

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CRIMINAL NO. 15-00226CFANO

STATE OF FLORIDA,

vs.

JOHN N. JONCHUCK,

Defendant.

PLACE: Hillsborough County
Public Defender's Office
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DEPOSITION OF JOHN JONCHUCK, SR.

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1 JOHN JONCHUCK, SR.,
2 the deponent herein, being first duly sworn, was examined
3 and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. MANUELE:

6 Q. Can you please state your name for the record.

7 A. John Nicholas Jonchuck, Senior.

8 Q. What is your date of birth, sir?

9 A. 02/22/57.

10 Q. We're here today because you've been listed as a
11 witness in the State of Florida versus John Jonchuck.
12 This is regarding the death of Phoebe Jonchuck back in
13 January of 2015. Obviously you're familiar with the
14 circumstances, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Micki, but
17 your wife -- your most recent wife, Michelle Jonchuck,
18 did you call her Micki?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. So we'll refer to John's mom Michele as
21 Michele and then your most recent wife as Micki.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. When did you and Michele start a relationship?

24 A. Probably 1986 I wanna say.

25 Q. You guys were married at some point, right?

1 A. Yeah, we were married.

2 Q. When did that end?

3 A. That ended around 1990. Two years I think we
4 were married.

5 Q. So when you and Michele divorced your son John
6 was already born; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was he about one or two? Does that sound right?

9 A. Yes, he was two I believe.

10 Q. When you and Michele divorced was it an amicable
11 relationship still? Did y'all still get along or did
12 you see her at all?

13 A. No, I didn't really see her. We didn't get along
14 too good. I mean, she had Johnny and she gave him to me
15 when he was two.

16 Q. How long did he live with you?

17 A. Up until he was 18.

18 Q. When did Micki come into the picture?

19 A. We were married for 23 years. Looking probably
20 at '98.

21 Q. Do you know about how old John was -- I don't
22 know if you married first or moved in first -- when you
23 started living together as a family?

24 A. Five I believe. I wanna say five.

25 Q. After you and Micki were together would Michele

1 -- did she have any role in either helping raise John or
2 coming around at all?

3 A. No.

4 Q. At some point did you and Michele start to get
5 along better or have some kind of relationship?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Would I be correct in saying that any contact you
8 had with Michele was just because of y'all's child?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did John live with you -- I know you said until
11 he was about 18. Was it consistently from 2 to 18 or
12 were there periods of time where he would live
13 elsewhere?

14 A. It was until he was 18.

15 Q. Did he ever live with his Uncle Brian?

16 A. He would go and stay with him sometimes.

17 Q. Like stay the night like a couple nights in a row
18 or for like months at a time?

19 A. No, maybe a night, maybe two, or a weekend.

20 Q. Am I correct Brian was Michele's brother; is that
21 correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you and he have any kind of relationship?

24 A. Friends.

25 Q. You got along okay? All right. Let me ask you

1 this. Did you ever take John to a psychiatrist or a
2 psychologist growing up?

3 A. Yes, I believe we had to get him on medicine. He
4 was having problems in school once he started school.

5 Q. Once he started school. Then are you thinking
6 like five, six-ish?

7 A. Around six years old.

8 Q. Was there a particular incident or what were some
9 of the circumstances that made you think we need to
10 probably get him some medication?

11 A. I didn't know anything about the medication but
12 when we went to see the doctor he diagnosed him as ADDHD
13 [sic].

14 Q. What made you think to go to the doctor? Did the
15 school suggest it or how did that come about?

16 A. The day care suggested it.

17 Q. Did they give you anymore information?

18 A. They just gave me their names and numbers and
19 said if somebody needed to talk to them to have them
20 call them because they said they would help me.

21 Q. Was it a behavioral issue?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Was he getting in trouble at the day care?

24 A. Yes, acting out.

25 Q. Had you had any problems with him acting out at

1 home up to that point?

2 A. A little bit.

3 Q. I guess at that point had you had problems
4 significant at home that you would have sought treatment
5 from yourself if the school hadn't recommended it?

6 A. Probably, yes. We were looking into it.

7 Q. How was Micki and John's relationship?

8 A. Very good.

9 Q. They always seem to get along?

10 A. Very good.

11 Q. Did he look at her like a mother? He treated her
12 like a mother figure?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. I know there has been some incidents between
15 y'all back and forth. Would you say overall was it a
16 good relationship, a bad relationship between you and
17 John?

18 A. I thought it was good other than what little
19 issues would pop up.

20 Q. Do you remember where you first took him when
21 they diagnosed him ADHD?

22 A. I think it was out at USF.

23 Q. Did you take him to those appointments or did
24 Micki take him usually?

25 A. Both of us.

1 Q. Did you both go together or it was just whoever
2 could get off work would take him at that time?

3 A. We both go together.

4 Q. And when he would go in and speak to the doctor
5 would they take him by himself or would you guys all go
6 together?

7 A. Well, he talked to us and then he would take him
8 in and talk to him and then he would talk back with us
9 after he talked with him.

10 Q. How long do you think he was going to USF?

11 A. I would say close to a year probably.

12 Q. Is that the only place that you ever took him to
13 receive any kind of like psychiatric or psychological
14 treatment?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You think he was there for one year total?

17 A. To my recollection, yeah, maybe longer.

18 Q. Do you know if his Uncle Brian ever was taking to
19 him to USF for anything?

20 A. Not to my knowledge.

21 Q. Where was Michele at this time period? So like
22 early childhood.

23 A. She was in trouble with drugs maybe. She might
24 have been, you know, incarcerated.

25 Q. When she wasn't incarcerated did she make any

1 efforts to come spend time with John at all?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How would you describe their relationship?

4 A. Good.

5 Q. Were there incidents when Michele would perhaps
6 say she was coming to get John or spend time with John
7 and then she wouldn't show up?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How did John take that?

10 A. Angrily.

11 Q. At some point did you notice a change where John
12 and his mom started getting along better?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. About when do you think that would have occurred?

15 A. When he got older.

16 Q. You think when Phoebe was born or before that?

17 A. Before that.

18 Q. You think like older, like 15 or 18, 19 or...

19 A. I wanna say between the ages of 8 and 12.

20 Q. Were y'all a religious family?

21 A. Didn't go to church a lot. Micki was kinda more,
22 her family.

23 Q. Did Micki go to church regularly or she just --

24 A. It depended on like if she went with her family,
25 you know, what family was here.

1 Q. Was Micki's family here in the area?

2 A. No, just her sister.

3 Q. Where does her sister live?

4 A. DeLand.

5 Q. And where is the rest of Micki's family?

6 A. Kentucky.

7 Q. The sister in DeLand, what's her name?

8 A. Dani, D-a-n-i. Her name is Dani Cole.

9 Q. Did she ever --

10 MR. WILLIAMS: Can you spell the last name for
11 the court reporter?

12 THE DEPONENT: C-o-l-e.

13 Q. Did y'all spend much time with Dani?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did John ever go -- as a kid did y'all ever take
16 him to church regularly as a kid?

17 A. No.

18 Q. As he got older did he ever go to church?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Michelle Kerr, when did you meet her?

21 A. Probably when he was about 18.

22 Q. When John was about 18?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And I guess when did John start bringing her
25 around? Were they dating already, was she pregnant?

