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

CRIMINAL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 18-10885-CF

SPECIAL PROSECUTION

STATE OF FLORIDA,)
)
 Plaintiff,)
 vs.)
)
CHARISSE STINSON,)
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 Defendant.)
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TELEPHONIC DEPOSITION

OF

SHANNON BEARD

TAKEN BY: The Defendant
DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2020
TIME: 2:35 p.m. - 2:42 p.m.
PLACE: County Justice Center
 14250 49th Street North
 Clearwater, Florida 33762

Reported By: Gina M. Manning
 Court Reporter, Notary Public
 State of Florida at Large

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WITNESS

SHANNON BEARD

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No cross examination.

EXHIBITS

No exhibits.

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 MS. MILLER: Hello. Is this Shannon Beard?

3 THE DEPONENT: Yes, it is.

4 MS. MILLER: Hi, Ms. Beard. My name is
5 Allison Miller. I'm here with my co-counsel,
6 Lori Mahin. Also in the room with us is Paul
7 Bolan, assistant state attorney. And Gina Manning,
8 our court reporter.

9 THE DEPONENT: Okay. Hello, everybody.

10 MS. MILLER: Hi. Can we take your
11 deposition now?

12 THE DEPONENT: Yes, absolutely.

13 MS. MILLER: Okay. And because we're doing
14 this telephonically, I can't formally swear you in
15 where we would ask you an oath to tell the truth
16 but we're going to assume that you're telling the
17 truth even though it's over the phone, would that
18 be a fair assumption?

19 THE DEPONENT: Absolutely.

20 MS. MILLER: Okay.

21 Thereupon,

22 SHANNON BEARD

23 was called as a witness by the DEFENDANT after having first
24 affirmed or been duly sworn on oath via telephone by
25 attorney Allison Miller, not by the reporter, was examined

1 and testified as follows:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. MILLER:

4 Q. You and your husband are both listed as witnesses
5 on the State of Florida versus Charisse Stinson. Are you
6 familiar with this case?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And I believe it relates to your home security
9 system.

10 A. Yes, that's correct.

11 Q. If you could walk me through what your all's
12 involvement was, that would be great.

13 Q. Our involvement was specifically that we got
14 a knock on the front door, I can't remember the exact date
15 but it was sometime in the afternoon. It was a couple of
16 detectives who asked if they could -- they noticed we
17 had had a security system with cameras and they were looking
18 for a missing child, which we had heard the alert for that,
19 and we told them to absolutely come on in. They asked if
20 they could look at our cameras to which we pulled them up on
21 multiple computers and devices to try and find anything that
22 we could to help them that might be of use.

23 After scouring through the whole night--because
24 they asked for a specific timeframe, like a specific
25 date--we pulled that up and we scoured through it until

1 eventually we found a bit of footage that was the young
2 woman they were looking for walking in front of our house
3 with the missing child who at a timeframe that, I don't
4 know, seemed conflicting with what was going on is what
5 I gathered. They didn't really give us any of the details.

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7 Then from there, they pretty much just asked if
8 they could get a copy of it and we told them absolutely.
9 We managed to--I don't know how my husband did it, I can't
10 remember--isolate a clip from it and we sent it to them via
11 e-mail, I think it was.

12 They left shortly after giving us a card and
13 letting us know to call them if we needed to call them for
14 we need anything and that they would be in touch if they
15 needed anything.

16 Q. Okay. Let me ask you a couple follow-up questions.
17 When you say "we were scouring through the footage on
18 multiple computers", were you and your husband, Scott, doing
19 this together or were you on separate computers? Tell me
20 how that worked.

21 A. He was on his phone and I was on my laptop because
22 I figured the phone might be a little bit harder to, you
23 know, scan through; because sometimes the button functions
24 on it for our security camera can be a little bit...
25 It's a small bar so when you kind of jump at what you think

1 is ten seconds, it ends up being an hour.

2 So me on the laptop and him on his phone just,
3 basically, going through the timeframe. We were next to
4 each other; so technically together but on two separate
5 different devices.

6 Q. And looking at the same footage?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. We spoke with Scott before--full disclosure--and
9 I understand that you have like a doorbell camera and
10 a driveway camera; is that correct?

11 A. That is correct. That is what we had at the
12 time, yes.

13 Q. So like one of you wasn't tasked to the driveway
14 and one the doorbell? You're both reviewing the
15 same footage?

16 A. Yes, yes. We ended up going through both of them
17 each of us separately, but not "you pick one and you pick
18 the other". We both went through both them.

19 I can't remember which one is was because our
20 doorbell alerts when someone walks in front of it, even if
21 they're on the front sidewalk; but sometimes it doesn't
22 alert so... Both of us looked through each one of them and
23 didn't really pick, as far as I can recall that is. We both
24 looked. I recall looking through the doorbell one myself
25 and then looking through the driveway camera one and...

1 Q. And so it's you and Scott and a couple detectives
2 all in a room together looking through this footage from
3 the cameras?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. Do you remember the footage of the woman
6 carrying her child?

7 A. Yes, I do.

8 Q. Tell me what you remember, please.

9 A. Honestly, my best recollection is that she was
10 walking down the sidewalk carrying a child who looked to be
11 maybe about two to two-and-a-half years old, about the same
12 age that my daughter was at the time. I don't remember her
13 hair or her clothes at the moment but I do distinctly
14 remember that the child's arms and legs were kind of
15 swinging limply in a way that kind of... That's the
16 take-away that I got from it. But she was just walking in
17 front of our house just, you know, taking a pace walking
18 down the street holding her kid.

19 Q. Did you make any other observations about
20 the woman?

21 A. Not -- Not that I can recall at the moment.
22 I'm sorry.

23 Q. That's okay. Do you think you would be able to
24 identify her if you saw her again?

25 A. I probably could, but it has been over a year at

1 this point.

2 Q. Right, I understand. I'm just trying to ask you to
3 understand how clear your recollection of the footage was.

4 Do you know what race the female was?

5 A. She was African-American.

6 Q. Could you tell approximate age?

7 A. Maybe 20 to 25. Relatively young. Well, young to
8 me, I guess.

9 Q. I understood what you meant.

10 Anything else about her demeanor?

11 A. I honestly, I -- I -- Most of my focus fell on the
12 child that she was holding. I didn't really pay attention
13 to her demeanor, per se.

14 Q. Was it you or your husband who actually like
15 isolated the clip and was able to e-mail that to law
16 enforcement?

17 A. He found the clip and isolated it on my laptop.
18 So he found it and then gave me the timeframe that I clipped
19 and we used that to send.

20 Q. Okay. I understand that you provided the relevant
21 timeframe. Did you do anything else to the video like zoom
22 in or speed it up or anything like that in providing it to
23 law enforcement?

24 A. I don't think so. I think it was just that
25 particular clip that established a timeframe.

1 MS. MILLER: I don't believe I have
2 anything else.

3 MR. BOLAN: No questions.

4 MS. MILLER: This is it. Thank you so much
5 for your time.

6 (The telephonic deposition concluded at 2:42 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

I, GINA M. MANNING, Shorthand Reporter
and Notary Public, certify that I was authorized to and
did stenographically report the telephonic deposition of
SHANNON BEARD, pages 1 through 11, that signatures and
formalities were not waived; and that the transcript
is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

I further certify that I am not a relative,
employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties,
nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'
attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am
I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 22nd day of March 2020.

Gina M. Manning

GINA M. MANNING
Shorthand Reporter
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