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

DEPOSITION OF: MICHELE WEISENSEE

DATE TAKEN: December 5, 2023

TIME: 4:15 p.m. to 4:24 p.m.

PLACE: Via Zoom videoconference

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- 1 The deposition of MICHELE WEISENSEE was taken
- 2 pursuant to notice by counsel for the Defendant on the
- 3 5th day of December, 2023, commencing at 4:15 p.m., via
- 4 Zoom videoconference. Said deposition was
- 5 stenographically reported by Lori A. Seiden, RPR,
- 6 FPR-C, Notary Public, State of Florida at Large.
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- 8 MICHELE WEISENSEE,
- 9 a witness, having been duly sworn to tell the truth,
- 10 was examined and testified upon her oath as follows:
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MS. POWERS SELLERS:
- 14 Q. Ms. Weisensee, my name is Amanda Sellers. I
- 15 represent Dr. Kosowski. I, along with my colleagues,
- 16 will probably be -- may have some questions for you in
- 17 addition to mine.
- 18 Have you ever given a deposition before?
- 19 A. I have not.
- 20 Q. Okay. So it's very easy. I'm going to ask you
- 21 questions; you're going to tell me the truth. If you
- 22 don't know the answer, you're going to say, "I don't
- 23 know."
- 24 A. Yes, ma'am.
- Q. Can you please state your full name?

- 1 A. Yes. Michele Weisensee.
- 2 Q. Where are you employed?
- 3 A. Ronati.
- 4 Q. That is the tech company located in the atrium
- 5 building; correct?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. No. I can't get these buildings.
- 8 Okay. Tell me the building you are in.
- 9 A. The address here is 1501 Belcher Road South,
- 10 Suite 1B.
- 11 Q. So it is B.
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And that's where the main lobby is?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Okay. All right. So I don't -- don't try to
- 16 confuse me now.
- 17 A. You said "the atrium building." I used to work
- 18 for another company that the building was called The
- 19 Atrium.
- 20 Q. Just so we're clear, this is -- Building B is
- 21 the building with the main lobby and there's some
- 22 administrative offices that kind of surround that lobby?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. An attorney's office?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 O. And then some administrative offices for the
- 2 vet?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay. How long have you been working there?
- 5 A. With Ronati, I've been here a little over three
- 6 years.
- 7 Q. So you've been in that location for about two
- 8 and a half?
- 9 A. Two and a half, yeah.
- 10 Q. Okay. And are you aware or have you been made
- 11 aware of the homeless population in that area and been
- 12 advised to use caution or any of -- any of those
- 13 warnings?
- 14 A. Well, I wouldn't say we have much of a
- 15 homeless. I haven't seen much.
- 16 Q. What are your hours of operation?
- A. So we're open pretty much from 9:00 to 5:00.
- 18 Q. What time do you usually arrive at work?
- 19 A. Nowadays it's closer to 9:00, but it was
- 20 sometimes between 8:00 and 8:30.
- 21 Q. And that would have been back in March of this
- 22 year?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you know about what time you got to work on
- 25 March 21st?

- 1 A. I would say it was probably closer to 9:00. I
- 2 would say maybe ten minutes to 9:00, somewhere in that
- 3 vicinity.
- 4 Q. How did you enter into your office?
- 5 A. So we have a door that faces the parking lot,
- 6 that door faces the west side of the building.
- 7 Q. Is that how you usually enter and exit?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you have any reason to use the main lobby
- 10 exit or entrance?
- 11 A. Just to use the bathroom.
- 12 Q. Okay. So you're still within the building when
- 13 you go to use the restroom?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Do you exit out that main lobby area ever?
- 16 A. That's where the -- our -- our door goes out to
- 17 the main lobby to get to the bathroom.
- 18 Q. Right.
- And then to go outside through the lobby doors,
- 20 do you ever go outside through the lobby doors?
- 21 A. Not normally, no.
- 22 Q. Okay. So do you recall going to the restroom
- 23 at any time whenever you arrived on the 21st?
- A. Probably not till later in the day.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. I don't think I went in the morning.
- Q. Did you see anyone there that was not familiar
- 3 to you?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. When I say "there," I mean anywhere inside,
- 6 outside of your building.
- 7 A. Mm-hmm.
- 8 Q. No?
- 9 A. There tends to be people here waiting to go
- 10 into the vet's office, so you see people either waiting
- 11 by their car. Sometimes they drop their pet off and
- 12 they're still sitting in their car, but nobody stood out
- 13 to me that day. There could have been people in their
- 14 cars waiting, which is kind of normal. It's not the
- 15 same people each time. It's usually different people.
- 16 Q. Did you become aware of or did you have -- did
- 17 you notice any smells coming from the bathrooms when you
- 18 went?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. At what point --
- 21 A. I wouldn't -- I wouldn't say I went probably
- 22 until after lunchtime.
- Q. When you went after lunchtime, what did you
- 24 observe?
- A. At that point, the police had already arrived.

- 1 So there was -- I think the men's door of the
- 2 bathroom was ajar. There was something there. There
- 3 was a box -- an empty box there holding the door open,
- 4 and somebody sitting in the hallway there kind of
- 5 guarding it, in a sense, I guess. Other than that, I
- 6 didn't really notice anything else.
- 7 I think maybe there was some paper towels on
- 8 the floor outside the men's room.
- 9 Q. So any smells?
- 10 A. No, nothing I noticed.
- 11 Q. What happened with the AC unit that morning?
- 12 A. So it was actually a cool morning. So Celeste,
- 13 which is another co-worker of mine, said she wanted to
- 14 put the heat on. And she was, like, the monitor on the
- 15 wall, it was not -- it was out. So it looked like there
- 16 was no power.
- 17 And I said, "The breaker must have tripped." I
- 18 said, "You should go into the break room, see if you can
- 19 find the panel on the wall and see which one applies to
- 20 that, and see if you can turn it back on." I go, "If
- 21 you need help, let me know." She went off by herself to
- 22 handle it.
- 23 O. Was she able to handle it?
- 24 A. Yeah. She told me later that she turned it
- 25 back on, and it came back at this time.

- 1 Q. Is that normal? I mean, has that happened in
- 2 the past?
- 3 A. Never.
- 4 Q. You also noticed a vehicle in the parking lot.
- 5 And I believe you told law enforcement it was an SUV or
- 6 a pickup truck.
- 7 What stood out to you?
- 8 A. I believe that was Celeste. That wasn't me.
- 9 Q. Okay. Oh, yes.
- 10 So you are telling law enforcement that she
- 11 saw?
- 12 A. She saw, yeah.
- Q. Okay. Did you see the SUV or the truck?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 MS. POWERS SELLERS: I believe that's all I
- have.
- Willengy? Bjorn?
- 18 BY MR. BRUNVAND:
- 19 Q. Just one quick question.
- 20 When asked about the breaker and if that had
- 21 ever happened before you said never.
- How long have you been there?
- 23 A. Two and a half years.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. I will clarify. We did trip the breaker once

- 1 with the microwave. It was a different breaker, but we
- 2 had a microwave and a toaster going to the same plug and
- 3 we did trip that once. So I don't remember when that
- 4 was, but never with the AC.
- 5 Q. Never with the AC. Okay.
- 6 A. Yeah, never.
- 7 MR. BRUNVAND: That's all I have. Thank you.
- 8 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
- 9 MS. POWERS SELLERS: Thank you. So our court
- 10 reporter has been taking down everything that you're
- 11 saying. We'll probably order a copy of the
- 12 transcript.
- 13 You are free to review what we -- what you have
- said today when it's ordered, or you can waive that.
- 15 It's completely up to you.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 17 MS. POWERS SELLERS: Which one do you want?
- THE WITNESS: Sure, I can view it, take a look
- 19 at it.
- 20 MS. POWERS SELLERS: If you can just give Lori
- 21 your e-mail address.
- 22 Sorry. I just -- Mr. Vonderheide, did you have
- any questions?
- 24 MR. VONDERHEIDE: No. Thank you for asking. I
- don't have any questions.

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Page 13 1 ERRATA SHEET 2 IN RE: STATE OF FLORIDA vs. TOMASZ KOSOWSKI DEPOSITION OF: MICHELE WEISENSEE 3 TAKEN: 12/05/2023 DO NOT WRITE ON TRANSCRIPT - ENTER CHANGES HERE 4 5 Please sign, date, and return this sheet to our office. If additional lines are required for corrections, attach additional sheets. 6 7 At the time of the reading and signing of the deposition the following changes were noted: 8 9 PAGE LINE CORRECTION REASON 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read my deposition and that it is true and correct subject to 23 any changes in form or substance entered here. SIGNATURE OF DEPONENT: 24 25

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1	CERTIFICATE OF OATH		
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3	STATE OF FLORIDA		
4	COUNTY OF PINELLAS		
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6	I, Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C, Notary Public,		
7	State of Florida, certify that MICHELE WEISENSEE		
8	virtually appeared before me on the 5th day of		
9	December, 2023, and was duly sworn.		
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11	WITNESS my hand this 19th day of Section 2024.		
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13	Lori a Leiden		
14	Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C		
15	Notary Public - State of Florida		
16	My Commission No.: HH 226917		
17	My Commission Expires: June 6, 2026		
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Page 16 September 19, 2024 1 3 MICHELE WEISENSEE michele.weisensee@ronati.com 4 5 Dear Ms. Weisensee: Your deposition taken in the case of State of 6 7 Florida vs. Tomasz Kosowski on December 5, 2023, has 8 been transcribed. Per your request to review the transcript, it is being held at our office at 728 South 10 New York Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, until October 19, 2024. 11 12 Please call (863) 682-8737 to make arrangements to 13 do this during our regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 14 15 Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. 16 17 Sincerely, 18 Lari a Leiden 19 20 21 Lori A. Seiden, RPR, FPR-C 2.2 23 24 25