Commission notified Judge Stone of the nature of the investigation, and afforded the Judge an opportunity to present information bearing on the subject of the investigation.

The Commission has received and considered information from the investigation including: the Judge's response, the input of the Judge's legal counsel, the recommendation of Investigative Counsel, and the Report of the Judicial Inquiry Board. In consideration of the foregoing and a finding by the Commission of probable cause to believe that Judge Stone has committed sanctionable conduct, the Commission directed that Investigative Counsel initiate formal proceedings, pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-808(a), against Judge Stone.

The Commission will conduct a public hearing on these Charges pursuant to

Maryland Rule 16-808. The following facts form the basis for these Charges and the Commission's probable cause determination:

1. Judge Norman R. Stone, III serves as a Judge of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County, District 8.
2. Judge Stone has served as a District Court Judge for Baltimore County, Maryland since December 1998.
3. Judge Stone regularly sits in the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County in Essex, Maryland.
4. Based upon information received, the Commission's Investigative Counsel opened an investigation regarding Judge Stone's conduct while sitting in the District Court in Essex, Maryland between May 26, 2011 and February 2, 2012. The investigation was focused on cases in which Judge Stone made findings that individuals were in direct contempt of court.
5. Between May 26, 2011 and February 2, 2012, Judge Stone found twenty-four (24) people in direct contempt of court because it was alleged that their cell phones were turned on in the courtroom. The cell phones being in the "on" position, or being used in some form, allegedly violated Maryland Rule 16-110. Generally, those individuals were offered the option of paying \$150.00 before the end of the day, or serving ten (10) days in jail. Judge Stone found three (3) people in direct contempt of court for cell phone violations that allegedly occurred, not in his presence, but rather while the court was in recess.
6. Between May 26, 2011 and February 2, 2012, Judge Stone found four (4)

people in direct contempt of court for engaging in disruptive behavior by either slamming the courtroom door or engaging in other rude behavior while exiting the courtroom. None of these individuals were present in court for their own cases but rather, each was a relative of a defendant whose case had just been heard and decided by Judge Stone. The people found in contempt in this group of cases were sentenced to thirty (30) days at the Baltimore County Detention Center by Judge Stone. In one case, the person served approximately fifteen (15) days in jail before being released. In two other cases, individuals posted a \$100,000.00 corporate bond to satisfy the bond amount set by Judge Stone. They hired counsel in order to help them resolve the contempt findings.

7. Each of the contempt cases included in this investigation were transcribed for the Commission. A copy of the transcripts of each of the cases is attached hereto to this charging document and incorporated herein.
8. In all of the direct contempt cases reviewed by the Commission in this investigation, Judge Stone failed to comply with the requirements of the law and the Maryland Rules regarding finding of direct contempt and the summary imposition of sanctions.¹

¹The law of direct contempt and summary imposition of sanctions is set forth by the Maryland Court of Appeals and Maryland Rules in Usiak vs. State, 413 Md. 384, 993 A.2d 39, 46 (2010):

“A court may charge someone with direct contempt if the “contempt [was] committed in the presence of the judge presiding in court or so near to the judge as to interrupt the court’s proceedings.” Md. Rule 15-

9. Judge Stone's handling of all of the direct contempt cases that are attached was in violation of Rules 1.1, 1.2 (a) &)b), 2.2, 2.5(a) and 2.6(a) of the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct as found in Maryland Rule 16-813. The pertinent provisions of the Rules provide:

Rule 1.1. COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW

A judge shall comply with the law, including this Code of Judicial Conduct.

Rule 1.2. PROMOTING CONFIDENCE IN THE JUDICIARY

(a) A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary.

(b) A judge shall avoid conduct that would create in reasonable minds a perception of impropriety.

Rule 2.2. IMPARTIALITY AND FAIRNESS

A judge shall uphold and apply the law and shall perform all duties of judicial office impartially and fairly.

Rule 2.5. COMPETENCE, DILIGENCE, AND COOPERATION

(a) A judge shall perform judicial and administrative duties

202(b). A constructive contempt "means any contempt other than a direct contempt." Md. Rule 15-202(a).

The Rules permit the summary imposition of sanctions for direct contempt if

(1) the presiding judge has personally seen, heard, or otherwise directly perceived the conduct constituting the contempt and has personal knowledge of the identity of the person committing it, and (2) the contempt has interrupted the order of the court and interfered with the dignified conduct of the court's business.

Maryland Rule 15-203(a). Although permitted by the Rules, a summary proceeding should be an exceptional case. *King*, 400 Md. at 433, 929 A.2d at 177. Summary procedures are appropriate where "the conduct of the alleged contemnor poses an open, serious threat to orderly procedures that instant" *Id.*

competently, diligently, promptly, and without favoritism or nepotism.

Rule 2.6. ENSURING THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD

(a) A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or that person's lawyer, the right to be heard according to law.

10. All of Judge Stone's behavior with regard to the twenty-eight (28) contempt cases provides evidence of Judge Stone's engaging in conduct that was prejudicial to the proper administration of justice in Maryland Courts pursuant to the Maryland Constitution, Article IV, Section 4B(b)(1).

These Charges, as authorized by the Commission on Judicial Disabilities, are issued by Investigative Counsel.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

Date: _____

Steven P. Lemmey
Investigative Counsel

NOTICE: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT, PURSUANT TO RULE 16-808(c) OF THE MARYLAND RULES, TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS COMPLAINT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS NOTICE UPON YOU. AN ORIGINAL AND ELEVEN (11) LEGIBLE COPIES OF THE RESPONSE ARE REQUIRED. THE RESPONSE SHOULD BE SENT TO: THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES, 100 COMMUNITY PLACE, SUITE 1.510, CROWNSVILLE, MARYLAND 21032.

Attachments:

1. List of all 28 cases
2. Transcripts of the relevant portions of the cases listed in item 1 above.

Stacia Coleman - case #SP7741-2011 heard on October 13, 2011
Kiera Worsley - case #SP7854 -2011 heard on November 2, 2011
Jenny Lloyd - case #SP7860-2011 heard on November 3, 2011
Vernon Hudson - case #SP7894-2011 heard on November 9, 2011
Karen Shabbazz - case #SP7893-2011 heard on November 9, 2011
Alfonso Conway - case #SP7892-2011 heard on November 9, 2011
Dawn Forez - case #SP7943 -2011 heard on November 16, 2011
Garrett Harris - case #SP7855 -2011 heard on November 21, 2011
Asia Rufus - case #SP7973-2011 heard on November 23, 2011
Sheena Goode - case #SP7969 -2011 heard on November 23, 2011
Joseph Davis - case #SP7972 -2011 heard on November 23, 2011
Carol George - case #SP8147-2011 heard on December 8, 2011
Jessica Walter - case #SP8146 -2011 heard December 8, 2011
Alexandra Wozniak - case #SP8145 -2011 heard on December 8, 2011
Adrian Jones - case #SP8176 -2011 heard on December 14, 2011
Ahmad Gray - case #SP556-2012 heard on January 11, 2012
Amin Richards - case #SP553 -2012 heard on January 11, 2012
Jelisa Foster - case #SP552-2012 heard on January 11, 2012
Daniel Mosley - case #0804SP006032012 heard on January 25, 2012
Joseph Davis, Jr. - case #SP613-2012 heard on January 26, 2012
Nicholas Cotton - case #SP614-2012 heard on January 26, 2012
Amber Brown - case #SP662-2012 heard on February 2, 2012
Dominic Williams - case #SP651- 2012 heard on February 2, 2012
Katrina Bodette - case #SP755 -2012 heard on February 22, 2012
Trea Powell - case #SP3907-2011 heard on May 26, 2011
Karen Fitchett - case #SP3978-2011 heard on June 9, 2011
Erica Wiley - case #SP7658-2011 heard on September 22, 2011
Gabrielle Murray - case #3C00343503 heard on December 21, 2011
Brian Murray - case #0804SP085092011 heard on December 21, 2011

PROCEEDINGS

State v. Coleman Case No: SP7741-2011

October 13, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Let me take care of

Ms. Coleman. I can't keep her sitting here all day, so I'll ask you to stand back for just a minute. I'll ask you to stand back for just a minute. You might want to take your paperwork with you.

Ms. Coleman, please come to the trial table. Ms. Coleman, I've already found you in contempt of court. I'll offer you the same thing I offered the other person and that is a 400 dollar fine or 15 days in jail.

DEFENDANT: I'll pay the 400 dollars.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right, ma'am, you'll get paper work on that shortly. Please don't leave the building until it's taken care of, okay?

DEFENDANT: Okay.

JUDGE STONE: Okay, thank you.

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Lynne Livingston

Notary Public

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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Worsley Case No: SP7854-2011

November 2, 2011

JUDGE STONE: And Miss Worsley and Mr. Harris, you can remain standing right over there. Miss Worsley, I've been thinking about this because the whole cell phone issue is relatively new, I want to make sure I'm being consistent with what I'm doing so I'm going to offer you a choice, I'll suspend the 10 days upon payment of a fine by four o'clock today of 150 dollars, at which time you'll get your phone back, or you can serve the 10 days. So you tell me.

DEFENDANT WORSLEY: I'll pay.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. And how about you, Mr. Harris?

DEFENDANT HARRIS: I'll pay, too.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. Now listen, I'm sorry to do this but if I don't draw a line then everybody's going to be texting and talking and

1 the courtroom will just be an unmanageable place,
2 so.

3 All right, the fine is due by four
4 o'clock today. You get your phone back when the
5 fine's paid. Failure to pay the fine will result
6 in a warrant and you'll serve the 10 days. Okay?

7 DEFENDANT: All right. Thank you.

8 CLERK: Both of you wait outside court
9 because you'll have paperwork.

10 JUDGE STONE: We can go back off the
11 record for now.

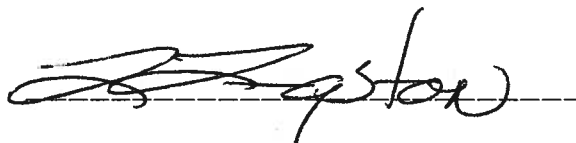
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State v. Lloyd Case No: SP7860-2011

November 3, 2011

JUDGE STONE: With a phone. Ma'am, were you in the courtroom when I made my --

DEFENDANT: I wasn't. I thought I had it off but obviously I'll have to contribute a donation.

JUDGE STONE: Well yes, ma'am. It looks like it's going to be 150 dollars and then you can get your phone back.

DEFENDANT: Not a problem. Not a problem.

JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry.

DEFENDANT: I understand completely.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right. I'll draw up the paperwork in a minute. I've got the form that I'll fill out.

DEFENDANT: I knew that phone was going to get me.

JUDGE STONE: Take care of that. Okay.

1 Well, I appreciate your attitude towards it and
2 please wait in the hallway for your paperwork.
3 Good luck. I hope you stay clean.

4 Ma'am, I don't have your name. It's
5 going to be hard for me to do this without the
6 name and then --

7 DEFENDANT: Oh, I'm sorry. My name's
8 Jenny Lloyd.

9 JUDGE STONE: Pardon me?

10 DEFENDANT: Jenny Lloyd.

11 JUDGE STONE: Jenny Lloyd. Okay. All
12 right, I'll try to get that filled out as soon as
13 possible but I got to get the form from in the
14 back. That's fine. Jenny Lynne Lloyd. She's
15 going to pay the fine. You can give that right
16 back to her. Okay.

17 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)

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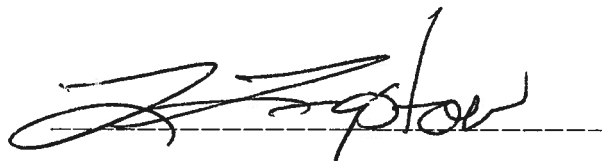
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1 State v. Vernon Hudson Case No: SP7894-2011

2 November 9, 2011

3 JUDGE STONE: Sir, be quiet, please.

4 DEFENDANT: I apologize. I was --

5 JUDGE STONE: Well, I'll give you a
6 hearing in a moment but you don't get to just
7 pipe up whenever you feel like it.

8 DEFENDANT: I'm sorry.

9 JUDGE STONE: That is definitely a photo
10 taken of the inside of this courtroom.

11 DEFENDANT: No, no, I --

12 JUDGE STONE: Sir, please be quiet. I
13 don't want to have to send you to jail for
14 another reason.

15 DEFENDANT: Okay, I apologize.

16 JUDGE STONE: Now we do have, it's
17 Mr. Hudson, right?

18 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 JUDGE STONE: Okay. We have
20 Mr. Hudson's case pending.
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1 STATE'S ATTORNEY: Yes, your Honor,
2 calling for trial today, but your Honor, I called
3 my witness out in the hallway and when you were
4 kind enough to give me a recess my witness is on
5 their way and told me 20 minutes when I made that
6 phone call, if your Honor's inclined to give the
7 state more time for the witness to come in.

8 JUDGE STONE: And when did you make the
9 call?

10 STATE'S ATTORNEY: I made the call
11 during the recess, your Honor. I was unable to
12 get in touch prior to the court date for
13 whatever --

14 JUDGE STONE: Okay, so your witness is
15 coming from where?

16 STATE'S ATTORNEY: He did not inform me
17 where. He just said he was 20 minutes from the
18 Essex courthouse and was on his way.

19 JUDGE STONE: Okay, and was going to
20 leave immediately?

21 STATE'S ATTORNEY: That's what he

1 informed me and that's what I told him to do of
2 course.

3 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Mr. Hudson, we're
4 going to take care of your contempt hearing right
5 now then with regard to the telephone. Please
6 step up behind that table.

7 Mr. Hudson, I'm going to give you an
8 opportunity at this point to say whatever you
9 think is important with regard to why you had
10 your telephone out taking pictures --

11 DEFENDANT: No, okay, sir --

12 JUDGE STONE: And don't yell at me.

13 DEFENDANT: Okay, I apologize. No, I
14 never -- it was in my hand the whole time and all
15 I, when you touch it, if you look at the top
16 button, there's a camera, a camera but, no sir, I
17 was just -- I was biting my nails. I wasn't
18 taking no pictures. The camera is on the side.

19 JUDGE STONE: Sir, you took a picture.
20 It's on your phone.

21 DEFENDANT: No, I mean it wasn't

1 intentional. Because the camera, because if you
2 look at the phone the camera button's on the side
3 because I was nervous and biting my fingernails.

4 JUDGE STONE: Why wasn't it off?

5 DEFENDANT: Uh?

6 JUDGE STONE: Why wasn't it --

7 DEFENDANT: No, I turned the volume
8 off. The volume was off --

9 JUDGE STONE: No, I didn't say volume, I
10 said turn the phone off. That was part of my
11 opening speech, that all cell phones and other
12 electronic devices must be turned off.

13 DEFENDANT: I mean I thought once you
14 turn the thing -- I thought when you turn the
15 thing down, it wasn't intentional, I was just
16 nervous and it was in my hand. It was in my hand
17 the whole time. It was in my hand the whole
18 time. It wasn't no offense, sir. It was in my
19 hand the whole time. I was biting my --

20 JUDGE STONE: I find you in contempt of
21 court. The sentence is either 10 days in the

1 Baltimore County Detention Center or a 150 dollar
2 fine payable by four o'clock today. The phone
3 will remain in the custody of --

4 First of all, you're going to erase that
5 picture. Then second, the phone will remain in
6 the custody of the bailiffs until either the 10
7 days is served or the fine is paid.

8 DEFENDANT: Can I have, could I get
9 to --

10 JUDGE STONE: It's due today, sir, four
11 o'clock. Now we'll deal with the trial as soon
12 as the state's witness appears.

13 (Off the record)

14 JUDGE STONE: Okay, Mr. Hudson, please
15 have a seat until we're ready to try your case
16 and I'll be back out as soon as we are.

17 DEFENDANT: Excuse me, I'm going to
18 trial today?

19 JUDGE STONE: Yes, sir.

20 DEFENDANT: Why?

21 JUDGE STONE: Today's your trial date.

1 DEFENDANT: I mean do I have -- do I
2 have -- I thought you said I have a choice of --

3 JUDGE STONE: Well, do you intend to
4 request a jury trial?

5 DEFENDANT: Yes.

6 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Well, did you tell
7 anybody that you were going to do that?

8 DEFENDANT: No, I mean, I don't -- I
9 don't, I don't know what's going -- I have no
10 idea.

11 JUDGE STONE: So you intend to ask for a
12 jury trial?

13 DEFENDANT: . I get -- I have to.

14 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Then you're
15 requesting a jury trial. I'll ask you to please
16 stand where you are, stand behind the table until
17 you sign your summons and then I guess we need to
18 get you to erase that photograph in the presence
19 of our bailiff.

20 DEFENDANT: There was a photograph
21 taken?

1 JUDGE STONE: Pardon?

2 DEFENDANT: You said there's a
3 photograph on there?

4 JUDGE STONE: Yes, sir, there's a
5 photograph of our courtroom.

6 DEFENDANT: I mean because the camera
7 button's on the side. I had it in my hand the
8 whole time.

9 JUDGE STONE: Sir, we've past that.
10 We're already beyond that. You need, you need to
11 erase the picture and then we'll give you your
12 phone back upon payment of the 150 dollars or
13 service of 10 days in jail. And if it's not paid
14 by four o'clock today it will be 10 days in jail
15 because I'll issue a warrant. It's all explained
16 to you in the paperwork that you'll receive in a
17 couple of minutes, okay?

18 I'm going to stand down. I need to get,
19 I'm just going to have to keep a pile of contempt
20 forms on the bench.

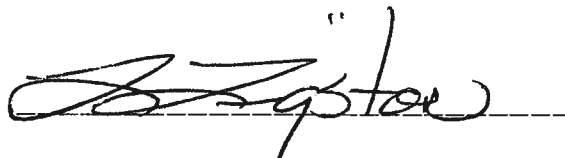
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Shabbazz Case No: SP7893-2011

November 9, 2011

STATE'S ATTORNEY: 16303-H of the
citation ending in 49, upon a finding of guilt
State will nolle pros the balance and the State
is recommending a probation before judgment.

JUDGE STONE: All right. Ms. Shabbazz,
this took place on -- this took place on August
2nd, 2011 on Rolling Mill Road. The charge is
driving on a suspended license. The maximum
penalty is two months in jail and a 500 dollar
fine. How do you plead guilty or not guilty?

DEFENDANT: Guilty.

JUDGE STONE: Has anyone made any
promises, threats or other inducements to you in
exchange for your guilty plea?

DEFENDANT: No.

JUDGE STONE: And do you understand the
rights that you're giving up by pleading guilty?

DEFENDANT: Yes, sort of.

1 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Then the verdict's
2 guilty. Now, do you want to say anything?

3 DEFENDANT: First, I'd like to apologize
4 for, in the beginning I was a little nervous and
5 upset because I was, I did get a little
6 misinformation as to my, how this even -- I got
7 in this pickle first starting off by them
8 thinking that it's two people with my same name
9 but the addresses were different.

10 And I think originally that what she was
11 probably explaining to me that night was that
12 originally my summons may have went to the other
13 lady's address, she said. But you have to, you
14 know, find it out and explain it in court. I
15 guess, you know, she probably was basically
16 saying you have to prove that, but we do have,
17 you know.

18 And I was just getting like mixed up
19 about it and this is my first time ever dealing
20 with this so I guess I was just a little, you
21 know, nervous, as well as being misinformed.

1 So I do apologize to you and, you know,
2 glad I can just get this matter straightened out
3 and get my license, you know, back together.

4 JUDGE STONE: All right. Is there
5 anything else you'd like to say?

6 DEFENDANT: And thanks for hearing me
7 out. Thank you.

8 JUDGE STONE: That's my job.

9 DEFENDANT: Okay.

10 JUDGE STONE: State's attorney?

11 STATE'S ATTORNEY: Your Honor, the
12 failure to appear, the ticket was a failing to
13 display a license which was paid on August 15th,
14 2011. The defendant has no other contacts with
15 the MVA, is valid, 0 points.

16 JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right. I'll
17 grant probation before judgment, no points, one
18 year of unsupervised probation, just pay the
19 court costs.

20 And now we have the other matter with
21 the phone.

1 DEFENDANT: I was trying to turn it off
2 and he saw -- I didn't see the sign that says
3 turn -- I got a buzz from it vibrating. I went
4 to go turn it off and he had saw me and he asked
5 for my phone. I was trying to cut it off. It
6 was on vibrate.

7 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, it was supposed to
8 be off.

9 DEFENDANT: Right. I didn't know.
10 Yeah, and I didn't know. I didn't realize it
11 until I was sitting in here after the fact and
12 when it buzzed I went to turn it off and he saw
13 me and asked for my phone.

14 JUDGE STONE: Actually my bailiff saw
15 you texting.

16 DEFENDANT: I never texted. I went to
17 look at it because my phone buzzed and I was
18 turning it off.

19 JUDGE STONE: We can tell the difference
20 between texting.

21 DEFENDANT: I was never texting, sir. I

1 swear if you roll back any film you have in here
2 you will see I wasn't texting.

3 JUDGE STONE: I don't have any, I don't
4 have any film in here, but I do have --

5 DEFENDANT: I was looking to turn it off
6 when I heard it buzz.

7 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, I do have my
8 bailiff's word, and I believe him.

9 DEFENDANT: Okay.

10 JUDGE STONE: So I do find you in
11 contempt of court the sentence is 10 days
12 Baltimore County Detention Center or a fine of
13 150 dollars payable by four o'clock today. You
14 can take your pick.

15 DEFENDANT: I'll see if I can get some
16 money. I don't have any money on me so I have
17 till four o'clock, so I'll call someone.

18 JUDGE STONE: If you're not able to get
19 it I'm going to issue a warrant. It'll all be
20 explained to you in the paperwork.

21 DEFENDANT: This is terrible. This is

1 just a nightmare.

2 JUDGE STONE: And you'll get your phone
3 back upon either completion of the 10 days or
4 payment of the fine. All right, please wait in
5 the hallway for your paperwork.

6 DEFENDANT: This is a nightmare
7 (inaudible.)

8 JUDGE STONE: Excuse me, ma'am, come
9 back.

10 DEFENDANT: Uh?

11 JUDGE STONE: Come back, ma'am. You
12 don't get to mumble on the way out. If you have
13 things --

14 DEFENDANT: No, I'm just talking to
15 myself though saying it's a nightmare.

16 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, ma'am.

17 DEFENDANT: Gosh, I can't believe this
18 is happening.

19 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, you seem to not
20 understand that you're in a public place and that
21 we are doing business here and that it's not --

1 DEFENDANT: It --

2 JUDGE STONE: And that it's not just all
3 about you.

4 DEFENDANT: I'm sorry. I was just
5 saying it's a nightmare. I can't believe this is
6 happening.

7 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, you can't think
8 that in your head so as not to disturb the rest
9 of us?

10 DEFENDANT: Okay, I'm sorry. I
11 apologize, sir. I apologize.

12 JUDGE STONE: So you're unable to think
13 that in your head instead of saying it out loud
14 so that we can't proceed with the court until
15 you're done talking?

16 DEFENDANT: No, I'm sorry. I didn't
17 mean to disrespect you. I was just talking out
18 loud.

19 JUDGE STONE: Well, it's not
20 disrespecting me, you're disrespecting the folks
21 sitting in the courtroom because you're saying

1 that their business isn't as important as your
2 business and that they have to wait until you're
3 darn good and ready to stop talking. And that's,
4 I just find that to be reprehensible.

5 Now please, I'll give you one more
6 chance to turn around and walk out quietly. I
7 can, I mean you can think anything you want of me
8 and you can say anything you want about me once
9 you're outside these doors because it's not going
10 to disturb any court proceedings. I have thick
11 skin, I can take it, but when we have court going
12 on you don't have the right to do that. I'm
13 sorry, please step out.

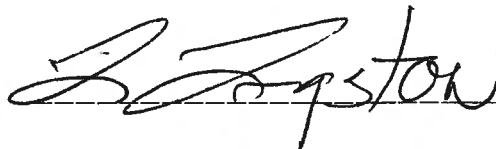
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Conway Case No: SP7892-2011

November 9, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Mr. Conway is here. Let me take care of Mr. Conway before I call this trial.

Mr. Conway, I have a standing order that, you know, there are signs out in the hallway and I'm not trying to give you a hard time.

DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

JUDGE STONE: I'm just explaining why I'm getting ready to do what I'm getting ready to do. And I make an announcement first thing when I come on the bench about the cell phones and all that. And the reason behind it is if I let everybody use their phones, and text and all that kind of thing in court, it's just going to be mayhem.

DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

JUDGE STONE: So it's taken me awhile to

1 refine what I think I ought to do. Basically a
2 violation of my directive is contempt of court.
3 Now the sanction is either ten days in jail or
4 150 dollar fine. I'll let you pick it.

5 DEFENDANT: The 150 dollar fine.

6 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Once you pay that
7 you get your phone back.

8 DEFENDANT: Okay.

9 JUDGE STONE: Okay? And we'll give you
10 paperwork for that if you'll wait in the
11 hallway. I'm sorry to take your money from you
12 but I have to do something to kind of stem the
13 tide here.

14 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 JUDGE STONE: Okay. When he pays it,
16 shows you the receipt, then he gets his phone
17 back.

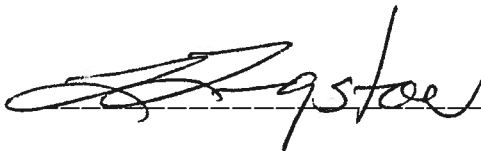
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Forez Case No: SP7943-2011

November 16, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Ms. Forez, up front

please. Please stand behind that table. When I walked out for the first time this afternoon I gave a little talk to everyone about cell phones and pagers need to be turned off, and there are signs all through the building, and yet despite that you were texting in the back of the courtroom. Now I'm required by law to give you a chance to explain yourself so now is it.

DEFENDANT: Okay. Well, I was not in here when you explained that to everyone.

JUDGE STONE: Why not?

DEFENDANT: I'm not a defendant, so.

JUDGE STONE: All right. Well, I can't make the speech every five minutes so if you missed it, you missed it. But there are signs posted.

DEFENDANT: I was just checking my phone

1 and was ready to turn it off. I actually went to
2 the car to get my phone.

3 JUDGE STONE: No, you were texting
4 something. There's something about at Eastpoint
5 Mall in the text box.

6 DEFENDANT: Well, I mean, I don't know
7 what to say. I got caught, so.

8 JUDGE STONE: You did, you got caught.

9 DEFENDANT: Got caught.

10 JUDGE STONE: Okay. I find you in
11 contempt of court. The sentence is either 10
12 days in jail or a fine of 150 dollars payable by
13 four o'clock today. Upon service of the 10 days
14 or payment of the fine you will receive your
15 phone back and not until then. If the fine is
16 not paid by four o'clock today I'll issue a
17 warrant for your arrest and when you're caught,
18 you'll serve the 10 days. You do have 30 days to
19 appeal this decision.

20 DEFENDANT: Do I get my phone back?

21 JUDGE STONE: After you pay, as I just

1 said if you --

2 DEFENDANT: All right, if I write a
3 check right now and go pay, can I have my phone?

4 JUDGE STONE: Stop, cut the attitude
5 otherwise I'll find you in contempt further and
6 we can just raise the fine or raise the jail
7 sentence. So you can just lose the attitude.
8 You can go have a seat for awhile until you
9 decide you're going to present proper attitude in
10 public and then I'll bring you back up.

11 (Whereupon, the hearing was suspended.)

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State v. Forez Case No: SP7943-2011

November 16, 2011

JUDGE STONE: All right, Ms. Forez, a couple of things. Number one, I sat you down because your attitude was going to get you in trouble and I wanted to give you a chance to cool down.

Number two, my bailiff tells me you were here when I made the statement today, so do you want to revise your --

DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I promise you I wasn't. I was eating a hot dog.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right. Well, I've already told you what my decision is. It's either 10 days in jail or a fine of 150 dollars by four o'clock today. I think the clerk's office will take a check. You'll have to check with them. Okay. Once, if the fine gets paid by four o'clock today you get your phone back, if not, you get locked up. All right?

1 And we'll have that paperwork for you
2 shortly so just wait out in the hallway. Don't
3 leave, because otherwise that could be a real
4 problem for you.

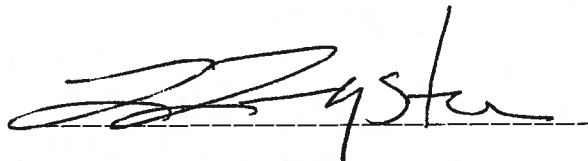
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2 State v. Harris Case No: SP7855-2011

3 November 21, 2011

4 JUDGE STONE: Cell phone issue then I'm
5 going to take care of the Wolf versus Wezel
6 (phonetic) case and then I'll take care of the
7 balance of the docket.

8 All right, let's have the people who
9 were using, allegedly using their cell phones
10 stand up at the table to your left. I was told
11 there were three

12 CLERK: I think one is outside.

13 JUDGE STONE: Bear with me for a
14 second. Okay. So we have two people, Tom,
15 that --

16 THE CLERK: I don't know who that
17 attorney was talking about.

18 JUDGE STONE: Okay. But these two
19 folks, you've got their cell phones?

20 THE CLERK: Yes.

21 JUDGE STONE: Can you tell me what, just

1 come on up and just let me know what led you to
2 confiscate them and then I'll take it from
3 there.

4 BAILIFF: This gentleman here was
5 scrolling through the phone and then put it back
6 in his pocket and I went over and told him to let
7 me have the phone and he pulled it out and it was
8 still on. He said he was trying to turn it off.

9 JUDGE STONE: You saw him scrolling.
10 How about her?

11 BAILIFF: She was texting.

12 JUDGE STONE: Texting?

13 DEFENDANT: I didn't have my phone in my
14 hand at all.

15 JUDGE STONE: All right. Now your name
16 again, ma'am? I know you were just before me.

17 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: It's Kiera Worsley.

18 JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry, Kiera?

19 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: Worsley, W-O-R --

20 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Okay. Your name,
21 sir?

1 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Garret Harris.

2 JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear
3 you.

4 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Garret Harris.

5 JUDGE STONE: Garret Harris?

6 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Yes.

7 JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right.

8 Ms. Worsley, you want to tell me why you were
9 texting on your phone after I made the
10 announcement not to use cell phones and they were
11 to be turned off in the courtroom?

12 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: All right. You made
13 that clear. I wasn't texting at all. I didn't
14 even have my phone out at all. It was in my
15 purse.

16 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, I don't think these
17 folks would make that up?

18 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: You saw me on my
19 phone?

20 JUDGE STONE: Mr. Bailiff, this lady
21 says she didn't pull her phone out.

1 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: Yeah, it was in my
2 purse the entire time bailiff: (Inaudible.)

3 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Ma'am, I believe my
4 bailiff.

5 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: Right, I understand.

6 JUDGE STONE: He doesn't go around just
7 taking people's phones for the fun of it.

8 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: Because I had my
9 purse in my hand and I might have brushed my hand
10 like this, the whole time, I was kind of pacing
11 back and forth because I have to use the
12 restroom, but I wasn't on the phone at all.

13 JUDGE STONE: You were pacing back and
14 forth, where at?

15 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: No, I was kind of
16 shifting back and forth because I have to use the
17 bathroom really bad.

18 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, my bailiff knows
19 the difference, now please don't lie to me.

20 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: Right. No, no, I
21 wouldn't.

1 JUDGE STONE: Were you using your phone
2 or were you not?

3 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: No, I swear because
4 my hands was like this the entire time that I was
5 in here, so.

6 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, my bailiff that has
7 more important things to do than take people's
8 phones from them when --

9 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: No --

10 JUDGE STONE: Excuse me. When they're
11 not doing anything wrong so I don't believe that
12 he would tell me that that's the case if it
13 weren't. I've known this gentleman for probably,
14 I don't know, what, 25, 30 years and I don't
15 think that he would lie to me just to snatch one
16 cell phone that he doesn't really care that much
17 about in the first place.

18 So I'll give you one more chance to
19 explain a why you were texting after I made the
20 announcement.

21 DEFENDANT WORSLEY: I don't really have

1 much to say, I had my things in my hand but, if
2 you saw, I apologize if you saw me texting but I
3 really wasn't.

4 JUDGE STONE: All right, ma'am, 10 days
5 Baltimore County Detention Center. Please have a
6 seat. All right, Mr. Harris, your turn.

7 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Yeah, I had just
8 walked in and I was turning it off. I wasn't
9 turning it off I silenced it. That's why you
10 saw --

11 JUDGE STONE: My announcement said turn
12 it off.

13 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Well, I wasn't in
14 here for that.

15 JUDGE STONE: Well, you should have
16 been.

17 DEFENDANT HARRIS: I'd just walked in.

18 JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry, I can't help
19 that people walk in and out when they feel like
20 it. There are signs out front too saying turn
21 off your cell phones in the courtroom.

1 DEFENDANT HARRIS: Right. I was just
2 sitting out there, you know, and I just came in.

3 JUDGE STONE: Right, but you were here
4 and we have specific rules about the use of
5 electronic devices in the courtroom and there are
6 reasons for those rules. Anything else?

7 DEFENDANT HARRIS: No, that was it.

8 JUDGE STONE: Ten days Baltimore County
9 Detention Center, beginning today. Please have a
10 seat. I'll draw up the commitments and the
11 orders in a few moments. Do we have anything
12 else that we can do quickly?

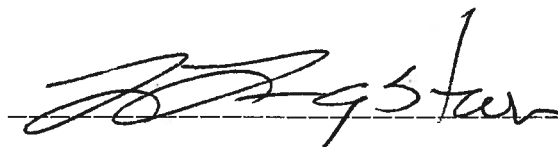
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Rufus Case No: SP7973-2011

November 23, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Asia Rufus, hello.

DEFENDANT: Hello.

JUDGE STONE: Now ma'am, we have two issues with you. You weren't trying to turn your phone off, you were checking it. There are signs through the courthouse saying turn your phone off before you go in the courtroom.

DEFENDANT: I was -- my -- I was -- my phone had vibrated and I was turning it off.

JUDGE STONE: You weren't turning it off.

DEFENDANT: Not off, silent, I'm talking about on silent.

JUDGE STONE: You weren't turning it off, you were looking at it to see what it was. I watched you, and then you put it back in your pocket still on.

DEFENDANT: I know. I was turning, I

1 was going to turn it on silent. You got to press
2 the button on the side to turn the phone on
3 silent.

4 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Well, you're
5 supposed to turn it off. I mean there are signs
6 in the courthouse, correct, that say turn your
7 cell phone off before you go in the courtroom.

8 DEFENDANT: I was, I didn't even see
9 that.

10 JUDGE STONE: Both of the doors, both of
11 the doors tell you that. You know and -- okay.
12 Well, you're here today it because you didn't pay
13 your court costs. Have you paid them?

14 DEFENDANT: I was trying to but they
15 told -- it was getting eleven o'clock so I wanted
16 to come in here.

17 JUDGE STONE: Even up till now you still
18 haven't paid them?

19 DEFENDANT: I told, I wrote -- the lady
20 told me to fill out the paper and ask if I can
21 wait till I got paid, but I had the papers sent

1 back saying that I couldn't wait till I got paid.

2 JUDGE STONE: You got a paper back
3 saying what?

4 DEFENDANT: It was denied.

5 JUDGE STONE: Right.

6 DEFENDANT: But there was no way I
7 could --

8 JUDGE STONE: I let you -- you were
9 found guilty of a theft and I gave you a break by
10 not giving you a criminal record, letting you
11 walk out and I didn't even fine you. I just had
12 you pay court costs and you didn't do that.

13 DEFENDANT: I was, I didn't have the
14 money for it.

15 JUDGE STONE: Do you have the money
16 now?

17 DEFENDANT: Yes.

18 JUDGE STONE: All right. Go pay it and
19 come back with a receipt, okay?

20 DEFENDANT: Okay.

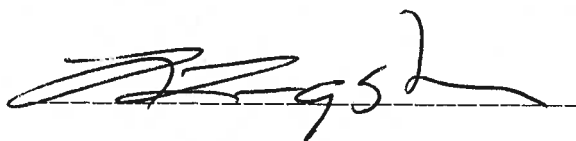
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Goode Case No: SP7969-2011

November 23, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Okay, the lady over there who had the phone issue. Please stand behind the table. Name please?

DEFENDANT: Sheena Goode.

JUDGE STONE: Okay, what were you here for today?

DEFENDANT: I was assaulted.

JUDGE STONE: So you were a State's witness?

DEFENDANT: Yes.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. Now were you here when I came out this morning?

DEFENDANT: Yes.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. So you heard me talk about the phones?

DEFENDANT: It was a misunderstanding.

JUDGE STONE: Well, what did you misunderstand?

1 DEFENDANT: Well, due to my case --
2 well, the girls were sitting like right next to
3 me and they were making comments so I was going
4 to leave out to use my phone --

5 JUDGE STONE: And you couldn't do that?

6 DEFENDANT: Because I came by myself and
7 I was, and I'm going through a lot of, like
8 counseling and different things like that and I
9 didn't feel comfortable, so I was about to go use
10 my phone during the recess. So when you came
11 back I didn't have time to go use it so I just
12 put it up. It fell out of my pocket.

13 JUDGE STONE: I was on recess for like
14 20 minutes.

15 DEFENDANT: Right, and that's when they
16 started talking around that time.

17 JUDGE STONE: Right.

18 DEFENDANT: Towards the end of it and I
19 felt uncomfortable.

20 JUDGE STONE: So how did the phone end
21 up being turned on?

1 DEFENDANT: When I was about to leave
2 out I cut it on so when you came back I didn't
3 want to be fooling around with it so I just put
4 it in my pocket.

5 JUDGE STONE: Mr. Bailiff, can you tell
6 me what you saw?

7 BAILIFF: What I saw is she had the
8 phone out, she was looking at it down here. I
9 told her to come here, she attempted to conceal
10 it when I told her to get --

11 JUDGE STONE: Yeah, I saw all of that.

12 DEFENDANT: It hit the, it hit the bench
13 when I sat down.

14 JUDGE STONE: Please, I didn't ask you
15 to butt in when I was listening to my bailiff.
16 Okay. Spell your name for me please.

17 DEFENDANT: S-H-E-E-N-A, G-O-O-D-E.

18 JUDGE STONE: Sheena, S-H-E-N-A?

19 DEFENDANT: E-E-N-A.

20 JUDGE STONE: S-H-E-E-N-A. Last name?

21 DEFENDANT: Goode.

1 JUDGE STONE: G-O-O-D?

2 DEFENDANT: With an E.

3 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Ma'am, I'm sorry
4 but the rules are what they are. We have them
5 for a reason and I find you in contempt. The
6 sentence is 10 days or you can pay a fine of 150
7 dollars by today at four o'clock. If that's paid
8 you get your phone back, if not I issue a
9 warrant.

10 DEFENDANT: You said 500?

11 JUDGE STONE: By four o'clock today.

12 DEFENDANT: It was really a
13 misunderstanding.

14 JUDGE STONE: Well, you know, I really
15 am pretty clear about it when I come out so there
16 really shouldn't be any misunderstandings.
17 That's my decision.

18 DEFENDANT: Okay.

19 JUDGE STONE: Okay.

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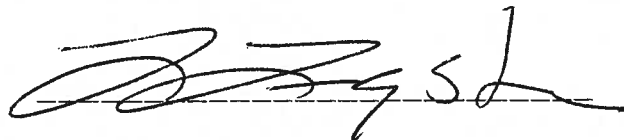
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State v. Davis Case No: SP7972-2011

November 23, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Mr. Davis, you are --
raise your right hand, first of all.

(Whereupon, the witness was sworn.)

JUDGE STONE: You don't have to bend
over. State your name for me, please.

DEFENDANT: Joseph G. Davis.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. And that's a Jr.?

DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

JUDGE STONE: And date of birth?

DEFENDANT: 10/21/1965, sir.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. And you live at 104
South Haven Street?

Defendant: That's my mailing address I
use. I'm currently homeless.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. Mr. Davis, all
around the courthouse there are signs saying turn
off your phone in the courtroom. There's one on
the door, there's one out front, and when I came

1 in this morning I made the same statement I
2 always make to everybody and that is if you have
3 a cell phone or anything resembling a cell phone,
4 it needs to be turned off now, check it, not
5 standby, not vibrate, not battery conservation
6 mode but off. And then I tell everybody what the
7 penalties are going to be if your phone is being
8 used in the courtroom.

9 And yours went off in the courtroom and
10 basically interrupted a hearing. So I do find
11 you in contempt of court. For that I'm required
12 to give you an opportunity to explain, so this is
13 your opportunity.

14 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

15 JUDGE STONE: You don't have to bend
16 over.

17 DEFENDANT: I walked into court. I'm
18 well aware of the laws that state that you have
19 to turn your phone off and I did turn my phone
20 off, sir. And I actually took my cap off before
21 I walked in your courtroom.

1 And I don't, for unknown reasons it
2 might have juggled around in my pocket and may
3 have hit the button but I do apologize, sir. I
4 made sure that the phone was off. I'm well aware
5 of the law.

6 JUDGE STONE: Sir, you know, people tell
7 me that it accidentally, their phone accidentally
8 goes on. I mean I have a phone. We all have
9 phones. I've never had mine ever go on on me.
10 I've had it accidentally dial before, you know,
11 like my stepdaughters call that butt dialing.
12 But you know, I've had calls from them where
13 there's nobody on the other end and when I see
14 them later I say, well, why did you call me and
15 didn't talk? Oh, I must've butt dialed you.

16 But be that as it may, it's your
17 responsibility. I can't have that in my
18 courtroom. The sentence is 10 days Baltimore
19 County Detention Center and you can either do
20 that or pay a fine today of 150 dollars. It has
21 to be paid by four o'clock. If it's paid, you

1 get your phone back, if not then we issue a
2 warrant. I'm sorry to do this but I don't know
3 any other way to enforce this but to just enforce
4 it.

5 Okay. We have one more.

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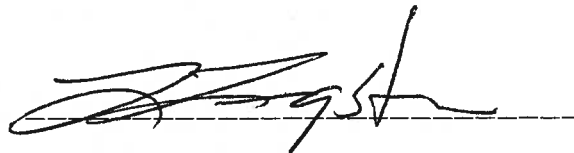
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. George Case No: SP8147-2011

December 8, 2011

JUDGE STONE: So let's have Ms. George up here please. Stand behind the table.

Ms. George, I find you in contempt. I heard your phone make noise --

DEFENDANT: No, sir, that was my toy --

JUDGE STONE: Excuse me, but let me finish.

DEFENDANT: I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

JUDGE STONE: Your phone is turned on so that right there is a violation of the instructions that I gave and that's printed on the doors before you came in. And you headed out the door. My bailiff tried to take the phone from you. He's under orders to do that.

DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

JUDGE STONE: And you tried to grab it back and you actually dug your nails into his hand when you did that.

1 DEFENDANT: I did not mean that. I
2 apologize to him.

3 JUDGE STONE: Now you want to tell me
4 why this phone is on instead of off?

5 DEFENDANT: My sister, we're late for
6 her fiance's court date. I still have my belt
7 buckle and everything. My phone did not go off,
8 sir, it was the toy that's in my pocketbook. I
9 was walking out the door because I was trying to
10 turn it off. And I know you're not even allowed
11 to have it shown in here. That's what I was
12 trying to do, sir. It wasn't ringing.

13 JUDGE STONE: Why didn't you turn it off
14 before you came in?

15 DEFENDANT: Because we were rushing.
16 And she's like, come on, I need you, I need you.

17 I'm sorry, your Honor. I promise I was
18 not on my phone. It was a toy, my nephew's toy.

19 JUDGE STONE: Let me have your complete
20 name, please.

21 DEFENDANT: I'm sorry?

1 JUDGE STONE: Your complete name.

2 DEFENDANT: Carol George.

3 JUDGE STONE: C-A-R-O-L?

4 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

5 JUDGE STONE: Your address?

6 DEFENDANT: 7848 Americana Circle,
7 Apartment 102, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21060.

8 JUDGE STONE: All right, ma'am. I'm
9 imposing 10 days in the Baltimore County
10 Detention Center or you can pay a fine of 150
11 dollars by today at four o'clock. Once you do
12 one of those, the phone will be returned to you.
13 If you do neither of those I will issue a warrant
14 for your arrest.

15 DEFENDANT: You said today by four
16 o'clock?

17 JUDGE STONE: Yes, ma'am.

18 DEFENDANT: What time is it now, sir?

19 JUDGE STONE: It is ten minutes to 3:00.

20 DEFENDANT: Okay. I will pay the fine
21 today.

1 JUDGE STONE: Well, that's fine, you do
2 that and then you'll be free to get your phone
3 back.

4 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

5 JUDGE STONE: All right.

6 DEFENDANT: Do I have to come here to
7 pay?

8 JUDGE STONE: Yes, ma'am.

9 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Walter Case No: SP8146-2011

December 8, 2011

JUDGE STONE: All right, next is Miss Walter. Miss Walter, let me have your complete name, please.

DEFENDANT: Jessica Michelle Walter.

JUDGE STONE: Your address, please?

DEFENDANT: 4413 Forestview Avenue, Forestview is one word, and it's Baltimore, Maryland 21206.

JUDGE STONE: All right. Miss Walter, you want to explain?

DEFENDANT: I have so much going on today and I was letting my boss know that I was still here. I just got the phone on Tuesday. I hit the top button and it must've not turned off.

JUDGE STONE: Well, now you just said you were letting your boss know.

DEFENDANT: I just sent him a text message and I was coming in to turn it off and I

1 noticed that it was still, my phone vibrated and
2 I went to go turn it off and that's when he
3 grabbed it out of my hand.

4 JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry.

5 DEFENDANT: No, it's fine, I'll pay.

6 JUDGE STONE: I find you in contempt.

7 It's either 10 days or 150 dollars by four
8 o'clock today and then you'll get your phone
9 back.

10 DEFENDANT: Okay, thank you.

11 JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right.

12 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)

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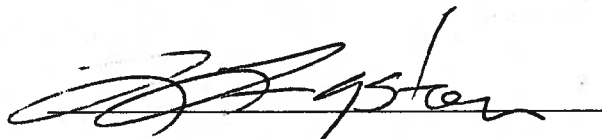
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Wozniak Case No: SP8145-2011

December 8, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Is it Wozniak? Miss
Wozniak, you were on Facebook.

DEFENDANT: Oh, no, I just -- I actually
just got that phone too just the other day.

JUDGE STONE: It doesn't matter, you
were supposed to turn it off.

DEFENDANT: I know. Sorry, but you
walked out and I didn't know that we weren't
allowed. I thought like when you were in we just
couldn't --

JUDGE STONE: I said use of cell phones
inside the courtroom without the permission of
the court is prohibited.

DEFENDANT: I'm sorry. I didn't --

JUDGE STONE: It's okay, 10 days in jail
or 150 dollar fine, either one.

DEFENDANT: Okay.

JUDGE STONE: Now let me have your full

1 name please so we can --

2 DEFENDANT: It's Alexandra, and the
3 middle name's Ray, R-A-E, and the name's
4 W-O-Z-N-I-A-K.

5 JUDGE STONE: Wozniak, okay. Okay, your
6 address, please?

7 DEFENDANT: 3020 D-E-L-M-A-R Avenue.

8 JUDGE STONE: That's in Dundalk, right?

9 DEFENDANT: Sparrows Point.

10 JUDGE STONE: Sparrows Point, that's
11 right, Edgemere.

12 THE DEPONENT: Uh-uh.

13 JUDGE STONE: 21219. Okay. All right,
14 take care of that and you can have your phone
15 back.

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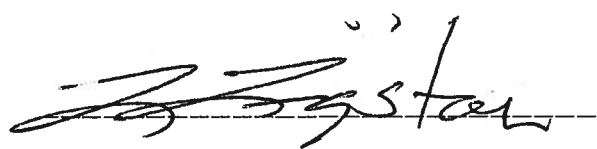
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Jones Case No: SP8176-2011

December 14, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Criminal, serious traffic docket. Miss Jones, the lady with the cell phone.

DEFENDANT: Here.

JUDGE STONE: Step up, please. Ma'am, step up to the table please.

I have my sheets in courtroom 2, up over there.

All right ma'am, let me have your full name please.

DEFENDANT: Adrian Yvette Jones.

JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry?

DEFENDANT: Adrian Yvette Jones.

JUDGE STONE: And your address, please?

DEFENDANT: Excuse me?

JUDGE STONE: Your address, please?

DEFENDANT: 9801 Langs Road, apartment G.

1 JUDGE STONE: 9801 what?

2 DEFENDANT: Langs, L-A-N-G-S.

3 JUDGE STONE: L --

4 DEFENDANT: A-N-G-S.

5 JUDGE STONE: Apartment what?

6 DEFENDANT: G as in girl.

7 JUDGE STONE: And what's the Zip code

8 there?

9 DEFENDANT: 20.

10 JUDGE STONE: All right. Now ma'am, you
11 were present when I made my opening statement
12 about cell phones and so forth and yet you were
13 using yours. Do you want to explain yourself?

14 DEFENDANT: I actually was never using a
15 cell phone, I was just showing my mother a
16 picture actually.

17 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, the cell phone was
18 supposed to be off. Didn't you hear me say that
19 all cell phones must be off?

20 DEFENDANT: No, I wasn't in here when
21 you came in actually.

1 JUDGE STONE: You weren't in the
2 courtroom?

3 DEFENDANT: When you came into the
4 courtroom I wasn't inside the courtroom yet.

5 JUDGE STONE: You weren't inside the
6 courtroom? I believe you were.

7 DEFENDANT: No, I wasn't.

8 JUDGE STONE: Okay. And the signs are
9 posted all over the courthouse.

10 DEFENDANT: Okay. I do apologize but I
11 wasn't in here.

12 JUDGE STONE: Okay, that's fine. You
13 will get your cell phone back upon a payment of a
14 fine of 150 dollars or a 10 day jail sentence,
15 whichever one you prefer.

16 DEFENDANT: I have to pay 150 dollars to
17 get it back you said?

18 JUDGE STONE: Yes, ma'am. It's got to
19 be paid by four o'clock today. We post the signs
20 everywhere, I make the statement when I come in
21 and still in an average day three or four people

1 think they're going to sit back there and go on
2 Facebook, text the witnesses who are sequestered
3 outside the courtroom, all kinds of things to
4 disrupt the court, so I don't allow it.

5 DEFENDANT: Okay.

6 JUDGE STONE: And that's why I make my
7 statement when I come out.

8 DEFENDANT: Okay.

9 JUDGE STONE: Now, if anybody else has
10 an extra 150 dollars you'd like to donate, go
11 ahead and pull out your cell phone, the bailiffs
12 are looking.

13 All right, ma'am, you'll get a piece of
14 paper and once you get that piece of paper you
15 can make the payment or if it's not paid by four
16 o'clock today a warrant will be issued for your
17 arrest.

18 DEFENDANT: Okay.

19 JUDGE STONE: Please wait in the hallway
20 for your paperwork.

21 DEFENDANT: Uh-uh.

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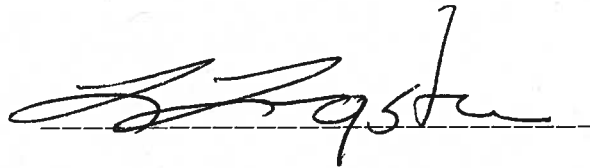
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Gray Case No: SP556-2012

January 11, 2012

JUDGE STONE: Docket, I have yet another cell phone issue to address.

STATE'S ATTORNEY: Understood, your Honor.

JUDGE STONE: Who's the owner of this phone? Step up to the table to your right, please. Sir, please raise your right hand.

(Whereupon the witness was sworn.)

CLERK: Thank you. State your name for the record.

DEFENDANT: Ahmad Gray.

JUDGE STONE: Spell your first name, please.

DEFENDANT: A-h-m-a-d.

JUDGE STONE: Date of birth, please?

DEFENDANT: 7/24/79, 1979.

JUDGE STONE: And your address?

DEFENDANT: Is 3006 Taylor Avenue,

1 Parkville Maryland 21234.

2 JUDGE STONE: All right. Now my bailiff
3 confiscated your phone because there are signs in
4 the building and I made an announcement and my
5 bailiffs made an announcement that the use of
6 cell phones inside the courtroom is prohibited.
7 My announcement said will result in the
8 confiscation of your phone, a finding of contempt
9 of court and a fine or a jail sentence.

10 Now I'm required to give you an
11 opportunity to explain why you were texting in
12 court. I know I wasn't here, but I didn't say
13 while court's in session, I said inside the
14 courtroom. So if you'd like to explain why you
15 were texting, I'm listening.

16 DEFENDANT: Yeah, I apologize, that was
17 my misunderstanding and my negligence of, I guess
18 listening too because once I thought it was in
19 recess and I thought, like you said, when court
20 was in session but you didn't say that.

21 JUDGE STONE: No, I didn't.

1 DEFENDANT: That was just my
2 misunderstanding, that's all.

3 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Well, I find you in
4 contempt of court. Phone will be retained. I
5 sentence you to 10 days Baltimore County
6 Detention Center, that will be suspended upon a
7 payment of a fine of 150 dollars by four o'clock
8 today. If it's paid you get your phone back, if
9 it's not then I issue a warrant. I'm sorry.

10 DEFENDANT: Okay.

11 JUDGE STONE: All right. You can be
12 seated. Thank you very much.

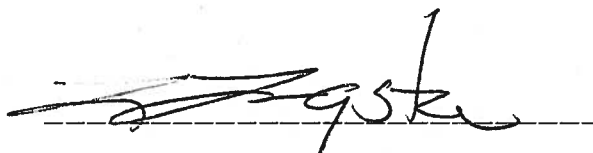
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Richards Case No: SP553-2012

January 11, 2012

JUDGE STONE: Is it Richards Amin or is it Amin Richards?

BAILIFF: His last name is Richards.

JUDGE STONE: All right, sir, raise your right hand, please.

(Whereupon, the witness was sworn.)

THE CLERK: State your name please for the record.

DEFENDANT: Amin Richards.

JUDGE STONE: All right, Mr. Bailiff, can you tell me why the phone was confiscated?

BAILIFF: Yes, sir. When I went back to the door he was looking down at the phone touching the screen.

JUDGE STONE: And it was on?

BAILIFF: It was on.

JUDGE STONE: All right. Mr. Richards, there are signs posted around the building --

1 DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I --

2 JUDGE STONE: Excuse me, I'm going to
3 finish first, then you're going to talk. There
4 are signs posted on the doors, signs posted at
5 the entrance to the building and I also made the
6 announcement the first time I came out that use
7 of cell phones inside the courtroom is prohibited
8 and will result in the confiscation of your
9 device and a finding of contempt of court, which
10 will result in a jail sentence or a fine.

11 Now I do find you in contempt. I'm
12 required to allow you to explain it so now is
13 your chance to explain.

14 DEFENDANT: I was just -- I just walked
15 into court and I'm not even here for court, I'm
16 here with my friend.

17 JUDGE STONE: It doesn't matter, you're
18 inside this courtroom. It doesn't matter if
19 you're here for court or not.

20 DEFENDANT: And he was just telling me
21 to turn the phone off.

1 JUDGE STONE: Well, the signs tell you
2 to turn the phone off.

3 DEFENDANT: Well, I just walked in the
4 door, your Honor.

5 JUDGE STONE: Sir, the signs -- we could
6 go out on the doors and reread you the sign.
7 What are you here for?

8 DEFENDANT: I'm here with my friend.
9 I'm not even here for nothing.

10 JUDGE STONE: Well, that doesn't
11 matter. I'm just curious. It doesn't matter why
12 you're here or when you're here, the rules of the
13 court apply to everyone inside this building.

14 DEFENDANT: You're right. I understand
15 that but I just walked in the door. The phone
16 was in my pocket.

17 JUDGE STONE: Right.

18 DEFENDANT: And he said turn the phone
19 off.

20 JUDGE STONE: Well, now wait a minute
21 now. How did my bailiff know that your phone was

1 on if it was in your --

2 DEFENDANT: Because I was sitting there
3 and I had to slide the thing down to turn it off,
4 in order to turn it off --

5 JUDGE STONE: Yeah, you're not answering
6 my question. Let's not try to avoid the
7 question. My question is, how would my bailiff
8 have known that your phone was on if it was in
9 your pocket?

10 DEFENDANT: I took it out to turn it
11 off. I didn't want it to ring.

12 JUDGE STONE: Right.

13 DEFENDANT: I didn't mean no harm or
14 nothing. I'm not trying to do nothing. I'm not
15 even here for court.

16 JUDGE STONE: Date of birth? What is
17 your date of birth, please?

18 DEFENDANT: 11/13/80.

19 JUDGE STONE: And your address?

20 DEFENDANT: 6210 Radkey Avenue
21 (phonetic).

1 JUDGE STONE: Is that 21206?

2 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 JUDGE STONE: All right. Well, I try to
4 be consistent with what I do so that nobody can
5 claim they were treated differently. Same thing
6 as the last young lady, I find you in contempt.
7 The sentence is 10 days. You can avoid that 10
8 day sentence by paying a fine of 150 dollars by
9 four o'clock today and upon that payment you'll
10 receive your phone back. If it's not paid by
11 four o'clock today I'll issue a warrant for your
12 arrest. And we're going to hold the phone until
13 one of those things happen, until you either pay
14 the fine or do the jail sentence.

15 Bailiff, you can have the phone back.

16 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)

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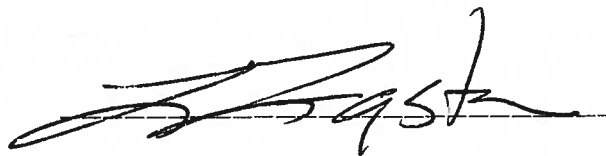
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State v. Foster Case No: SP552-2012

January 11, 2012

JUDGE STONE: Raise your right hand,
please.

(Whereupon, the witness was sworn.)

CLERK: State your name please for the
record.

DEFENDANT: Jelisa Foster.

JUDGE STONE: Now Miss Foster, I have
you under oath. I want to confirm that your name
is Jelisa Foster, J-E-L-I-S-A, foster,
F-O-S-T-E-R, is that correct?

DEFENDANT: Yes.

JUDGE STONE: And that your birth date
is January 11th, 1991, is that correct?

DEFENDANT: Yes.

JUDGE STONE: I also need an address for
you.

DEFENDANT: 918 Garden Drive.

JUDGE STONE: Garden?

1 DEFENDANT: Uh-uh, apartment 1-A.

2 JUDGE STONE: Where is that located?

3 DEFENDANT: Essex, Maryland 21221.

4 JUDGE STONE: All right. Now with
5 regard to the cell phone issue I'm required to
6 give you a chance to address it, so do you want
7 to say anything?

8 DEFENDANT: Well, I honestly I never
9 been in a courtroom before. I never knew the
10 regulations or anything and I was not in here
11 when you stated, you know, not to have phones.

12 JUDGE STONE: Well, now you saw --

13 DEFENDANT: So I did not know
14 anything --

15 JUDGE STONE: There are signs on the
16 door.

17 DEFENDANT: But I never, I wasn't even
18 paying attention to the signs, honestly. I swear
19 I was not paying attention to the signs. All I
20 saw -- all I saw was no beverages and no food.

21 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am --

1 DEFENDANT: Because I was also carrying
2 my baby in.

3 JUDGE STONE: All right. Well, I don't
4 know what more we can do to make the policy
5 clear. We have signs at the metal detector, we
6 have signs on the doors, and I make an
7 announcement and if somebody comes in late, I
8 don't know what to do about that. So my decision
9 stands. Maybe next time you're summonsed to
10 court you might want to get there on time and
11 read the signs.

12 Anyway, I just want to make sure that
13 you're clear about the sanction. I have
14 sentenced you to 10 days in jail. You can avoid
15 that by paying a fine of 150 dollars by four
16 o'clock today. If it's paid you get your phone
17 back, if it's not paid then a warrant is issued
18 for your arrest.

19 DEFENDANT: Okay.

20 JUDGE STONE: Okay.

21 DEFENDANT: Thank you.

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JUDGE STONE: Yes, ma'am.

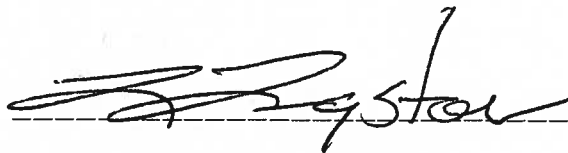
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1 State of Maryland v. Daniel Mosley
2 January 25, 2012 Case No: 0804SP006032012
3 PROCEEDINGS

4 JUDGE STONE: All right. Now, with
5 regard to the cell phone, now you were here when
6 I made the announcement and I know that you've
7 seen the signs on the door and the bailiff made
8 the announcement before court, no phones in the
9 courtroom. They must be turned off. I made that
10 clear, turn it off, not power save, not standby,
11 not any of that, but off. Use of electronic
12 devices in the courtroom is prohibited, it will
13 result in their confiscation, et cetera, et
14 cetera. I give the same speech every morning and
15 every afternoon.

16 You want to tell me why you violated the
17 directions?

18 MR. MOSLEY: I'm sorry, your Honor. I
19 went and looked for the calendar and wasn't using
20 the phone, just looking at the calendar, and I do
21 apologize.

1 JUDGE STONE: Well, I find you in
2 contempt for your willful violation of a court
3 order. The sentence is 10 days Baltimore County
4 Detention Center which you can purge by paying a
5 fine of 150 dollars by four o'clock today.

6 I try to make my statement very clear so
7 that nobody is tempted to violate. We have
8 reasons for controlling the use of the phones in
9 the courtroom. I know they're not immediately
10 obvious but if we didn't do that, they would
11 become obvious. Our reasons would become obvious
12 in a hurry.

13 We've had situations where, you know,
14 we're in the middle of trials and cell phones go
15 off and it completely disrupts a witness's train
16 of thought. We've had situations where witnesses
17 are sequestered which means they can't hear each
18 other testify and there are people in the
19 courtroom texting to the witnesses in the
20 hallways. That's the reason for the rule. And I
21 make sure I enforce it.

1 So this phone will be retained until
2 either service of the 10 day sentence or payment
3 of 150 dollar fine by four o'clock today.

4 I'm sorry if it seems harsh but that's
5 the only way I know to enforce this. I'm going
6 to give this to you. I need, sir, in order for
7 you to get this phone back, I need your full
8 name. I think we have your date of birth. Are
9 you still living at 10715 Meyers Lane?

10 MR. MOSLEY: Yes, sir, your Honor.

11 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Look, I'm sorry, I
12 feel like, I feel like a real scrooge doing this
13 sometimes but I don't know any other way to
14 enforce this but to enforce this.

15 Please wait in the hallway for a copy of
16 this paper, okay?

17 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)
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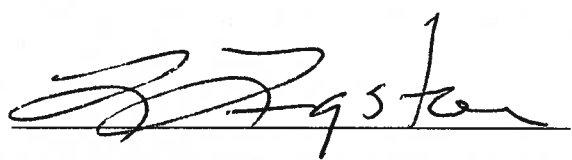
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Davis Case No: SP613-2012

January 26, 2012

JUDGE STONE: All right, how about this gentleman here, what's the story with his phone?

DEFENDANT: Good morning, Judge Stone.

JUDGE STONE: Good morning.

BAILIFF: Well, when I was going out the door he had the phone out. I don't know what he was doing with it. It was on. And he came in --

JUDGE STONE: You want to explain why?

DEFENDANT: Yes, sir, I missed your morning docket but now I wanted to apologize. I actually walked to the door, I had my hat on, your bailiff told me to take --

JUDGE STONE: I'm asking you about the phone, not about the other stuff.

DEFENDANT: Yes, sir. I was in the process of turning it off. If you look at it, it's got the black with the blue line in it. It says vibrate or silence. I would not --

1 JUDGE STONE: That's not off.

2 DEFENDANT: Correct, the phone's on but
3 it says silent if you look at the button.

4 JUDGE STONE: Right, but I believe you,
5 but it's supposed to be off. All right. Your
6 name, sir?

7 DEFENDANT: Joseph Davis.

8 JUDGE STONE: All right. I find you in
9 contempt, sentence is 10 days or 150 dollar fine
10 payable by 4:30 today. Once the fine's paid you
11 can have your phone back. If it's not, I'll
12 issue a warrant for your arrest.

13 DEFENDANT: All right.

14 JUDGE STONE: Okay. And I'll get you
15 that paperwork in a minute.

16 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)

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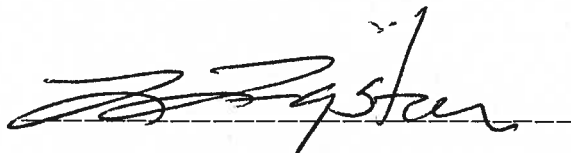
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Cotton Case No: SP614-2012

January 26, 2012

JUDGE STONE: Mr. Cotton, raise your
right hand, please.

(Whereupon, the witness was sworn.)

CLERK: State your name for the record,
please.

DEFENDANT: Nicholas Cotton.

JUDGE STONE: Pardon me?

DEFENDANT: Nicolas Cotton.

JUDGE STONE: First name, please?

DEFENDANT: Nicholas Cotton.

JUDGE STONE: Well, that was first and
last but I'll take that. Date of birth, please?

DEFENDANT: 7/30/81.

JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry, say it a bit
slower. I'm a bit slow today.

DEFENDANT: 7/30/1981.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. And your address,
please?

1 DEFENDANT: 12 Randolph Spring Court.

2 JUDGE STONE: Randolph?

3 DEFENDANT: Yes.

4 JUDGE STONE: Spring?

5 DEFENDANT: Yes.

6 JUDGE STONE: And the zip code there?

7 DEFENDANT: 21228.

8 JUDGE STONE: All right. Now

9 Mr. Cotton, what are you here for today?

10 DEFENDANT: I'm here for, here with my
11 family member, and I had went to go try to turn
12 the phone down and turn it off and somebody
13 snatch, the bailiff snatched it out of my hand.

14 JUDGE STONE: When did you come into the
15 courtroom?

16 DEFENDANT: I just came in the
17 courtroom.

18 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Why didn't you turn
19 it off out there?

20 DEFENDANT: Well, I didn't turn it off,
21 I didn't know I was supposed to turn it off. I

1 was just ready to turn it off so it won't ring.

2 JUDGE STONE: Did you happen to look at
3 any of the signs posted in the hallway?

4 DEFENDANT: No, sir, I was rushing in
5 the courtroom.

6 JUDGE STONE: Well, I'm sorry, but you
7 know there's only so much we can do to notify
8 you.

9 And what's this balance 847, payment
10 date 2/23/12? I'm not trying to get in your
11 business but it looks like you were using the
12 phone in the courtroom, not trying to turn it
13 off.

14 DEFENDANT: No, I turned it down,
15 Judge. You can look at it, I put it on --

16 JUDGE STONE: Not down, it's off.

17 DEFENDANT: No, I'm talking about --

18 JUDGE STONE: I see that it's down but
19 the rule is --

20 DEFENDANT: I was turning it down. I
21 was ready to turn it off because I didn't want it

1 to ring.

2 JUDGE STONE: Yeah, but it's supposed to
3 be off, off.

4 DEFENDANT: I didn't know that, sir. I
5 ain't going to lie to you.

6 JUDGE STONE: Well, I can't help -- sir,
7 we've clearly posted in the hallway that's the
8 rule. Same disposition as the previous fellow,
9 contempt of court, 10 day jail sentence or 150
10 dollar fine. Once off those is satisfied you'll
11 get your phone back.

12 DEFENDANT: I need the phone so I can
13 get back home, sir.

14 JUDGE STONE: Sir, you're not getting
15 this phone back until you either do the jail
16 sentence or pay the fine. Now if you're telling
17 me you're not going to pay the fine my bailiff
18 will take you into custody right now. It's up to
19 you. What's it going to be?

20 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir, I'm going to pay.

21 JUDGE STONE: Okay.

1 DEFENDANT: But what, I mean when do I
2 got to do it then?

3 THE CLERK: Wait outside for your
4 paperwork. I'll bring it out.

5 JUDGE STONE: There you go. Thank you.

6 (Whereupon, the hearing was
7 adjourned.)

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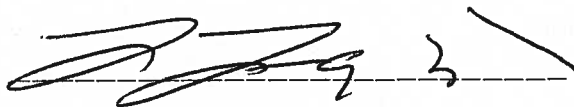
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Brown Case No: SP662-2012

February 2, 2012

JUDGE STONE: Amber Brown?

DEFENDANT: Yes?

JUDGE STONE: Please stand behind that
table. Raise your right hand, please.

(Whereupon the witness was sworn.)

CLERK: State your name for the record.

DEFENDANT: Amber Brown.

JUDGE STONE: Miss Brown, the reason
you're standing there right now is because there
are signs posted throughout the building about
the use of electronic devices -- let me finish
before you start talking.

DEFENDANT: Okay.

JUDGE STONE: The use of electronic
devices in the courtroom. And when I came out,
as I always do, I made an announcement that the
use of electronic devices in the courtroom is
prohibited, will result in the confiscation of

1 your device --

2 DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

3 JUDGE STONE: Finding of contempt of
4 court, and a fine or a jail sentence. And I even
5 added into my speech since so many people have
6 been doing it while I'm off the bench, that no
7 matter whether the court is in session or not,
8 that applies.

9 DEFENDANT: I understand.

10 JUDGE STONE: Do you want to tell me why
11 you had your i-Pad on and using it to access
12 Facebook?

13 DEFENDANT: No, I actually just powered
14 it on because some of the threats that I've been
15 being sent by his family is on there, and I have
16 one that's printed out on paper and that's why I
17 was turning it on.

18 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, you're not allowed
19 to.

20 DEFENDANT: Okay, I understand.

21 JUDGE STONE: I find you in contempt of

1 court. The sentence is 10 days or a 150 dollar
2 fine payable by four o'clock today. If it's not
3 paid, then you'll do the 10 days. And once
4 either the fine is paid or the 10 days is done,
5 then you get your i-Pad back.

6 DEFENDANT: I can pay the 150.

7 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Look, I'm sorry to
8 do that I hate --

9 DEFENDANT: I understand.

10 JUDGE STONE: Having to police this but
11 that's what the Court of Appeals has done.

12 DEFENDANT: Okay.

13 JUDGE STONE: I'm not criticizing them.
14 I'm just saying that that's the practical effect
15 is if we can't ban the stuff from the building,
16 then we've got to make sure that this stuff
17 doesn't go on in the courtroom. Okay.

18 Ma'am, I need your name is Amber Brown,
19 right?

20 DEFENDANT: Yes.

21 JUDGE STONE: Date of birth?

1 DEFENDANT: 2/8/89.

2 JUDGE STONE: And your address?

3 DEFENDANT: 1102 Sandystone Road,
4 Sandystone one word.

5 JUDGE STONE: Sandystone, okay.

6 DEFENDANT: Apartment G as in goat.

7 JUDGE STONE: And the zip code there is?

8 DEFENDANT: 21221.

9 JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right, thank
10 you. I appreciate your attitude in this regard.

11 DEFENDANT: Not a problem.

12 JUDGE STONE: Okay. All right. Now
13 let's have a seat for now, okay?

14 DEFENDANT: Okay.

15 (Whereupon, the hearing was
16 adjourned.)

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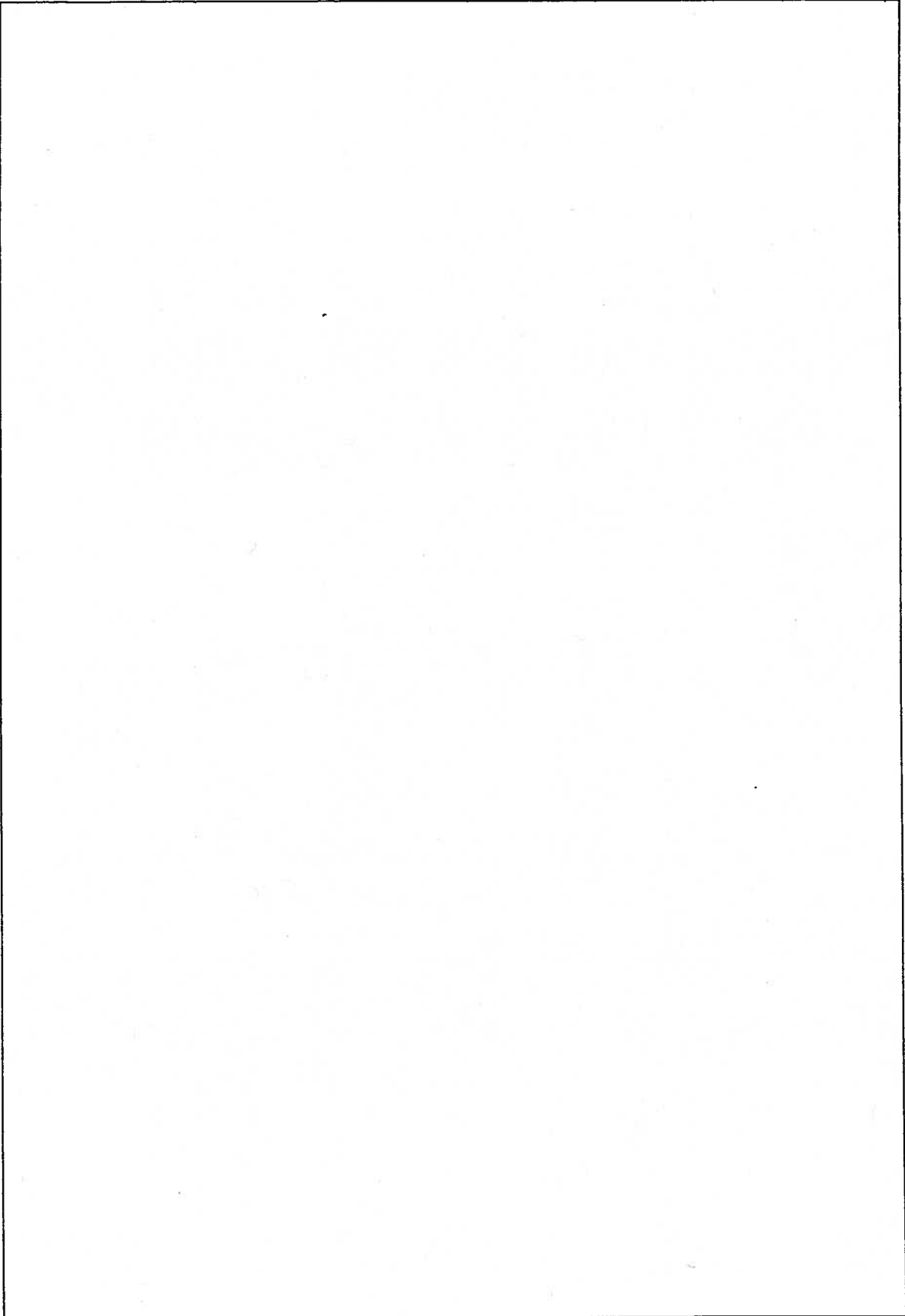
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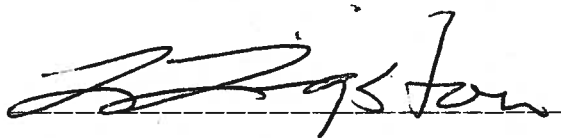


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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Williams Case No: SP651-2012

February 2, 2012

JUDGE STONE: One person's last name is Steinheist (phonetic) the other one is Williams.

CLERK: She just went out with her attorney, with one of the attorneys.

JUDGE STONE: Okay. Well, I'll take care of Mr. Steinheist then --

DEFENDANT: Mr. Williams.

JUDGE STONE: You're Mr. Williams?

DEFENDANT: Yeah.

JUDGE STONE: Raise your right hand, please.

(Whereupon, the witness was sworn.)

CLERK: State your name for the record, please.

DEFENDANT: Dominic Williams.

JUDGE STONE: All right, Mr. Williams, out in the hallway there are signs everywhere saying no using cell phones in the courtroom. I

1 think there's one over there, is there not?

2 DEFENDANT: There's one on the front
3 door.

4 JUDGE STONE: Okay. Excuse me, I'm not
5 talking to you right now, I mean not asking for
6 your response right now.

7 DEFENDANT: Oh, sorry.

8 JUDGE STONE: Okay. There's a sign on
9 the front door, there's one here and I made the
10 announcement when I came out that if you use your
11 cell phone inside the courtroom it'll be
12 confiscated, you'll be found in contempt of court
13 and you'll have to pay a fine or go to jail. Now
14 I'm required to give you a chance to explain
15 yourself so I'm --

16 DEFENDANT: I didn't even get to use
17 it. When you went to recess, my daughter's sick
18 so I was just going to look at -- before you --
19 no disrespect, before you even came out it wasn't
20 even been -- because before I even came into
21 court I turned it off, before you even said

1 anything I turned it off. My daughter's sick, I
2 just wanted to check the messages and turn it off
3 before you even start back up.

4 JUDGE STONE: You can do that in the
5 hallway but I made it clear you can't do it in
6 here.

7 DEFENDANT: It was, the phone didn't
8 even come on. As soon as he seen me with it in
9 my hand, as soon as he seen me --

10 JUDGE STONE: All right. Well, that's
11 his job. Okay.

12 (Off the record.)

13 JUDGE STONE: All right, Mr. Williams,
14 state your full name, please.

15 DEFENDANT: Dominic Williams.

16 JUDGE STONE: Date of birth?

17 DEFENDANT: 3/2/83.

18 JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry?

19 DEFENDANT: 3/2/83.

20 JUDGE STONE: And your address?

21 DEFENDANT: 30 Ebb Tide Court.

1 JUDGE STONE: 30 who?

2 DEFENDANT: Ebb Tide, E-B-B tide.

3 JUDGE STONE: What's the zip code there?

4 DEFENDANT: 21221.

5 JUDGE STONE: Folks, I don't like doing
6 this. I liked it better when we could keep the
7 phones out of the courthouse but the Court of
8 Appeals decided otherwise and they're the highest
9 court in the state and we're bound by their
10 rules.

11 They say that people are allowed to
12 bring them in the building but we can establish
13 guidelines for keeping them off. And they're not
14 to be used in the courtroom and I intend to
15 enforce that. And that's why we make the
16 announcements, have the signs, that sort of
17 thing. And I try to be real clear about what the
18 announcement is. As I said, I'd rather not be
19 the telephone policeman here. I wish we could
20 have kept it the way it was but that decision
21 isn't up to me.

1 All right. So it's either a sentence of
2 10 days or a fine of 150 dollars payable by four
3 o'clock today. Once one of those happens you get
4 your phone back. If the fine's not paid and you
5 leave, then I'll issue a warrant for your
6 arrest. I don't want to do that but it's the
7 only way I have to I enforce this. So you all
8 can go back into the audience for now. These
9 phones will go where they usually go.

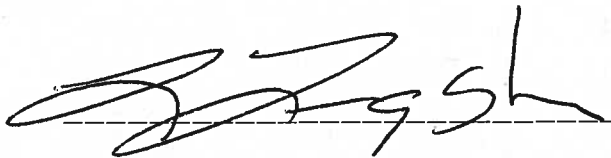
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Powell Case No: SP3907-2011

May 26, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Can you explain why you committed a contempt of court by using the cell phone even though we made several announcements that cell phones were prohibited inside the courtroom and that the use would result in confiscation and a possible finding of contempt of court? So what was so urgent that required you to use your phone anyway?

DEFENDANT: No, your Honor, I was just making sure my ride -- my phone rang when it vibrated in my pocket. I was just making sure --

JUDGE STONE: I thought I said turn it off.

DEFENDANT: Yes.

JUDGE STONE: The use of electronic devices inside the courtroom is prohibited. I was very clear about that.

DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1 JUDGE STONE: And you used it several
2 times. It's just that my bailiff managed to
3 catch you in the act once. That wasn't the first
4 time. You know, we've been watching you.
5 Nowadays lots of different things can come in
6 here disguised as phones and phones can be used
7 for lots of different reasons and there are lots
8 of security issues with electronic devices inside
9 the courtroom which is why we're very strict
10 about it.

11 My bailiff made the announcement, I made
12 the announcement, you decided to do what you were
13 going to do anyway.

14 Now in light of your prior record the
15 sentence on the marijuana is going to be six
16 months Baltimore County Detention Center.

17 I find you in contempt of court for
18 using the cell phone and I'm going to sentence
19 you to an additional 60 days consecutive for the
20 contempt. I'm going to order that the phone be
21 retained in the safe here at the courthouse until

1 you are released, at which time you can petition
2 for the return of your phone.

3 You have 30 days to appeal, 10 days to
4 file a motion for a new trial, 90 days to file a
5 motion for modification.

6 DEFENDANT: Can I say one thing, your
7 Honor?

8 JUDGE STONE: Sure.

9 DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I'm just saying
10 before this, it took me, before this charge, it
11 took me so long to get a job. I just finally got
12 one. I feel like I'm doing something right. I
13 really don't think like jail time would be like a
14 good thing. It's just hard, nowadays it's like
15 to get a job when you come home from jail.

16 JUDGE STONE: And I don't know why you
17 put that in jeopardy.

18 DEFENDANT: I'm just saying it's my
19 first time something like this really happened.
20 I'm just, it really wasn't my fault. It
21 happened.

1 JUDGE STONE: Right. I'm sure. Take
2 him, Mr. Bailiff.

3 (Interruption in the proceedings.)

4 JUDGE STONE: Bring him back. He's
5 next. Okay. Sir, you can stand behind that
6 table once they take that gentleman off to jail.

7 DEFENDANT: I didn't even say nothing, I
8 walked out.

9 JUDGE STONE: Yes, you did. I heard
10 you.

11 DEFENDANT: I just said that's crazy.

12 JUDGE STONE: No, I heard something else
13 too.

14 DEFENDANT: What did I say? I said this
15 is crazy.

16 JUDGE STONE: All right. I need your
17 name.

18 DEFENDANT: My name is Trea Powell.

19 JUDGE STONE: I'm sorry?

20 DEFENDANT: My name is Trea Powell.

21 JUDGE STONE: All right. I'm going to

1 give you an opportunity to explain why you just
2 committed a contempt of court.

3 DEFENDANT: Well, your Honor, I didn't
4 mean -- I'm sorry, I'm just -- I'm just mad
5 because my brother just got arrested, and I
6 didn't mean to barge out of here like that, I was
7 just trying to make it back to the car.

8 JUDGE STONE: Okay, 30 days Baltimore
9 County Detention Center beginning today. I'll
10 have the commitment as soon as possible. If
11 anybody else wants to try it, go ahead. I'm not
12 tolerating that kind of behavior in the
13 courtroom.

14 And we're going to need his full name
15 and ID. I don't know how we go about getting
16 that.

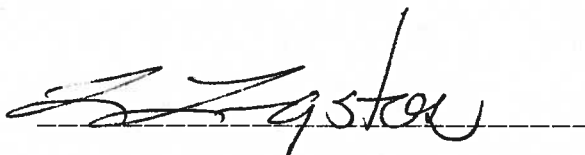
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Fitchett Case No: SP3978-2011

June 9, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Whoever's making the noise
bring them back.

CLERK: Bring them back, Tom.

JUDGE STONE: Folks, would you step over
for a moment? Thank you.

CLERK: Step up here, ma'am.

JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, step up to the
table. All right --

DEFENDANT: He grabbed my arm.

JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, look at me,
please. You disrupted court on your way out the
door --

DEFENDANT: I was leaving out. I was
leaving out.

JUDGE STONE: Excuse me, I'm sorry?

DEFENDANT: I said I was leaving out.

JUDGE STONE: No, but you made a big
ruckus. I was in the middle of moving on to my

1 next case. You disrupted that. That's called
2 contempt of court. I'm supposed to, before I
3 decide what to do with you, give you an
4 opportunity to explain why you did what you did.

5 DEFENDANT: I was a little upset because
6 I don't know how to get back home.

7 JUDGE STONE: Pardon me?

8 DEFENDANT: I said I was a little bit
9 upset because I don't know how to get back home
10 from here.

11 JUDGE STONE: Well, first of all, who
12 are you?

13 DEFENDANT: I'm his mother (inaudible.)

14 JUDGE STONE: Okay. And if you'd like
15 to express any of the thoughts that you were
16 expressing on your way out the door I would be
17 glad to listen.

18 DEFENDANT: I was just saying I need to
19 try to get back home. He directing me out of
20 here, so I don't know.

21 JUDGE STONE: And so I guess I'll ask

1 you directly, what makes you think that you have
2 the right to disrupt courtroom proceedings?

3 DEFENDANT: I wasn't trying to.

4 JUDGE STONE: I don't care what you were
5 trying to do, that's what you did. Do you have
6 any explanation?

7 DEFENDANT: No, I apologize.

8 JUDGE STONE: Okay. The sentence is 30
9 days Baltimore County Detention Center begins
10 today. Thirty days to appeal, 10 days to file a
11 motion for a new hearing, and 90 days to file a
12 motion for modification.

13 Now if anybody else wants to act up, be
14 my guest. Folks you can step back over.

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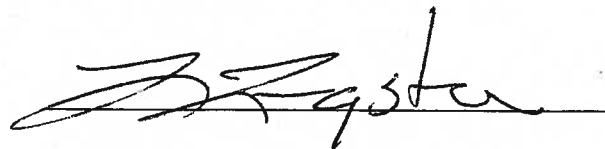
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PROCEEDINGS

State v. Wiley Case No: SP7658-2011

September 22, 2011

JUDGE STONE: Let's bring the lady on the left behind the table. Sir, please put your hand down.

All right, now I don't have your name. All I know is that you were making a ruckus and then when I asked you to turn around and wipe the smirk off your face, you slammed the door and that was enough for me. I don't know who you think you are or where you think you are but you are in a courtroom and you don't get to behave the way you were behaving.

Now I'm going to need your name. I don't know if we have that already.

CLERK: No, sir.

DEFENDANT: Erica Wiley.

JUDGE STONE: Pardon me?

DEFENDANT: Erica Wiley.

JUDGE STONE: Miss Wiley, I hereby find

1 you in contempt of court for your actions
2 before. Now the question is what do I do with
3 you? And I'm going to give you a chance to
4 explain your behavior because the law requires
5 that.

6 DEFENDANT: Well, I will apologize for
7 disrespecting, your Honor.

8 JUDGE STONE: I'm not asking for an
9 apology, I'm giving you a chance to explain your
10 behavior. I don't care about apologies.

11 DEFENDANT: I'm not understanding, what
12 am I explaining my behavior?

13 JUDGE STONE: Okay. You're explaining
14 your behavior. We had several little encounters
15 here. When I first came out this afternoon I
16 made it clear that I need everybody to keep
17 quiet. You didn't seem to want to do that. When
18 I asked you to be quiet you had a little remark
19 on your way out the door.

20 When I had the bailiff bring you up here
21 and tell you again that this is a courtroom and

1 that you will follow the rules of the courtroom
2 and I don't care whether you like it or not,
3 then, I mean I don't care if you smile but you
4 were on the -- sir, please leave your hand down,
5 otherwise I'm going to have to bring you up here
6 next.

7 On the way out I said wipe the smirk off
8 your face and your response to that was to take
9 the door and fling it against the wall. Okay,
10 now if you have any explanation for your behavior
11 now is the time for you to give it.

12 DEFENDANT: Well, I do think I was being
13 a little nasty and it wasn't called for.

14 JUDGE STONE: You want to tell me why
15 you did it?

16 DEFENDANT: Just being rude for no
17 reason.

18 JUDGE STONE: That's true. My standard
19 sentence for anybody who slams the door is 30
20 days. Sentence of the court is 30 days Baltimore
21 County Detention Center beginning today. You

1 have 30 days to appeal this decision.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Excuse me, sir, can I
3 speak, please?

4 JUDGE STONE: No, sir.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Oh, my God. Oh, my
6 God.

7 JUDGE STONE: I'll write that up. Okay,
8 next case.

9 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned.)

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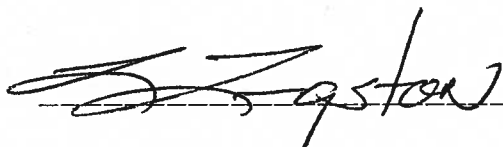
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1 State of Maryland v. Gabrielle Murray

2 December 21, 2011

Case No: 3C00353503

3 PROCEEDINGS

4 JUDGE STONE: Okay, next is Ms. Murray.
5 You're charged with CDS possession Oxycodone and
6 paraphernalia.

7 STATE'S ATTORNEY: Your Honor, she's
8 pleading guilty to possession of Oxycodone.
9 State agrees to defer to your Honor.

10 JUDGE STONE: All right. Ms. Murray,
11 the charge carries a maximum penalty of four
12 years in jail. This happened October 16th at
13 1602 Eastern Boulevard in Baltimore County. How
14 do you plead?

15 DEFENDANT: I plead guilty, your Honor.

16 JUDGE STONE: Has anyone made any
17 promises, threats or other inducements to you in
18 exchange for your guilty plea?

19 DEFENDANT: No, sir.

20 JUDGE STONE: Do you understand the
21 rights that you're giving up by pleading guilty?

1 DEFENDANT: Yes.

2 JUDGE STONE: All right. Any questions
3 up to this point?

4 DEFENDANT: No.

5 JUDGE STONE: All right. Anything
6 unusual about this case, Mr. Green?

7 STATE'S ATTORNEY: Your Honor, yes, that
8 the Oxycodone that was analyzed was inside of a
9 needle that also contained blood. It wasn't just
10 one pill.

11 JUDGE STONE: All right. Verdict's
12 guilty. Now what's going on?

13 DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I just want to
14 say I, I've been, I've dealt with my addiction
15 before when I was a juvenile, I did go to
16 (inaudible). I also voluntarily put myself into
17 rehab and I was clean for about a year. And it
18 was a slip-up on my part and I'm willing to do
19 whatever it takes to get my life back.

20 I'm trying to get everything back on
21 track as we speak. I'm enrolled, I've taken,

1 this is my sophomore year at CCBC. This will be
2 my third semester. I'm working on getting some
3 community service hours done at Franklin Square
4 Hospital.

5 I live, I live like walking distance. I
6 don't have transportation. My license is
7 suspended right now but I live on Franklin Square
8 Drive so I'm able to walk to college and I'm also
9 able to walk to Franklin Square. I'm, I'm really
10 not trying to mess up my future.

11 JUDGE STONE: You're clean now?

12 DEFENDANT: Yes.

13 JUDGE STONE: So when I have you tested
14 today for your intake for probation it's going to
15 come up negative, right?

16 DEFENDANT: Yes.

17 JUDGE STONE: You sure there's not going
18 to be anything in there? Because if so, you
19 better tell me now because if they test you and
20 send you back here dirty you get four years in
21 the Division of Corrections.

1 DEFENDANT: There will be, it wouldn't
2 come up clean. I actually just, just went and
3 saw a doctor.

4 JUDGE STONE: So it wouldn't come up
5 clean?

6 DEFENDANT: No.

7 JUDGE STONE: I thought you told me it
8 would.

9 DEFENDANT: It wouldn't come up clean
10 for --

11 JUDGE STONE: Well, what would it come
12 up dirty for?

13 DEFENDANT: Marijuana.

14 JUDGE STONE: Oh, good.

15 DEFENDANT: Can I say something, your
16 Honor?

17 JUDGE STONE: Sure.

18 DEFENDANT: I'm actually waiting on
19 Mountain Manor (phonetic) to call me back. I
20 need to figure out whether my insurance can be
21 covered there for an opiate. I attended an

1 opiate group there and also out-patient. It's
2 like a woman's group for addiction and I just
3 have to see if any insurance will be taken
4 there. I, they said that they wouldn't have an
5 appointment for another two weeks.

6 And also I've had three spinal surgeries
7 and I'm working on seeing a doctor for my back.
8 You know, I do have a lot of pain. I'm in a lot
9 of pain all the time. I do have a referral for
10 pain management but I don't, I don't -- I'm not
11 being recommended to take narcotics. I'm going
12 to take a non-narcotic.

13 JUDGE STONE: Well, why are you smoking
14 marijuana?

15 DEFENDANT: There is some in my system.

16 JUDGE STONE: Why?

17 DEFENDANT: It's probably not out of my
18 system yet because it's been --

19 JUDGE STONE: Right, well, it didn't get
20 there by accident. How did it get there?

21 DEFENDANT: No, I'm just saying I don't

1 think, I haven't smoked in the past, like three
2 weeks. I'm saying it might still be in my
3 system.

4 JUDGE STONE: Okay. So why did you
5 smoke it three weeks ago?

6 DEFENDANT: Just I hang out with the
7 wrong people.

8 JUDGE STONE: Oh, come on, it's not
9 their fault.

10 DEFENDANT: I was hanging out with the
11 wrong people.

12 JUDGE STONE: You're not [inaudible]
13 you're just not being entirely straight. You're
14 still using drugs and that's, you know.

15 DEFENDANT: My system, it probably has
16 low, low levels for that.

17 JUDGE STONE: Right, but it shouldn't
18 have any level.

19 DEFENDANT: I know, I'm working on it.

20 JUDGE STONE: Okay, we're not going to
21 keep arguing this back and forth. Anything else

1 you want to say?

2 DEFENDANT: I wanted to ask if I could
3 get probation before judgment for the simple
4 fact --

5 JUDGE STONE: Well, you can but it's
6 going to come with are bit of a price tag.

7 DEFENDANT: Well, I just, I really don't
8 want to mess up my future.

9 JUDGE STONE: Okay. I'm with you. I
10 want to see you get better but I don't think
11 you're taking all the steps you need to take. I
12 think you want to but I don't think you have.

13 I'm going to give you probation before
14 judgment but you're also going to serve 15 days
15 in jail. That might give you some motivation.
16 After you get out you're going to be on probation
17 for two years, you're going --

18 DEFENDANT: Your Honor, can I just
19 say --

20 JUDGE STONE: Let me finish. I listened
21 to you, now you're going to listen to me. You're

1 going to be totally abstinent from alcohol and
2 illegal drugs, submit to testing and treatment as
3 directed. Parole and probation is to report any
4 positive urinalysis to me and any positive report
5 I'm going to send you to jail -- whoever that
6 person was bring them back.

7 BAILIFF: Come on back here. Come on in
8 here. You don't act like an idiot slamming
9 doors.

10 MR. MURRAY: -- pick my daughter up.

11 JUDGE STONE: You be quiet and have a
12 seat. I'll deal with you in a minute.

13 Now the upside of this is you're going
14 to get treatment and you're going to be able to
15 keep your record clean.

16 DEFENDANT: Can I say something, your
17 Honor?

18 JUDGE STONE: Sure.

19 DEFENDANT: It's the holidays --

20 JUDGE STONE: I know, that's why --

21 DEFENDANT: I want to check myself into

1 (inaudible) right now.

2 JUDGE STONE: Ma'am, I realize it's the
3 holidays. I understand that. That's part of the
4 impact of this sentence.

5 DEFENDANT: I'm just saying, your Honor,
6 I've been working on everything possible to get
7 myself into a pain or a inpatient clinic. I've
8 called one in, on the eastern shore and I can go
9 there next week. I've been working on trying to
10 get into one. As we speak I'm working on getting
11 into an inpatient program.

12 JUDGE STONE: All right. And I hope
13 that you do. Now take her. Bring up the
14 father. Sir, you can step aside for a minute.

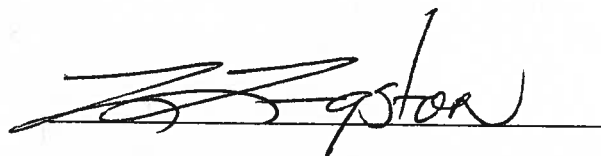
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3 PROCEEDINGS

4 JUDGE STONE: Can I have your name?

5 DEFENDANT: Brian Murray.

6 JUDGE STONE: Mr. Murray, you ran out of
7 here, slammed the door, disrupted the functioning
8 of the court. I find you in contempt of court
9 and I'm required to give you an opportunity to
10 explain yourself.

11 DEFENDANT: I apologize for disrupting
12 the court. My daughter just kept on running her
13 mouth and I got upset. I apologize. You were
14 giving her 15 days in jail and I just got upset.
15 I apologize for walking out like that.

16 JUDGE STONE: Sentence of the court is
17 30 days Baltimore County Detention Center
18 beginning today. That's my standard sentence for
19 door slammers.

20 You have 30 days to appeal, 10 days to
21 file a motion for a new hearing, 90 days to file

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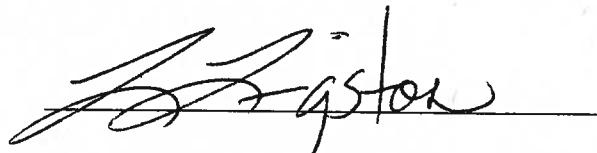
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