

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

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. 23-02935-CF

TOMASZ KOSOWSKI,

Defendant.

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DEPOSITION OF MICHELLE TENSLEY

DATE: September 14, 2023

TIME: 9:01 - 9:13 a.m.

PLACE: Zoom Video Conference

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1 DEPOSITION IN DISCOVERY

2 MICHELLE TENSLEY

3 Pursuant to notice duly given, the deposition of
4 MICHELLE TENSLEY, called by the Defendant in the
5 above-styled cause, was taken by me, a Notary Public in
6 and for the State of Florida at Large, at the time and
7 place and in the presence of counsel enumerated on
8 Page 1 hereof.

9 Thereupon, it was stipulated and agreed by and
10 between the attorneys for the respective parties, by and
11 with the consent of the said MICHELLE TENSLEY, that
12 signature to the said deposition be waived.

13 (Ms. Ramos was not present.)

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Do you swear or affirm
15 the testimony you'll give will be the truth and
16 nothing but the truth?

17 THE WITNESS: I do.

18 MICHELLE TENSLEY, having been first duly sworn,
19 upon interrogation in discovery, testified as follows:

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MS. POWERS SELLERS:

22 Q. All right. Please state your full name.

23 A. Michelle Tensley.

24 Q. And you are a doctor; correct?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Where do you work?

2 A. Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialists and Emergency
3 Care Center.

4 Q. How long have you been there?

5 A. Two and a half years.

6 Q. Okay. What is your date of birth?

7 A. 10-20-81.

8 Q. Have you ever taken a deposition?

9 A. No.

10 Q. All right. So I'm just going to ask you a few
11 questions. Actually, it's not going to take too long
12 because I don't -- I believe you only spoke with one
13 officer.

14 Your only job is to tell the truth. If you don't
15 know, just say you don't know. If you need me to
16 rephrase the question, just let me know. I can rephrase
17 the question.

18 Do you live in Pinellas County?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Where did you go to med school?

21 A. Veterinary school, I went to a vet school,
22 Colorado State.

23 Q. Vet?

24 A. Okay. Colorado State.

25 Q. Okay. So your office is located on Belcher

1 Road; correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And what is that address?

4 A. 1501 Belcher Road South.

5 Q. Do you work in both Buildings A and B, or do
6 you go back and forth?

7 A. Back and forth. I primarily work in A, but I
8 go over to B for meetings.

9 Q. What time do you usually arrive at work?

10 A. Between 8:00 and 8:30.

11 Q. Do you recall an incident where law
12 enforcement responded to a missing person back on
13 March 23rd -- no -- March 21st, 2023?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you remember what time you arrived at work
16 that morning?

17 A. I do not exactly, no.

18 Q. Would it have been on time or earlier than
19 you're typically going to be there?

20 A. Within my normal time frame.

21 Q. Which is?

22 A. Between 8:00 and 8:30.

23 Q. Okay. You told law enforcement back when they
24 talked to you initially, that you arrived at work around
25 8:15 and 8:20, which falls in that range. Does that

1 sound accurate?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. When you arrived, where did you go when you
4 left your vehicle?

5 A. Into Building A.

6 Q. How did you enter Building A?

7 A. By our kind of back staff door.

8 Q. Is that the only entrance into your office in
9 Building A?

10 A. No.

11 Q. What's -- what other entrances are there into
12 your office?

13 A. There's a front door and there's a secondary
14 back entrance.

15 Q. Was the door that you entered that morning
16 locked when you got there?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. After you enter into that door, do you lock it
19 behind you?

20 A. Yes. It's an auto lock.

21 Q. Do you remember who was at the office when you
22 arrived?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And when you arrived, did you have patients?

25 A. I don't recall.

1 Q. When, generally, you arrive at work, tell me
2 about a typical workday.

3 A. The typical workday is go to my office, log
4 into the computer, check for memos, e-mails. Assess any
5 morning patient transfers. Round with my team about the
6 day. And if I have a meeting, I head over to the other
7 building to check in with them.

8 Q. Did you have any meetings that day?

9 A. I don't recall.

10 Q. Do you recall ever going to the south
11 building, Building B, that morning?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And what was the purpose of going to
14 Building B that morning?

15 A. I don't recall the exact purpose. I went to
16 talk to our practice manager, but I don't recall --

17 Q. Do you remember when you went to Building B?

18 A. I don't recall exact time. I know it was
19 relatively early in the morning.

20 MS. POWERS SELLERS: Madam Court Reporter, I
21 just wanted to let you know that Willengy Ramos
22 joined us from Mr. Brunvand's office.

23 Q. Do you remember speaking to a detective that
24 day --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- or the following day?

2 Does Detective Hunt ring a bell?

3 A. I don't remember the name. Sorry.

4 Q. Okay. You had indicated to Detective Hunt
5 that you went to the south building around 9:30 or
6 10:00. Would that be accurate?

7 A. That sounds reasonable, yeah.

8 Q. And it makes sense that your memory was
9 probably clearer on that day than it is several months
10 later?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. So how did you enter into Building B
13 when you walked that way?

14 A. I typically go through -- I don't recall,
15 honestly. There's two entrances. And I don't know
16 which one I used, whether I used the front or the side.

17 Q. Okay. Again, when you spoke to Detective
18 Hunt, you had indicated to him that you walked through
19 the lobby door.

20 A. Okay. That would be the entrance directly
21 between the buildings.

22 Q. Is that the main atrium entrance?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. The public?

25 A. (Nods head.)

1 Q. Okay. So assuming you walked over there
2 around 9:30 or 10:00, and you entered through that main
3 entrance, as indicated when you spoke with the detective
4 early on, we can place you in the atrium between 9:30
5 and 10:00.

6 When you were there, when you walked in, did you
7 notice anything out of place or strange?

8 A. Not that I recall.

9 Q. Did you see anyone that you didn't recognize
10 or -- either inside the building or around, on your way
11 to Building B?

12 A. Not that I remember.

13 Q. Once you walk into the lobby, how do you get
14 to the office that you're going to in Building B?

15 A. There is a, like, back door into our
16 administrative suite. So you kind of walk through the
17 lobby, through that door, and into our suite.

18 Q. Do you pass the hallway where the restrooms
19 are?

20 A. Yeah. I mean, it's in the vicinity. You have
21 to -- it's not directly by, but everything in the lobby
22 attaches to it.

23 Q. Okay. Prior to March 21st, have you -- had
24 you ever seen any individuals that looked out of place
25 or that didn't belong there?

1 A. Not that I can specifically recall. But
2 certainly, there were visitors that were through for the
3 businesses that weren't normal.

4 Q. When individuals come in to the vet with their
5 pets, are they -- I know some are on a leash. But are
6 they ever pulled in a wagon or carried in a crate or any
7 kind of container of sorts?

8 A. I don't know that I've ever seen a wagon.
9 I've seen small crates for dogs. Other than that,
10 usually if they can't walk it, we provide a gurney from
11 the hospital.

12 Q. Okay. And how long have you been at that
13 location?

14 A. Roughly two and a half years.

15 Q. Is there -- is it common to see people
16 loitering, or are there homeless people in the area that
17 you run into on occasion?

18 A. There have been occasional homeless, but it's
19 not common.

20 MS. POWERS SELLERS: Okay. I believe that is
21 all I have for you.

22 State?

23 MS. SPADARO: I have no questions.

24 MS. POWERS SELLERS: Okay. Willengy, I'm
25 assuming you don't have any questions?

1 MS. RAMOS: I just have one.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. RAMOS:

4 Q. Ms. Tensley, good morning.

5 A. Good morning.

6 Q. My name is Willengy Ramos. I'm an associate
7 attorney with Brunvand Wise, P.A., and I'm one of the
8 attorneys involved in representing Dr. Kosowski.

9 I just had a quick question.

10 So you indicated that you hadn't seen anyone out of
11 place or, you know, that didn't belong on the property.
12 Do you recall receiving an e-mail dated March 14th,
13 2023, that described an incident, a police incident
14 report, from the electrical closet in Building B?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And do you recall the specific content
17 of that e-mail?

18 A. Not the specific content. I just remember it
19 being a notice that that incident had occurred.

20 Q. All right. And is there a particular reason
21 that you were listed as one of the recipients on the
22 e-mail?

23 A. Well, I'm considered part of management at the
24 hospital, so any type of higher-level correspondence
25 would go to me.

1 I don't recall if that specific e-mail was
2 hospital-wide or just to the management level.

3 Q. Okay. And did you discuss this particular
4 incident with any of your colleagues at your place of
5 employment?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And what was the nature of those
8 discussions?

9 A. Essentially, just curiosity discussions.
10 Like, this -- this happened. Well, that's strange. We
11 just have to be careful and be aware of our
12 surroundings.

13 Q. Did you speak to Deborah Heinrichs (phonetic)
14 about this particular incident?

15 A. Not that I recall, no.

16 Q. Okay. Did you speak with Christina Green
17 (phonetic) about this particular incident?

18 A. Not that I specially recall. I talk to
19 Christina frequently, so. I just don't remember that
20 particular.

21 Q. Okay. You don't remember that specifically?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. What do you recall about the incident?

24 A. All I recall is what I heard second-hand at
25 this point. So, essentially, just hearing that there

1 was someone who shouldn't be there in a closet in that
2 building in the morning, that left immediately after.

3 It made people nervous, we needed to be aware,
4 moving forward.

5 Q. Was there a description of this individual
6 provided?

7 A. Not to me.

8 MS. RAMOS: All right. Thank you,
9 Ms. Tensley. I don't have any further questions.

10 THE WITNESS: Sure.

11 (Discussion off the record.)

12 (Deposition concluded at 9:13 a.m.)
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CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

I, the undersigned authority, certify that
MICHELLE TENSLEY remotely appeared before me
September 14, 2023 and was duly sworn.

Witness my hand and official seal this 16th
day of December, 2024.



LINDA A. MCGILL, RPR Qualified
Stenographic Court Reporter
Notary Public, State of Florida
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REPORTER'S DEPOSITION CERTIFICATE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

I, LINDA A. MCGILL, Stenographic Court Reporter, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the deposition of MICHELLE TENSLEY; that a review of the transcript was not requested; 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 this action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2024.



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