

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

CASE NO. 23-02935-CF

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TOMASZ KOSOWSKI,

Defendant.

VIDEOCONFERENCE GEORGE COZZI
DEPOSITION OF:

DATE TAKEN: August 2, 2024

TIME: 9:37 a.m. to 10:08 a.m.

PLACE: Via Zoom

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1 The deposition of GEORGE COZZI was taken
2 pursuant to notice by counsel for the Defendant on
3 the 2nd day of August, 2024, commencing at
4 9:37 a.m., via Zoom videoconference. Said
5 deposition was stenographically reported by Tami
6 Cline, RMR, CRR, Notary Public, State of Florida at
7 Large.

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9 GEORGE COZZI,
10 a witness, having been duly sworn to tell the truth,
11 was examined and testified upon his oath as follows:

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. BRUNVAND:

15 Q. Good morning, Mr. Cozzi. This is Bjorn
16 Brunvand. I represent Tom Kosowski, and we're here
17 to take your deposition. If you could please state
18 your full name.

19 A. My name is George Robert Cozzi, Jr.

20 Q. And, Mr. Cozzi, in doing the deposition, it's
21 important that you verbally answer questions that I
22 have and -- meaning nonverbal responses, it's
23 difficult for the court reporter to take down. So
24 nodding of the head and that type of thing or
25 uh-huh, uh-uh generally is hard to interpret. So

1 yes and no and other audible responses would be the
2 best. Is that fine?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. And I want to also tell you that it's
5 not my intent to cause you additional pain, and it's
6 not my intent to make things difficult for you. I
7 do have to ask some questions. And, you know, if
8 you need a break at any point in time, just let me
9 know.

10 A. As I said to you the first time I met you,
11 Counselor, I understand you're just doing your job.

12 Q. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

13 And it looks like Willengy Ramos, who's
14 another lawyer in my office, just joined the
15 deposition.

16 So, Mr. Cozzi, you are the father of Steven
17 Cozzi; is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And where was he raised?

20 A. He was raised in New Hampshire.

21 Q. In New Hampshire? Okay. At some point in
22 time, he was living in New York City?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Tell us, what was he doing when he was living
25 in New York City?

1 A. My son, Steven, worked on Broadway.

2 Q. In what capacity?

3 A. He did behind-the-scenes work mostly, stage
4 crew and costuming, that sort of thing.

5 Q. Okay. All right. And when you first spoke
6 with Detective Compton back on March 21, 2023, you
7 had referenced a serious problem between him and his
8 roommate while he was living in New York City. Do
9 you recall that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Could you tell us a little bit more about
12 that?

13 A. Well, I came home from work one day, and my
14 wife said that Steven and his roommate had some
15 issues and that we were going to go and get Steven
16 and bring him to live with us. At that time we had
17 moved from New Hampshire to Virginia. So we went,
18 picked up my son and brought him to live with us.

19 Q. Okay. And when -- when was that, if you
20 recall?

21 A. I would say probably 15 to 18 years ago.

22 Q. Okay. And what were -- what did you learn
23 about the circumstances that gave rise to you and
24 your wife going there, to picking him up and moving
25 him in with the two of you in Virginia?

1 A. He apparently was having issues with his
2 roommate, and they were not getting along. There
3 were physical confrontations, and he needed to be
4 removed from that situation.

5 Q. Was he -- from what you understood, was he
6 the victim of domestic violence or was he the one
7 that was accused of engaging in domestic violence?

8 A. To the best of my understanding and
9 recollection, he was the victim.

10 Q. He was the victim. Okay. Do you know if the
11 person who was the abuser -- and I assume was the
12 one he was in a relationship with and living with at
13 the time?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And what would that -- what was that person's
16 name?

17 A. I used to know, but I can't remember.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. I don't -- I don't have a recollection of
20 that. I'm sorry.

21 Q. That's okay. All right. Do you think your
22 wife might remember?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Sometimes wives remember things that
25 husbands may not remember as well, so we'll see if

1 she knows.

2 You also discussed with Detective Compton
3 that at some point in time Steven Cozzi, your son,
4 had a serious drinking problem.

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Could you elaborate on that? When did you
7 become aware of it? And tell us a little bit about
8 that.

9 A. I became aware of it, I would say, when
10 Steven came to live with us in Virginia.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. I only saw him when he worked in New York
13 City on a couple of occasions, and he didn't appear
14 to be, you know, suffering, you know, from a
15 drinking problem at that time.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. But when he came to live with us in Virginia,
18 I became more aware of the fact that he was drinking
19 too much.

20 Q. Okay. And if you could tell us, how did you
21 become aware of it and how significant of a problem
22 was it from what you were able to observe?

23 A. Well, I would -- I would say that it was
24 noticeable in his, you know -- you know, in his
25 behavior. You know, he would -- he would, you know,

1 be very intoxicated from time to time, and that's
2 how -- that's -- you know, you're a parent. You
3 know these things.

4 Q. Okay. All right. Did it affect him in such
5 a manner that, for example, he was not able to
6 maintain employment?

7 A. Oh, no.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. No, no. He worked. He -- no. It was
10 never -- it was never a problem from that
11 standpoint.

12 Q. Okay. Were there times when he wouldn't come
13 back home because -- when anticipated because of the
14 drinking?

15 A. I can't -- I can't really say with any
16 certainty about that.

17 Q. Okay. All right. But would it be fair to
18 say it was a serious enough problem that when you
19 were interviewed by Detective Compton, I believe, on
20 March 21, 2023, you brought it to his attention
21 that, you know, maybe -- maybe there was an issue
22 related to the drinking?

23 A. Well, in fairness, I was in a very highly
24 agitated and anxious state --

25 Q. Sure.

1 A. -- when I spoke to the detective, and I at
2 that point was still unaware that Steven had been,
3 you know, murdered. It was my understanding that he
4 was just missing, and so I was attempting to come up
5 with any possible thing that I could say to the
6 detective that might be of any, you know, help
7 whatsoever. But it's also important to know that at
8 that point Steven had been sober for probably ten
9 years.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. So, you know, you say -- when you -- when
12 you're a parent and your child has -- you have been
13 told that your child has gone missing and you have
14 police interviewing you and you're trying to come up
15 with anything, any lead that you can possibly give
16 them --

17 Q. Sure.

18 A. -- you know, that's -- but I -- at that time
19 I believe I said to the detective that it was very,
20 very unlikely that this had happened.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. That Steven had turned back to drinking. But
23 I was saying it because I was trying to give them
24 every possible bit of information that I could.

25 Q. Sure. Sure. And -- yes. So you -- at the

1 time you knew that he had had ten years, from what
2 you knew, without any alcohol. Is that a fair
3 statement?

4 A. Yes. He had gotten -- he had gotten involved
5 with Alcoholics Anonymous. He had, you know,
6 straightened his life out. He had gone to law
7 school. He was a practicing attorney. He had, you
8 know -- and he was also a mentor for other people at
9 AA. So he had come, you know, pretty much full
10 circle.

11 Q. Sure. Sure. And you knew this because he
12 had -- he would talk to you about it from time to
13 time?

14 A. I knew -- I knew about it because he talked
15 about it. I also knew, you know, through
16 observation.

17 Q. Right.

18 A. When we would -- whenever we would go out or
19 whenever he would come for dinners or anything that
20 had to do with the family, there was no question he
21 had nothing to do with alcohol.

22 Q. Okay. And I don't mean to pry, but at these
23 family gatherings, would other people have alcohol
24 and consume alcohol?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. All right.

2 A. Not in -- not -- you know, you're talking
3 about a glass of wine with dinner.

4 Q. Sure.

5 A. Not anybody, you know, abusing alcohol in any
6 way.

7 Q. Understood. Not to excess.

8 A. Exactly.

9 Q. Okay. All right. Would it be fair to say
10 when you're speaking with -- do you recall the name
11 of the officer you were speaking to?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. I was --

15 Q. Would it be fair to say when you were
16 speaking to law enforcement on March 21st and it's
17 being investigated as a missing person investigation
18 that you're being truthful? You're upset, but
19 you're being truthful and you're exploring any and
20 all possibilities. Would that be a fair statement?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. And have you listened to the interview
23 that you had with law enforcement?

24 A. Yes, I have.

25 Q. Okay. All right. And in listening to the

1 interview, the things that you say, you know, apart
2 from "I was upset" and what have you, I mean, they
3 were still truthful, right? It was you exploring
4 every possible scenario as to what may have happened
5 with your son.

6 A. Yes. With the caveat, as I have said, that I
7 was very, very upset and probably, you know, not
8 in -- not in full possession of my, you know --
9 my -- all my mental faculties.

10 Q. Sure.

11 A. You know, if that makes sense.

12 Q. Sure. And I'm going to suggest to you that
13 the fact that someone at some point in their life
14 had a struggle with alcohol or drugs and then are
15 able to conquer that speaks volumes, as far as I'm
16 concerned, about that person. I mean, I don't think
17 it's a negative thing. Does that make sense?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Okay. All right. You had also mentioned, I
20 believe, to law enforcement that maybe Steven had
21 started a relationship with someone else. Could you
22 elaborate on that?

23 A. Pure speculation.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. It goes -- it goes down the same path as my

1 conversation with the detective about the drinking.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. Just trying as a parent to come up with some
4 direction, some sort of an explanation. Just, you
5 know -- I'm in a panic. You know, my kid's missing.

6 Q. Right. Right. It doesn't make any sense,
7 right --

8 A. Right.

9 Q. -- that he's not there?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Yeah. Were you living -- you and your wife,
12 were you living in Florida at that time?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And how long had you lived in Florida
15 at that time?

16 A. A little more than 11 years.

17 Q. Okay. And were you living in Pinellas
18 County?

19 A. No. We lived in Hillsborough County.

20 Q. Hillsborough County. Okay. And did you move
21 here in part because your son had moved down to
22 Florida or --

23 A. No. We moved here when I retired, and Steven
24 came with us, because we were all living in Virginia
25 at the time. And Steven came with us.

1 Q. Okay. Okay. And what did you do prior to
2 your retirement?

3 A. I was a salesman.

4 Q. In what field?

5 A. At the time I retired, I was a representative
6 for a wholesale company that sold heating and
7 air-conditioning equipment.

8 Q. Okay. All right. The -- you indicated that
9 at some point you learned that it was -- that we
10 were dealing with your son's murder instead of a
11 missing person investigation. Can you elaborate on
12 how that comes about, how you were advised, what you
13 were being told about what happened or didn't
14 happen?

15 A. Well, several days after I had the interview
16 with the detective and we were discussing it --

17 Q. Right.

18 A. -- it was about 4:00 in the morning my phone
19 rang, and it was Michael. And Michael said that I
20 had to come over, that myself and Lois had to come
21 over to his house right away.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. So we went over to his house, and apparently
24 prior to our having been there, the police had been
25 to his home and had informed him that Steven was

1 dead and that they were -- and they had arrested
2 your client.

3 Q. Okay. So this is the early morning hours
4 after Tom Kosowski's been arrested?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. And did -- so you were informed by
7 Michael Montgomery, not by law enforcement?

8 A. No, I was not informed by law enforcement. I
9 was informed by Michael.

10 Q. Okay. And beyond -- beyond indicating that
11 Steven Cozzi, your son, was deceased and that Tom
12 Kosowski had been arrested for murdering your son,
13 was anything else shared by Michael Montgomery as
14 far as what law enforcement had told him about what
15 happened?

16 A. No. Michael -- Michael was in a state of
17 complete emotional collapse, as you can imagine.

18 Q. Right.

19 A. All we did was try to comfort one another
20 and, you know -- that -- you know, there was no
21 substantive discussion that I can remember, anything
22 as to who -- other than, you know, your client had
23 been arrested. Facts to it, no, pertaining -- in
24 fact, to this day I am not fully aware of it.

25 Q. Understood. Understood. You may recall -- I

1 believe you sat in on the July -- I think it was
2 July 11, 2023, hearing involving bond and various
3 matters. I think you testified briefly during that
4 hearing. Do you recall that?

5 A. No, I did not testify, sir.

6 Q. Okay. But you sat --

7 A. I was present. I was present in the
8 courtroom.

9 Q. I apologize.

10 A. I think you're talking about the Arthur
11 hearing.

12 Q. That's correct. Okay. Michael Montgomery at
13 that time was asked about whether or not he had
14 checked to see if there was any credit card activity
15 post arrest during the time period leading up to
16 that. Do you recall that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Okay. Well, he was, and then I think he
19 indicated the last time he had checked was, like,
20 the previous weekend and there was no activity.
21 There hadn't been any activity that he could -- that
22 he could see. This may sound like an odd question,
23 but have you had any contact since March 21, 2023,
24 via phone, email, or any other type of
25 communications with your son, Steven Cozzi?

1 A. Oh, do I wish that could be true.

2 Q. I understand. I understand.

3 A. No. The answer is no.

4 Q. The answer is no.

5 And had -- had Steven Cozzi ever talked to
6 you about being a lawyer and how he felt about being
7 a lawyer?

8 A. Sure.

9 Q. Tell us about that.

10 A. Well, he had good days and bad days, like
11 everybody else in your profession --

12 Q. Sure.

13 A. Or in any other professional endeavor. You
14 know, that -- you know, he would -- he didn't -- he
15 didn't share a lot with me about his day-to-day
16 work.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. But that was true all the time. He was --
19 Steven was much closer to my wife, in truth, than he
20 was to me.

21 Q. Okay. Okay.

22 A. Not that we didn't care about one another,
23 not that we didn't love one another, but it was a
24 different dynamic between him and I.

25 Q. Sure. Sure.

1 A. He was more likely -- more likely to bring
2 something that was upsetting him to my wife first,
3 and then she would bring it to me. And, you know,
4 that was the dynamic between the three of us.

5 Q. Okay. Okay.

6 A. Prior to -- prior to Michael's entry into the
7 relationship.

8 Q. Okay. And how long had he and Michael been
9 in a relationship?

10 A. I want to say six or seven years.

11 Q. Okay. And how long had he --

12 A. Counselor, you have to bear in mind that I am
13 not -- not good about a lot of dates. Time -- you
14 know, when you retire, time just sort of seems to go
15 along.

16 Q. Sure.

17 A. Because you don't look at your watch all the
18 time. You don't have stuff that you have to do.
19 All I have -- all I really have to do is make sure I
20 get to the golf course on time.

21 Q. There you go. Okay. Understood.
22 Understood. And time goes by --

23 A. When I say something to you about a time
24 frame, just please understand that it's, you know,
25 to the best of my recollection.

1 Q. I understand. I understand. Was he with
2 Michael Montgomery the majority of the time that he
3 was a lawyer?

4 A. Yes. Yes. I'm pretty sure that him and
5 Michael began their relationship after he graduated
6 from law school.

7 Q. Okay.

8 A. Again, this is subject to, as we just talked.

9 Q. Understood. Understood. Another issue that
10 came up on March 21st and it's been discussed from
11 time to time was my understanding that Steven Cozzi
12 also had some problems with anxiety. What do you
13 know about that?

14 A. I would say that when you use the word
15 "anxiety," you can get a context -- or a connotation
16 from that that's not correct.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. Steven was -- Steven would be anxious like
19 all the rest of us are anxious, okay, about, you
20 know, maybe what's going on at work or something
21 that's going on in your personal life. Not -- not
22 anxious to the point where he would be under the
23 care of a physician or taking -- as far as I know,
24 he didn't take any sort of antidepressant drugs or
25 anything like that. So normal -- normal

1 run-of-the-mill anxiety, as opposed to clinical kind
2 of depression sort of anxiety, if I'm making myself
3 clear here.

4 Q. Sure. Sure. And I guess my question would
5 be, did you ever observe things that would happen
6 that suggest to you that he was having anxiety?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Okay. Did he ever tell you, you know,
9 that -- you know, "I'm struggling with anxiety"?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Okay. All right. And it can manifest itself
12 in many different ways, but as far as what you saw
13 or noticed, you didn't notice anything of
14 significance; is that fair?

15 A. That would be fair to say.

16 Q. Okay. You are aware of the fact that my
17 client has been charged with murdering your son, and
18 there are two phases to a case like this once it
19 goes to trial. One is what's called a
20 guilt/innocence or the guilt phase where a jury
21 would determine whether or not Tom Kosowski is
22 guilty or not guilty of the accusation. The second
23 part is -- and we only get there if there's a guilty
24 verdict -- is what's called a penalty phase. In the
25 penalty phase sometimes family members and friends

1 are asked to provide what's called victim impact
2 statements or testimony. Is that something that you
3 have discussed with the prosecutor or had any
4 thoughts about?

5 A. I have not discussed with the prosecutor
6 anything relating to what happens after your client
7 is found guilty. This penalty phase that you talk
8 about, I will cross that bridge when I come to it.

9 Q. Understood. Understood. Did the -- in
10 general, not specifically to this case, but in
11 general did you ever have discussions with Steven
12 Cozzi about the death penalty and his thoughts about
13 the penalty?

14 A. I would say that Steven was of two minds --

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. -- of the death penalty. I think that he
17 probably thought that in some cases it was certainly
18 justifiable --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- and necessary, and I think in other cases,
21 you know, it would -- it would probably be fairer to
22 not execute someone.

23 Q. Okay. Okay. What about you yourself, do you
24 have strong feelings for or against the death
25 penalty?

1 A. I would say that I'm in a -- I'm in the same
2 camp. Now, understand, Counselor, that now we're
3 talking in general.

4 Q. In general. I understand. In general.

5 A. Don't ask me specifically about --

6 Q. No. I'm asking you generally --

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. -- what -- yeah.

9 A. I would say I'm of two minds about it also.

10 Q. Okay. Okay.

11 A. To think there are people who, you know,
12 probably deserve to be executed because their crimes
13 are so heinous. And I think there are people that,
14 you know, perhaps, you know, life in prison would be
15 a more appropriate, but it's, you know -- it's
16 hypothetical.

17 Q. I understand. I understand. I'm not asking
18 you specifically as to this case.

19 Because you have not discussed the potential
20 impact statement with Mr. Vonderheide yet, what I'm
21 going to propose is that -- there's two different
22 ways it can be done. Usually it's prepared in
23 advance and it's shared with us so that we can
24 review it, or you may be called as a witness. So I
25 would probably ask, if Mr. Vonderheide is okay with

1 that, to reserve in the event that you were called
2 as a witness as a victim impact witness and it was
3 going to be beyond just the statement that's written
4 out, that we could have a limited deposition at that
5 time as it relates to that. Obviously if it's just
6 a statement, then that would not be required.

7 MR. BRUNVAND: Nathan, what are your thoughts
8 on that?

9 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Can you hear me, Bjorn?

10 MR. BRUNVAND: Yes.

11 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I have no problem with
12 that.

13 MR. BRUNVAND: Okay. All right. Very good.

14 THE WITNESS: Could I just get a minute here?

15 MR. BRUNVAND: Yes.

16 THE WITNESS: What did we just decide?

17 MR. VONDERHEIDE: So upon conviction, we'll
18 have a second phase, the penalty phase. I can't
19 really delve now into how it works. You would
20 make a statement, draft it. Post-conviction
21 Mr. Brunvand could have additional questions at a
22 later depo for that purpose, so -- as it relates
23 to what you would say. It's a bit premature now
24 to even discuss victim impact statements in my
25 opinion. But once we get there, they have a right

1 to talk to the folks what they'll say
2 post-conviction.

3 THE WITNESS: Are you okay with this?

4 MR. VONDERHEIDE: Yes.

5 THE WITNESS: All right. Then. I'm okay
6 with it.

7 BY MR. BRUNVAND:

8 Q. Since you have not had that discussion with
9 Mr. Vonderheide and thought through all that, it
10 just makes more sense to do that at a later stage,
11 so --

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. All right. Very good.

14 MR. BRUNVAND: I don't have any other
15 questions.

16 Willengy, do you have any questions?

17 MS. RAMOS: I don't have any questions.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. BRUNVAND: All right.

20 MR. VONDERHEIDE: I don't have any questions
21 either.

22 MR. BRUNVAND: All right. Mr. Cozzi, you can
23 request to read the transcript if this is
24 transcribed or you can waive the reading of the
25 transcript. You would be able to view the

1 transcript regardless before you would ever
2 testify. If you want to read it, that means you
3 will provide an email address or contact
4 information to the court reporter so that the
5 court reporter can then send it to you. You can't
6 change it, but you can write in the back, you
7 know, if there's anything you disagree with. So
8 it's up to you if you want to read or waive or if
9 you want to consult with Mr. Vonderheide about it,
10 you may as well.

11 THE WITNESS: I think I'll consult with him.

12 MR. BRUNVAND: Okay. Why don't I -- I'm
13 going to go ahead and turn off the recording, and
14 then I'll let you guys consult. You can mute
15 yourself if you want to mute yourself during your
16 consulting with Mr. Vonderheide.

17 (Discussion off the record.)

18 MR. VONDERHEIDE: So he'll waive.

19 (At 10:08 a.m., no further questions were
20 propounded to this witness.)
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CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I, Tami Cline, Registered Merit Reporter,
Certified Realtime Reporter, and Notary Public in
and for the State of Florida at large, hereby
certify that GEORGE COZZI virtually appeared before
me on the 2nd day of August, 2024, was duly sworn,
and produced a Florida driver's license as
identification.

WITNESS my hand this December 16, 2024.

Tami Cline



Tami Cline, RMR, CRR
Notary Public - State of Florida
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My Commission Expires: May 19, 2026

1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER


2 STATE OF FLORIDA

3 COUNTY OF PINELLAS

4 I, Tami Cline, Registered Merit Reporter,
5 Certified Realtime Reporter, Florida Professional
6 Reporter, do hereby certify that I was authorized to
7 and did stenographically report the deposition of
8 GEORGE COZZI; that a review of the transcript was
9 not requested; and that the foregoing transcript is
10 a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

11 I further certify that I am not a relative,
12 employee, attorney or counsel for any of the
13 parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of
14 the parties' attorneys or counsel connected with the
15 action, nor am I financially interested in the
16 outcome of the action.

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