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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY

CONNIE J. HOLT, PETITIONER

V.

DERRICK WILLIAMSON, RESPONDENT

CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER: 2023-SU-CA-050

PETITION FOR STALKING TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

BEFORE THE HONORABLE STEPHEN A. BRADLEY JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURTS MARCH 15, 2023

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PROCEEDINGS

THE COURT: All right. Counsel, where are we on Holt versus Williamson?

MR. HENRY: I think I was premature in stating that we might have a consent agreement. We were close, but I think there are some sticking points that we couldn't agree upon and so therefore, unfortunately, we need to have a hearing.

THE COURT: Okay. You agree --

MS. JOHNSON: Yes, the --

THE COURT: -- Ms. Johnson?

MS. JOHNSON: -- plaintiff had an issue that the -my client was not comfortable with, Judge, and it was -it was just the one issue, really, but yes, Judge. With
that, we will need to move forward with a hearing and
again, with respect to the request for Your Honor to hear
my venue argument that this is not --

THE COURT: All right. Well, let's -- are there any points of agreement that we can start with, counsel?

MS. JOHNSON: I don't think so. It's -- I mean, I have -- we have discussed the venue issue. My client has not been a resident of Morgan County for almost a year. I think that Judge Holt knows that. She, in essence through a good behavior order, informed Mr. Williamson that he could not return to a residence in which he owned here in

Morgan County, and that was in April of 2022, if I recall correctly, Judge. Since then, he has physically resided in Rockdale County. Judge Holt knows that, she actually put that on there. Can't say that you've resided some place for almost a year and that — that it's a temporary residence. Just because he owns a — a place here in Morgan County doesn't mean that he resides here. He resides and has resided, again, pretty much since April of last year in Rockdale County.

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Now, whether or not he continues to advocate that he owns a home or not, that's a different -- that's a different point, Judge. That he may or may not want mail sent to a residence in Morgan County, again, does not necessarily mean that he resides there, but everybody in this courtroom on the two sides understands that Mr. Williamson, by order of Judge Holt, is not allowed to return to the residence here in Morgan County. On several occasions, she's made that order very clear. At one point in time, he -- she was -- he was allowed to attend animals on the property, Judge, but that also ceased and which now animals that Mr. Williamson had under his care have been sold off or slaughtered, unfortunately, because Judge Holt denied our last request at the last hearing to at least allow him to continue to take care of the animals. The Hardees in the case took it upon themselves, once the

Judge said that he couldn't return to take care of the animals, they immediately started selling animals and of which some of them have now been slaughtered, and we're talking big animals, Judge. Cows, big birds, buffalo, they're gone. Every --

THE COURT: Buffalo?

MS. JOHNSON: -- every ounce of them, Judge, is gone. Every animal in which Mr. Williamson had at that property has now been sold off -- some sold off or slaughtered. So Judge, again, venue is not correct here. We disagree that venue's correct here. I don't see a single argument for venue here. So I'm -- I am requesting a dismissal of this in its entirety based off of the fact that he has not resided in Morgan County for, again, right at a year. In general, the benchmark is, on typical civil cases, six months if you haven't resided in that county, you're no longer subject to the jurisdiction. We are well over that six months, Judge.

THE COURT: Response, Mr. Henry?

MR. HENRY: Thank you, Your Honor. If the defendant actually resides in Rockdale County, then I agree that venue's not proper here. Now, that's a big question, does he actually reside there, and residence is more than the physical presence in a place. It's my understanding that the defendant repeatedly states on social media that he

resides in Morgan County. I'd be curious to see where his driver's license is, where his voter registration is, and where he gets his mail. Those are all factors that are taken into account to determine someone's residence, and residence is not the same as domicile, you know, you can only have one domicile but you can have multiple residences. So therefore, a civil defendant can be subject to venue in more than one county, based on their So, you know, I don't know what evidence has residences. been put forward that the defendant has no residence in Morgan County, other than a good behavior bond that says he can't go back to one particular property, right? just because he has a bond out that says he's not supposed to doesn't mean he hasn't. Also, if I'm not mistaken, there's more than one residence in Morgan County at which he could possibly reside. So, you know, unless we hear some competent evidence that he actually doesn't reside here, I think venue's proper.

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MS. JOHNSON: And, Judge, I will refer back to Judge
Holt's own petition, that his temporary residence, and she
notes it, and I'm not sure how she has that residence
unless it's known to the Judge, unless --

THE COURT: Well, it's not -- go ahead.

MS. JOHNSON: -- it's known to the Court.

THE COURT: It's not Judge Holt's knowledge that is

dispositive on this matter, Ms. Johnson.

MS. JOHNSON: No, I understand. I'm just saying, like, it's -- it's not like it was listed his residence and then we had to do a special process server to try to track him down some place else. The residence in Rockdale County is listed in the petition, Judge. His known location where he lay his house -- lays his head every single night is listed in the petition, and again, we have a matter, as entangled as this is, with a judge seeking a -- a stalking protective order against somebody that she has in essence, again, twice now told him that he could not be in the residence in Morgan County.

THE COURT: Right, and, Ms. Johnson, unless I misunderstand, your client wishes to be in the residence in Morgan County. I realize he's not at the moment.

MS. JOHNSON: That's -- he wishes for the Hardees to not be in that residence. Let me be clear. He wishes that the Court would recognize his ownership, and his sole ownership to that house in Morgan County, Judge.

THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

MS. JOHNSON: That's a technical difference, I'm just trying to get Your Honor to --

THE COURT: Oh, no, I -- I think I understand that distinction, as well --

MS. JOHNSON: -- to -- right.

THE COURT: -- but because the -- the piece of property in Morgan County is in question, because the defendant's residence at least was and may be temporary outside Morgan County, may be permanently outside Morgan County, that this appears to be the proper venue at the moment, and I'm relying not just on the 19-13-2 jurisdictional statute, but also on, not my research, but Ms. Sinclair's, which is far better than my research, specifically, Davis Redding versus Redding, and that's 246 Ga. App. 792. It is discussing temporary protective orders, and it specifically asserts that the venue appears to be most proper here, or at least can be brought here in Morgan County, as well as potentially another county, if in fact there is another county involved, but at least at the moment, I do believe that the venue is proper here and I do deny the, I quess that's a motion to dismiss --

MS. JOHNSON: Yes, Judge. Thank you.

THE COURT: -- from Ms. Johnson.

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All right. Back to the question I asked before. Is there anything that are foundationally agreed by the parties? The only reason I ask that is because whenever you get to a point of a consent agreement mostly working out, there are often things that can be agreed. Are there any things that your clients do agree on?

MS. JOHNSON: Well, Judge, that takes the ability --

1	again, if if you would like for counsel and I to
2	approach to tell Your Honor where we're at with that
3	issue, but
4	THE COURT: We can. I mean, that that's up to
5	you. You can tell me what you'd like me to know or not.
6	MS. JOHNSON: It's counsel's side, their request,
7	their so I'm going to defer to counsel as to whether or
8	not he wants to move forward with this issue or
9	THE COURT: What issue is that, Ms. Johnson?
10	MS. JOHNSON: The sticking issue, Judge, or approach
11	on for before Your Honor about what that issue is or
12	not. I just don't know contextually whether or not
13	THE COURT: Come on up, counsel, I don't I'm
14	afraid I don't understand what we're talking about. You
15	obviously do.
16	MR. HENRY: Are you saying you're willing to agree to
17	everything in here except the sticking point and just
18	fight about that?
19	MS. JOHNSON: No. I'm saying
20	MR. HENRY: Well, then I don't think we got anything
21	agreed upon.
22	MS. JOHNSON: That's that I mean, that's what I
23	keep I mean, I don't

MS. JOHNSON: No, Judge.

THE COURT: So it wasn't that there was one issue --

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THE COURT: -- that was in contention. 1 2 MS. JOHNSON: There just --3 THE COURT: There are lost of issues. 4 MS. JOHNSON: No, there's just one. 5 MR. HENRY: Well, I --THE COURT: Well, then --6 7 -- think that --MR. HENRY: 8 THE COURT: -- I quess I am confused then. 9 MR. HENRY: Well, me too, because if -- if you will 10 -- if you'll agree to all this, then we can fight about 11 the last thing, and if the Judge rules one way or the 12 other, we go ahead. 13 MS. JOHNSON: I think my client would rather take the 14 position of Your Honor hearing everything, but the 15 sticking issue is that they want him to somehow take down 16 whatever he has already posted previously, and he is not 17 in agreement with that part. He agrees not to encourage, 18 allow, the language that's in there, but he disagrees that 19 he should have to take down something that's already been 20 posted for more than five months. 21 THE COURT: Sure, I mean, I -- I think I understand 22 your client's position. 23 MS. JOHNSON: Right. 24 THE COURT: That doesn't mean I necessarily agree

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with it --

THE COURT: -- but if that is the only thing that he 2 3 doesn't agree on, then is that the point that we're 4 litigating, or are we litigating the entirety of the case? 5 MS. JOHNSON: I -- I mean, does your client have a position about that? 6 7 Well, if he'll agree to all of the things MR. HENRY: 8 in here, then sure, we can focus on that one issue. 9 if he won't agree to any of this, then I guess we'll have 10 to do the whole thing. 11 MS. JOHNSON: Do you want me to go ask him? THE COURT: Go right ahead, sure. 12 MS. JOHNSON: 13 (Consults with Mr. Williamson) 14 Your Honor, we'll just have to move forward with the 15 hearing. 16 Okay. All right. THE COURT: 17 All right. Come forward, if you would. All right. 18 Call for hearing Holt versus Williamson, 2023-SU-CA-050. 19 An emergency ex parte TPO was granted. We are here for 20 the --21 Oh, Judge, I want to invoke the rule at MS. JOHNSON: 22 this time, please. 23 THE COURT: We are here for the extension of the -of a TPO potentially. Mr. Henry, how long would your 24

MS. JOHNSON: Right.

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client like the TPO extended for. What is to her request?

1	MR. HENRY: Six months to a year, Your Honor.
2	THE COURT: Twelve months is the maximum. I'll hear
3	the evidence. Do you anticipate calling any witnesses
4	other than the petitioner, Mr. Henry?
5	MR. HENRY: It's possible, Your Honor, depending on
6	whether I'm needing one for rebuttal purposes, but I'm not
7	sure that we need anyone else other than well, other
8	than rebuttal.
9	THE COURT: You don't necessarily have to sequester
10	witnesses from rebuttal, unless you know that they'll be
11	called, but I mean, you're projecting as to what the
12	respondent's request is.
13	For the respondent, Ms. Johnson, any witnesses
14	MS. JOHNSON: No, Your Honor.
15	THE COURT: other than your client, I would
16	assume?
17	MS. JOHNSON: None, other than my client, but I will
18	request even if there is a a hint that there could be
19	rebuttal witnesses, that they not be allowed in this
20	courtroom, Judge.
21	THE COURT: Ms. Johnson, the rule is that if either
22	side expects to call a witness
23	MS. JOHNSON: Right.
24	THE COURT: they are to be kept out

MS. JOHNSON: Absolutely.

that rule. 2 3 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. 4 THE COURT: But the rule of sequestration doesn't 5 require either side to know what the other side's going to 6 present, so it'll be awful --7 MS. JOHNSON: I understand. THE COURT: -- hard to know what rebuttal you have. 8 9 MS. JOHNSON: I understand. I'm just -- certainly 10 there's police officers in this courtroom, and there's 11 police officers mentioned in a police report, so all I --I'm just trying to cover my bases for taking this down and 12 13 I'm just trying to advocate for my client. 14 THE COURT: Mr. Henry, do you have any officers you 15 anticipate calling? 16 Only in rebuttal, if there's some dispute MR. HENRY: 17 between the parties as to what happened, but otherwise, 18 no. 19 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Any opening statement 20 requested by the petitioner? 21 MR. HENRY: Yes, Your Honor, just very briefly, to 22 let you know what this is about. Obviously, you've 23 probably gleaned from the pleadings and from what you've 24 heard so far today, the basics, but my client, Connie

THE COURT: -- under sequestration. I will invoke

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Holt, she's the chief magistrate judge here in Morgan

County, and as a part of her duties, a case came before her in which the defendant here was a party. The defendant was apparently dissatisfied with the ruling of the court, which I know you've never experienced, no judge has ever experienced before --

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-- a party being dissatisfied, I've MR. HENRY: been there, and he proceeded to -- or -- or we believe we can show through the testimony and the evidence that he proceeded to say mean things about the judge online and in person, which is, you know, not a crime, it's America, you can talk bad about someone as long as it's not slander or libel, or otherwise actionable, but we believe and contend that it's more than just talking bad about the judge. veered into the territory of harassment and stalking, of potential threats and intimidation against the judge, and that was the basis for the temporary protective order that was issued by another judge in this court, and that's why we're here today is to just ask that the defendant refrain from contacting Judge Holt, from being within a certain number of feet, I think it's 200 yards in the temporary protective order, of Judge Holt, and to stop encouraging other's to, on his behalf, reach out and threaten, harass, or intimidate her through email, text message, social media, whatever means there is and -- and that's why we're

here, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: Ms. Johnson, do you wish to have an opening statement?

Judge, we deny the allegations by the judge and refer to her petition, that it was her staff that noticed some Facebook messages, that she actually put in her petition that Mr. Williamson had actually not contacted her directly. She wants to reference something that took place back in April of last year that, you know, she made the ruling again on the good behavior bond, effectively removing him from the house here in Morgan County, and there was no contact, no -- no anything. come back before Judge Holt in February -- or it's January, I'm sorry -- for a dispossessory hearing, understanding that we were, without the other side actually having tendered or said -- presented any evidence, any testimony, we were very certainly cut off at our knees and, yes, I know Mr. Williamson left unhappily, but again, even in accordance with Judge Holt's own petition, we're in a courthouse that you can hear a pin drop in, especially downstairs in that courtroom. couldn't even make out what he said, Judge. He wasn't yelling, he wasn't threatening. He was upset. I escorted him out of the room, as attorney's do when you have clients that are upset, and we left the courthouse.

there, it -- he has a constitutional right, as counsel said, to, especially with elected officials, if you're going to say that he's a part of this county and he still resides in this county, he is a member of this county, and he put online some that he was unhappy with Judge Holt's decisions, which again, he has the right to do. Elected officials are held to a -- a higher standard for public scrutiny, and that's what he did. He was upset. He went to Facebook. I don't believe that there's anything stating that he threatened Judge Holt directly, that he any -- nothing, nothing that a stalking petition would stand up to. He has not stalked her.

Unfortunately, as our society has done recently in the past several years, some people picked this up, some other advocaters started advocating on behalf of Mr. Williamson, but I don't believe that there's anything that you're going to hear today where Mr. Williamson has encouraged that behavior on. All he says to the Facebook community is just support me in what I'm going through, and from there, unfortunately, there are always bad actors out there in this world, and that those bad actors would certainly be individuals who have continued, I guess, the fights, but there is not anything in referencing in here where, again, by the judge's own statements, Judge, that Mr. Williamson in and of himself

has followed her, has tagged her, has sent her anything directly. He doesn't know anything about her personally, he doesn't follow her to work, he -- he doesn't send her emails, nothing along those lines, Judge. It doesn't fall within stalking under 16-5-90 and, Judge, I would hope today after you hear this matter that you would dismiss it.

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THE COURT: Yeah, I think we're under 94, but I'm -I'm with you, right, the -- 90 is the stalking statute.

The -- so your client's position, Ms. Johnson, is that he did not encourage anyone else to have unwanted contact with Judge Holt.

MS. JOHNSON: Yes, sir. That's correct. encouraged people to support him in his tendering to the public that he felt wronged. Again, this has been a yearlong battle, it's been an emotional battle. The battle started in Rockdale County Superior Court before a judge there, who ruled on his behalf that the Hardee's initial petition to set aside the deeds in question, that request came before the judge in Rockdale County. That judge denied the Hardee's request, and then from there, unfortunately, you know, things started to unravel a bit The whole purpose of the house was for my client. He does -- he has and owns animals for animal therapy. He's had this corporation now for three years, Judge. So

all along the way, he's a big community advocate about therapy animals helping -- helping individuals. The whole There was enclosures set up for these house was a farm. exotic animals, these therapy animals, they had all been So, again, the whole purpose of the property was for individuals to come on and -- and exercise therapies, and that's the last thing that has happened with this house and so, yes, he is emotional because he knew exactly, especially in January, he knew that the judge's ruling not allowing him to even go back and take care of the animals, and which he had done before, and just for some reason on that day didn't allow it, at my request. She just said, nope, he's not allowed to go back there at all, and we're not even really sure why. It was a dispossessory we were there for.

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She ruled that he could not go back onto the farm and, again, in 48 hours, Judge, the -- the party that's still there started putting out on Facebook, hey, come buy this, come buy this animal, these are for sale, oh, you can take it and give it away. So, yes, we do admit he was emotional about that. He lost a lot of animals that he has had an emotional connection with himself, that he has a -- an investment with himself, but at no point in time, Judge, would I expect Your Honor to hear anything that he encouraged whatever is going on with Judge Holt now. And

again, with her own petition, Judge, she does state and 1 2 admit that he's never contacted her directly. 3 THE COURT: Okay. Any evidence you want to present, 4 Mr. Henry? 5 MR. HENRY: Yes, Your Honor. We would call the plaintiff, Connie Holt, to the stand. 6 7 Judge Holt, if you'd come around and have THE COURT: 8 a seat in the witness stand. 9 MR. HENRY: Will you raise your right hand? Do you 10 swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give is 11 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so 12 help you God? 13 MS. HOLT: I do. 14 WHEREUPON, 15 CONNIE HOLT 16 appeared as a witness herein and, having been first duly sworn, 17 was examined and testified as follows: DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. HENRY: 19 20 Q Thank you. Would you please state your name for the 2.1 court reporter? 22 Connie J. Holt. 23 And, Mrs. Holt, would you tell us specifically any 24 instances where the defendant has threatened you or intimidated 25 you directly, where he's directly, either in person or email or 1 phone, done that.

A Well, last year, two times he came in my office very irate, very aggressive, and my clerk had to call two of the deputies to come down to my office, and once he saw them he turned and decided to leave, on the first occasion. The second occasion he came in, he was very upset again, and one of the deputies happened to see him and came in the office and kind of escorted him out.

Q Any other times where he has communicated directly with you by email, text, phone, in person, and -- and harassed or intimidated you?

A Well, no, except for the -- when he received the -after he received the TPO, he put it on -- or sent it to
someone, as well as the order where I recused myself from a
hearing that he was supposed to have. It was a preliminary
hearing, and I recused myself based on all of the things that
had been going on. I had received 42 or 44 emails from
different people, where he had contacted them and encouraged
them to contact me, and every time I got one I would block it
so I wouldn't get anymore, but I ended up with 44 of them.
They were very intimidating, some of them very ugly, very rude,
and then he went on Facebook himself and put on there that I
was corrupt, that I had -- he also stated that the first time I
saw him that I hated him because he was black and the lady was
white, which I'm not a prejudice person, never have been, and

that was also in his email -- I mean, in his -- on his
Facebook. And then he contacted a girl that was on TikTok,
sending her a copy of the TPO after the TPO was issued, and
sending her a copy of the order that -- where I recused myself.
She couldn't have gotten them anywhere else but for him, and on
his Facebook he encourages everybody, please keep the pressure
on where she will change her mind, and this kind of thing, and
it all stemmed back from the dispossessory hearing because
there was no landlord-tenant situation there, and even I told
his attorney in court that day, she could file for an ejectment
if she felt like they didn't need to be there, but as far as I
know, she has never done that.

- Q Are there any other instances you can recall where he has either threatened, intimidated, or harassed you directly?
 - A Not directly, no.

Q And other than what you've described -- well, I'll ask -- let me start over with that question.

Do you have any proof or evidence supporting these emails that you have received?

- A They're all right over there.
- Q Okay. I will tender some emails that we have directed to Judge Holt. I don't know how many exactly there are, but I've got some and I will -- I'll share with opposing counsel as Plaintiff's Exhibit 1.

MS. JOHNSON: Judge, they are attached to the

1 petition. I don't -- I mean --THE COURT: If they're the ones attached to the 2 3 petition, I have seen them. They are a part of the 4 record, as long --5 MS. JOHNSON: I mean, it's too late --THE COURT: -- as Ms. Johnson --6 7 MS. JOHNSON: -- at this point whether or not --8 THE COURT: All right. 9 MR. HENRY: And I --10 MS. JOHNSON: They are attached. 11 BY MR. HENRY: 12 And I didn't prepare the petition. So are there any 13 that are not attached to the petition that you need to attach 14 today? 15 Yes, they are. Α 16 Okay. Then I'll tell you what I'll do. I will show 17 you what we have and let you tell me what's not in there. we will then offer those up as Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 1. 18 19 And I'm sorry for the clumsiness of this examination --20 Α That's all right. 21 -- Your Honor. It won't be the fist time, as you 0 22 know. 23 MS. JOHNSON: Judge, I -- I believe I have the right 24 to review anything before it's tendered.

MR. HENRY: And I'll certainly --

THE COURT: Sure, before it's tendered. 1 -- present --2 MR. HENRY: 3 THE COURT: Absolutely right. If -- if that is all 4 P-1 that's been handed, I do agree. Make sure Ms. 5 Johnson's had a chance to look at it. BY MR. HENRY: 6 7 And I'm not sure everything in what I just handed will be P-1, but I wanted the -- Ms. Holt to look at it and see what is additional to what's already been attached. 10 A lot of these are from -- or they're screen shots 11 from where he had put -- had this girl put stuff on there. And we'll -- we'll mark those as 2, and the email --12 13 the emails, we'll put as 1, and the social media screen shots, 14 we'll put as 2. And this one, I'm not sure that -- whether that one 15 16 is in the -- what you have or not. 17 And if we offer something that's duplicative, I 18 apologize, it's not our intent. 19 Α No. 20 We just want to make sure we don't leave anything 21 out. 22 I think that's -- that's about it. Α 23 In this that's right here? Q 24 Α Yes. 25 Q Okay. Thank you.

1 Α And here's one more. I'm sorry. 2 Thank you. Q 3 That may be in there, I'm not sure. Α 4 And so the emails, we've -- this -- the emails have 5 already been attached to the petition; is that correct? Most of them have. 6 Α 7 Q Okay. I do have a lot of screen shots of -- I think -- is 8 9 that one in there? Is this one in there? 10 Q I don't know, I'll check. 11 THE COURT: I don't think so. THE WITNESS: I'm not sure that that one's in there. 12 13 (Pause) 14 MR. HENRY: So, just to clean up my mess, I don't 15 believe we'll have a 1 with emails, we'll just have a 1 16 that is screen shots from social media, as -- as I 17 understand it. Because the other emails are in -- with 18 THE WITNESS: 19 the petition. All of these screen shots and things 20 occurred after the petition was done. 21 So P-1 is identified how, counsel? THE COURT: 22 Screen shots from social media postings. MR. HENRY:

know how many pages there are, but we'll -- we'll know

And they're front and back, and I don't

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THE COURT:

MR. HENRY:

Okay.

eventually.

MS. JOHNSON: Judge, I have reviewed these with my client and, to the extent that it appears that they are screen shots of a Facebook -- Facebook page for Derrick Williamson, Judge, I have no objection to these being tendered.

THE COURT: P-1 in without objection.

(WHEREUPON, Petitioner's Exhibit Number 1 is tendered and admitted into evidence.)

THE COURT: Continue your direct examination, Mr. Henry.

MS. JOHNSON: And, Judge, may I be able to have access to them whenever I cross-examine?

THE COURT: Sure.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: You can use them just as much as Mr. Henry.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: You might want to staple those or make sure they're secured somehow for the court reporter's benefit.

BY MR. HENRY:

Q All right. And this hasn't been marked yet, but we'll -- we'll describe it as Plaintiff's Exhibit Number 1, is a true and correct copy of the screen shots on social media

that you've referenced?

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Q Okay. Anything further that you'd like to add about the reasons you're seeking this protective order?

Α Well, it got to the point that it was so intimidating and it was -- he was stating to different ones to keep the pressure on where I would change my mind and, I mean, that really -- the -- and the fact that he kept telling everybody that I was corrupt, that our county was corrupt, that our police officers were corrupt and, you know, all I was trying to do was to do my job, and I know that anybody can say and do whatever they want to do. They can gripe about somebody not making a fair and just decision that they think should have been to their favor, and it wasn't, but when it gets to the point that you've got 44 emails from different people coming to my email address of the county, not my personal email, but my county email address, and when I started getting those and then on TikTok, when I started seeing this girl on there saying all kinds of things that Derrick had said about me, she couldn't have gotten them from anyone but him to begin with.

And then after the TPO was done, as far as I'm concerned, he violated the TPO because he sent her a copy of it and she had two -- a -- a whole list of things to say about the TPO, as well as he sent her a copy of the restraining -- I mean, of the order where I recused myself from his hearing. He

thought, I guess, because I recused myself, that he intimidated 1 me enough to make me do that, but I didn't. I recused myself 2 3 because I didn't think it was right for me to sit on a case for 4 him, based on all of the things he had said and done. 5 Thank you. I don't have any further questions at this time. 6 7 Α Okay. 8 **THE COURT:** Cross-examination? 9 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. 10 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MS. JOHNSON: 11 Judge, I think you know me, but I'm going to remind 12 13 you. I'm Melinda Johnson. I've represented Mr. Williamson 14 throughout all of these matters. Couple of questions. Do you 15 have a TikTok account? 16 Α No, I don't --17 Q Okay. -- but I can look at it. I could pull up any --18 Α 19 anybody can pull them up. 20 Q But you personally do not -- all my question is, is 21 do --22 Α No. 23 -- you have a TikTok? Okay. You keep repeatedly 24 saying that he sent a copy to a person on social media. How do

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you know that?

Well, it's in the -- the papers that I just showed 1 you. This girl right here. 2 3 How do you know he sent it? 4 Well, how could she have gotten it? 5 Okay. So are all filings of this court not open record? 6 7 Α They would have to ask for the Open Records Act. 8 Okay, but as a human being, I can come into this 9 courthouse --10 Α If you file for --11 Q -- hang on, Judge ---- if you file for --12 Α 13 -- Judge --Q 14 Α -- the open records --15 MS. JOHNSON: Judge, if you can just remind her, I 16 get to ask questions. 17 THE COURT: Judge Holt, if you would --MS. JOHNSON: I know it's weird. 18 19 THE COURT: -- if it -- if it calls for a yes or no 20 answer, if you can give a yes or no answer, and then you 21 can explain as much as you need to. 22 THE WITNESS: Okay. 23 THE COURT: Go ahead, Ms. Johnson. 24 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

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BY MS. JOHNSON:

- Q Judge, as a human being, are you saying that a person does not have the ability to walk in here and get copies of anything that is filed into the court?
- A As long as they file for an Open Records request. If they come in my office and ask for one, yes.
- Q Judge, that's not what I asked you. I asked you if any regular person can walk into this courthouse --
 - A No, the answer is no, then.
- 9 Q So the court -- the clerk's courts and filings are 10 not open records?
- 11 A They are open records, but --
- 12 Q Okay.

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- A $\,$ -- you have to file for the open records in order to get a copy of them.
- 2 So that's your position, that I -- that just a person could not walk in --
 - A No.
- 18 Q -- and say I want a copy of this order.
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q You also indicated that -- let's start with your 21 testimony about last year -- that he came into your office. 22 You just mean the -- the clerk's office, the open area of
- 22 You just mean the -- the clerk's office, the open area of
- 23 the --
- 24 A My chambers.
- 25 Q -- clerk's office. He came into your chambers?

- A And he walked past my clerk, because she had come to see me to tell me that he was there, and he opened the door, the -- the small gate there, and walked on in behind her before she could stop him or anything. Nobody ever comes past those gates unless we open it, and he just came past her into my office.
- Q Was there anybody there saying no, don't go down that area?
 - A She went immediately -- because he was so loud, she went immediately to get one of the police officers.
 - Q Okay. And then he left; correct?
- 12 A No, not immediately.
- Q Okay. And then the second time he came into the office, you said he didn't -- he went into the office; correct?

 He didn't try to go into your chambers.
- 16 A No, he came in my chambers a second time.
- Q Okay. And you didn't call him back there, you didn't invite him back there, you didn't do anything; correct?
 - A I don't remember.
- 20 Q Okay.

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- 21 A Not the second time, I don't remember.
- 22 Q But the first time, it's a possibility you could have 23 said --
- 24 A No, I did not.
- 25 Q -- come on back.

She came back to let me know that he was there, and 1 Α he came in my office door behind her. 2 3 Okay. So he's -- so just to put this in context, 4 he's following a clerk back to your chambers? 5 He should not have followed her back there. That's not what I asked, whether or not he should 6 7 have. All I said was that he followed a clerk back to your 8 office. 9 Yes, he did. Α 10 Okay. And then you've also testified that he has 11 never harassed you directly; correct? 12 Α No. 13 No, you didn't testify to that? Q 14 Α No, I'm saying that no, he has not. 15 Okay. And you don't have any proof that Mr. 16 Williamson sent any orders to any -- anybody on TikTok; 17 correct? I have the -- the picture of the orders that the girl 18 19 had. 20 Okay. And you watched that entire TikTok video? Q 21 I did. Α 22 And you watched it where the young lady says, nobody 23 made me do this, nobody asked me --24 Α I did.

-- to do this?

1 But how could --Α 2 Hang on, Judge, I get --Q 3 -- she have gotten it? Α 4 -- Judge. I'm sorry. 5 THE COURT: Allow Ms. Johnson to finish her question, if you would, and then you can answer as much as you need 6 7 to, Judge. Go ahead, Ms. Johnson. 8 9 I'm just going to try to calm down so MS. JOHNSON: 10 that we can do this like we're supposed to. BY MS. JOHNSON: 11 12 In the video, if you've watched the whole video, you 13 also watched and heard that young lady say, and I'm going to 14 break this down, nobody made me do this; correct? 15 Correct. Α 16 Nobody asked me to do this; correct? 17 Α Correct. I'm doing this all by myself. 18 Q 19 Correct. Α 20 Okay. Your last complaint seems to be that Mr. 21 Williamson indicated -- and you do not like it -- that he said 22 that you're corrupt and that you hate him because he's black; 23 correct? That's what he said. 24 Α

You're a public figure, you're an --

1 Α Yes. 2 -- elected official; correct? 3 Α I am. 4 Sometimes you make decisions that upset people; 5 correct? 6 Α Correct. 7 And people react because people are human beings; Q 8 correct? 9 Not normally the way he did the first two times he Α 10 came in my office, no. 11 Q Well, let's talk about the one more recent, because 12 that was a year ago. So right now, at that hearing, you 13 actually even put on your petition that you couldn't even hear 14 what he mumbled; correct? 15 I didn't hear what he mumbled, but he was making some Α 16 slurred remarks, and you escorted him out of the courtroom. 17 Judge, what were those remarks? 18 Α As I told you, I couldn't hear him. 19 Then how do you know that they were snide remarks, 20 Judge? 21 I think she said slurred remarks. THE COURT: 22 BY MS. JOHNSON: 23 Slurred, I'm sorry. I can't -- I'm sorry. So I'll 24 ask, what slurred remarks did you hear? 25 I just told you, I couldn't hear, they were slurred

1 remarks. 2 Q Okay. So you don't actually know what he said. 3 Α No. 4 Q Okay. But you had to escort him out of the courtroom. 5 Α Judge, when I -- is it not typical, most attorneys 6 Q 7 escort their clients, win or loss, out of the courtroom? 8 Α No. 9 Okay. Q 10 Α Especially not telling them to please be quiet, let's 11 go. Now, is -- as an elected official, is Mr. Williamson 12 0 13 violating any laws by -- by saying, in his belief, that you're 14 corrupt? 15 Α No. 16 Q Does --17 Α He can say and do whatever he wants to say. MS. JOHNSON: Judge, I don't have any -- well, can I 18 19 speak to my client? 20 THE COURT: Sure. 21 MS. JOHNSON: (Confers with Mr. Williamson) 22 No further questions, Judge. Thank you. 23 **THE COURT:** Any redirect? 24 MR. HENRY: Just briefly, Your Honor.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. HENRY:

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Q Mrs. Holt, can you explain exactly how you can be so sure that a copy of the temporary protective order and your recusal order had to have been provided to this TikTok person through the defendant?

A Because no one came in my office to apply or to ask for a copy, and the only two copies that were sent out was to his attorney and to him.

Q All right.

MR. HENRY: No further questions, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Any recross?

RECROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MS. JOHNSON:

- Q Judge, in all due respect, how do you know that I didn't give it to somebody?
- 16 A I don't.
 - Q Okay. How do you know --
- 18 A So you could be --
- 19 Q Hang on.
- 20 A -- you could be in the wrong as well as he is.
- 21 Q How do you know Mr. Williamson didn't give it to a 22 couple of friends of his, and that they passed it on?
- 23 A I don't.
- 24 Q So you --
- 25 A Except that I do know that they had -- the young lady

had the copy in front of her and stated, as you said, that 1 nobody made her say or do anything, that she was doing it on 2 3 her own, but she had the copies and I am assuming that she 4 would've gotten it from him, because he had told everybody. 5 Even he took a video of when he was receiving his TPO in 6 Rockdale County. He made a big to-do about that. 7 0 Is that illegal? 8 Α No, it's not. 9 MS. JOHNSON: No further questions, Judge. THE COURT: All right. Judge, you can have a seat in 10 11 the courtroom. 12 MS. HOLT: Thank you. 13 THE COURT: Any further evidence on the part of the 14 petitioner, Mr. Henry? 15 I don't believe so, but if I could just 16 confer with my client for one --17 THE COURT: Sure, go ahead. MR. HENRY: -- moment, we'll make that determination. 18 19 (Confers with Ms. Holt) 20 No further evidence or witnesses, Your Honor, except

MS. JOHNSON: Once second.

in rebuttal, if necessary.

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THE COURT: Waiting for us. Go right ahead.

MS. JOHNSON: (Confers with Mr. Williamson)

Judge, nothing further from -- from us. Thank you,

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THE COURT: All right. Evidence is closed.

MS. JOHNSON: Just argument, when I say nothing further.

THE COURT: I understood.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: Any argument from the petitioner, Mr. Henry?

MR. HENRY: If we could, we'll reserve for close.

THE COURT: Any argument, Ms. Johnson?

MS. JOHNSON: Judge, my closing will mirror my There doesn't seem to be anything before Your Honor that Mr. Williamson is engaged in any stalking in accordance with 16-5-90. What you heard was, directly from Judge Holt, that Mr. Williamson has never contacted her directly, and I don't really know how to address something that happened a year ago. Typically when I'm before judges, the judges want to hear about here and now, and not something that happened a year ago. The only argument to that that I can say is, if she felt threatened a year ago then, you know, there should have been something filed at that point in time. Certainly based off of how she words it today, you know, a year ago there might have been some validity -- that's the wrong word -some --

THE COURT: Immediacy.

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But, Judge, after those two MS. JOHNSON: Yes. incidences of almost a year, all the way from April 2022 to January 2023, and in which you hear, Judge, that she can't tell Your Honor what my client said in the January hearing because he wasn't yelling, he wasn't being disturbing. Me trying to quiet a client, Judge, you're --Judge, you've been an attorney before. Sometimes you just have clients that are upset, but that doesn't mean that they're being respectful -- disrespectful, it doesn't mean that they're being harassing, it doesn't mean that they're being stalked. They are upset. And I also disagree from the point that I escort every single one of my clients out of the courtroom, whether we win or lose, because that's what we do. We escort our clients out, we talk to them about what just happened because a lot of times people don't understand what's just happened in court. escorting a client out, again, it should not and I would hope not would be any indication or indicative of the fact that my client was being stalking or anything else. Again, he didn't -- the judge can't tell you a single word that he said. With all of the ceilings and everything that you can hear in these courtrooms, with a pin drop, and as close and small as that courtroom is, it's not like we -- we were in this one here, for her not to be able to

-- to hear anything. We also have the considerations of the clerks that sit even closer to us and, you know, there was not any clerks brought in, no testimony brought in, nothing, Judge, to even where a clerk heard, a bailiff, anybody, any other court personnel in that courtroom, Judge. I mean, think about the totality of who sits at the ends of the door. The bailiffs, right? Again, anything disrespectful, anything, Judge, I'm certain Judge Holt would've been made aware of what my client said.

After that point in time, Judge, again, my client has the constitutional ability to speak his mind about elected officials. Elected officials have a higher --

THE COURT: They're public figures.

MS. JOHNSON: They're public figures, Judge. I -- I don't know that I need to go into that argument with you. But to encourage people to stand behind him I don't think is, again, a violation of -- of any rights, I don't think it's a stalking, I don't think it's anything. You heard from Judge -- from Judge Holt herself that Mr. Williamson, whether it's by email, by coming in contact, by telephone calls, he's never directed anything to her. She doesn't have a TikTok to watch anything on. He's never actually done anything directly to her social media pages, he's never done anything to her personally, Judge. We all understand what a stalker is and is not about.

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Now, did my client, on an emotional day, put out some things as to his feelings? Absolutely. We're not denying that, Judge. But again, if some other individuals picked up a cause, then that is on those other individuals. heard the Judge admit that, despite that she just wants to tender screen shots, Judge, today, she didn't tender the screen shots that have her absolutely 100 percent saying, I'm doing this by myself, nobody has encouraged me to do this, nothing, Judge. There is absolutely nothing to support that Mr. Williamson asked that young lady in the screen shots to do anything. There is hardly anything in the -- in the documents you've been provided through the petition, which we had absolutely no say on whether Your Honor read them or not, as they were included in the petition, and then the ones submitted to you today, Judge, that has any threatening remarks to Judge Holt.

THE COURT: I've actually not seen P-1, where is that?

MS. JOHNSON: I don't know, Judge. I didn't -- I
didn't actually reference with it.

MR. HENRY: We absconded with it, or attempted to, and here is P-1, and at this time I'll formally offer it into evidence. It's not marked.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. JOHNSON: And, you know, forgive me, Judge,

because I -- you know, I only had a brief second to look at it, but in just my --

MR. HENRY: Me, too.

MS. JOHNSON: -- preview of it, Judge, I didn't see anything where anybody was actually -- nobody said, well, Mr. Williamson told me to do this and Mr. Williamson told me to do that. It's -- a lot of it is directed at the Hardees, a lot of it is directed at the judicial system in its entirety. I think Judge Holt's name is mentioned maybe two or three times in -- in the totality of -- of the screen shots that you've been provided.

And the last thing is, is the confusing statements by the judge that the public doesn't have the right to come into the courthouse and get copies of documents. I have only been practicing for 11 years, and I am not a special human being just because I'm an attorney, but, Judge, I can go in any courthouse and get a copy of any document that's filed into the clerk's office, anywhere, at any time, without an open records request. It is not evidence.

THE COURT: That -- that's public, publicly filed.

MS. JOHNSON: That is correct, and these were publicly filed documents, Judge. Publicly filed documents. Now, that -- all that the judge testified to was that nobody came in filed an Open Records Request.

will submit to the Court, no, I did not give the records. I was -- it was a point of reference I was just trying to make to the judge that there are other individuals in this world who could've gotten a hold of those documents and gotten them to a third party. There's no indication whatsoever, Judge, that Mr. Williamson did that. None. What he does, he has posted with his face on there, just as an indication of what he did when he got served with the stalking protective order. He puts out there what he puts out there, Judge, and the one thing that he did post, a legal document that he was just served with. He posted about that, but that's not even tendered into evidence for you to review. But either way, he -- he posts that he's been served with a stalking order, and that's it. There's no threats in that video, that's why you've not -- they didn't tender it. There's no nothing. There's no encouragement, there's -- he -- from what I understand, he just posted that he got served with a -- a stalking order, but that is an open record, and I don't believe he violated anything because he just immediately got served with something, Judge.

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So, Judge, I don't believe that Mr. Williamson has violated the ex parte order of this Court, nor do I believe that this Court should enter a stalking protective order. My client is very amenable to what judges have to

1 say. He's amenable to what I have to say. I -- I would 2 assure Your Honor that if you looked at my client and 3 said, don't do this anymore, that he would listen. 4 does listen, Judge. He is not the human being that has 5 been portrayed before Your Honor today, and the lack of additional evidence, additional testimonies, you 6 7 understand this courthouse is covered with cameras, it's 8 covered with deputies, it's covered with everything, 9 There's nothing for that for you to consider today 10 to enter a stalking protective order against my client for 11 six months, nor twelve months. We have one more case in this county to -- to deal with, and I'd hope that that 12 13 puts the final nail in the coffin, as to dealing with this 14 residence, since we've already dealt with this once in 15 Rockdale County, and we have that order. If Mr. -- if the 16 attorney on the other side of that action wants to bring 17 this forward, I agreed to acknowledge service prior to the 18 hearing in January, we left that -- that matter here for 19 this Court to determine it and it's -- it's moving 20 forward. The petition's been filed. I acknowledged 21 service on behalf of my client so there wouldn't be any, 22 you know, stress there on having to serve. We filed an 23 answer, we're going through the discovery, so again, 24 Judge, there's -- there's no harassment about that, 25 there's -- there's nothing, Judge.

THE COURT: So, there is some remaining litigation?

MS. JOHNSON: There's one -- well, he has -- as part

of the criminal stuff, he has one obstruction charge that

we will have to deal with with Mr. Burks, and then one -
the case about the house here, Judge.

THE COURT: And obviously the one with Mr. Burks, the criminal assertion, that's going to be in superior court.

Is there anything remaining in magistrate court?

MS. JOHNSON: There is nothing remaining. In fact, there's no reason for my client --

THE COURT: These are all superior court cases left.

MS. JOHNSON: That's -- that's correct, and that, you know, that is one thing that we did consent to was, you know, the notion that he has no reason to -- to be back in Judge Holt's office, for him to have any further contact with Judge Holt, her staff, or anything else, but we certainly do have business within this courthouse, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Henry, any response?

MR. HENRY: Yes, thank you, Your Honor. Couple of things that I'll address that I just heard. One is this whole thing about open records and court documents. I think we all acknowledge, and Judge Holt included, that the records in her court, unless somehow sealed, are open to the public. That's not in dispute. I will, just because I'm a nerd, will say that the Open Records Act

doesn't apply to court records, but that doesn't mean court records are not necessarily open. But I think the point that has been missed here by the defendant is, as Judge Holt testified, if someone came into her office and sought a copy of a document that's publicly available to anyone, she would know about it, and nobody did that. So that's how she knows that the document had to come from the defendant, not because it's not open to the public, but because when a -- when someone requests it, she would know, not for every case necessarily, but this case, I think there was additional sensitivity for that very reason because it involved her and this particular defendant.

You know, I heard the reference to public figures, and I believe that is a reference to the U.S. Supreme Court cases that have held that for defamation, libel or slander, there's a different standard that applies to public figures. Well, guess what? We're not here on a defamation case. To my knowledge, there is no different standard that applies to someone because they have been elected to a public office regarding stalking or harassment. You, her, any other elected official is entitled to the same protections as any other citizen, so that's all we're here to do. Judge Holt does not want to be here in court this morning. This is not some action

where she's seeking money from the defendant. She is here simply to ask him to stop. Stop with the -- with the texts, the emails, and all of these things, whether directly, and we heard testimony from Judge Holt that at two times he came into her office, walked behind the desk and confronted her angrily. In fact, there are two police reports taken out about this. There was a charge, Judge Holt did press charges --

MS. JOHNSON: Objection, Judge. They're talking about a -- something that's not in evidence. Police reports, I -- I just -- just trying to make that objection.

THE COURT: I don't know that there was any discussion of police reports but --

MR. HENRY: Very well.

THE COURT: -- the judge did describe the events.

MR. HENRY: She described the incident, and I think she mentioned that there was a deputy present at the time. But regardless, it's -- you know, there's a lot of testimony about what happens in court, in magistrate court, and disappointed litigants. I've been there. I know, and I've had plenty of clients, my -- and me have been very disappointed at different judges' rulings, including Judge Holt, but I've never had a client go into her office and barge past the gate, past the clerks and

confront her in her office, at least that I know of. had, they wouldn't be my client anymore, and that's what This isn't just a person exercising we're here about. their first amendment rights. I mean, you know, this is America where it's like ingrained in us that we have the right to criticize elected officials. In fact, that's kind of how we got started, except those officials weren't elected, which is the reason we are America, but this is completely different than that. This is not a situation where, oh, he doesn't like Judge Holt, he says she's, you know, a terrible judge. This is encouraging others or individually to directly communicate with her and call her horrible names and say these horrible things when she just wants it to stop.

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So, what are we asking the Court to do? Obviously, we're asking for a protective order to -- and we'll ask for the maximum that the Court has the authority to do which, as I understand it, is 12 months, and I'll -- I'll just read into the record what we would like the Court to do. First, to ask the defendant to refrain from approaching within 200 yards of Judge Holt, except when he's required to be here in the courthouse for his case. You know, we -- we understand that. That's just how it is. We would ask that the defendant refrain from contacting Judge Holt directly or indirectly by any means

1 whatsoever, whether you're yelling at her, phone calls, 2 text messages, emails, I don't even know what other forms 3 there are, but there's a lot out there, and we would like 4 an order enjoining him and restraining him from 5 encouraging others to do that on his behalf, and I know that's -- enforcement will be difficult. I recognize 6 7 that, it might be impossible, but we would still like him 8 to be ordered not to do that. And lastly, we would 9 request the Court to order the defendant to take down the 10 post that he's put up. I know he probably can't control 11 the post that other's have put up, we would love that but, 12 you know, that might be beyond his control, but certainly 13 he can take down posts he's put up pointing out and 14 attacking Judge Holt, and that's all we ask for. We're 15 not asking for money or jail time, obviously it's a civil 16 case, but this is it. This is all we want. 17 Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. I want to look at some law. We will be on break until 12:15 by the courtroom clock, and I'll let you know my decision at that time.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge.

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(WHEREUPON, a short break is taken.)

THE COURT: All right. This is, at minimum, an unusual case. Mr. Williamson, I do not know you, but I hope that Ms. Johnson is correct when she describes you.

You should thank your lawyer, she's done a very fine job for you today.

MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes, sir.

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There are important parts of our American system that require and demand that we publicly involve ourselves in the decisions that are made, and I applaud folks for taking part in that, but courts are not one of Courts are where two people come to litigate whatever dispute they may be having, and often someone will leave disgruntled with the result. Sometimes everybody leaves disgruntled with the result. neither unusual nor unexpected. Respect for that decision is necessary for all of us in our justice system, and I do not consider Mr. Williamson's alleged irritation or anger at the decision in the magistrate court as being part of this action, but it may be indicative. I do not consider Mr. Williamson's behavior, which apparently was, again, a little out of the ordinary and troubling to the point that the folks that have been doing this for many years down in magistrate court were disturbed by his actions, I don't consider that to be a part of the complaint here, but it may be indicative, and when folks make a track record and lay the groundwork, then it is possible that people view them in a light that is reflective of the track record, and so, Mr. Williamson, you must acknowledge that you had

at least created the groundwork. Then when Judge Holt began receiving a series of contacts that were unwanted, harassing, and she viewed as unsettling to the point of being intimidating, then the origin became the question.

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Mr. Williamson, I hope and believe that Ms. Johnson assesses you correctly. Accordingly, I do have to follow the unrebutted testimony that I have before me, and that is that the respondent did, not personally, which is what makes this, as the -- as Ms. Johnson has pointed out correctly, not a typical case, a very odd, unusual case, but still one in which, because of the respondent's behavior, pronouncements, admonitions, he has encouraged others to contact Judge Holt without Judge Holt's consent for the purpose of harassment or intimidation. Accordingly, I do grant the stalking protective order for 12 months. Today is March 15, 2023. I find sufficient grounds for this order. The respondent shall be restrained from contact with the petitioner, as well as encouragement of harassment -- harassing contact with the petitioner. He shall not approach within 200 yards of the Now, I also recognize that you apparently petitioner. have some litigation to be completed in this courthouse. You may come into this courthouse. You may not go into the magistrate court, if you are here for the purpose of The respondent shall not have any contact, direct

or indirect, with the petitioner. I do order these proceedings be filed with the clerk of court. They'll remain in effect until March 14th of the year 2024. order applies in every county throughout the state. believe I have jurisdiction over this matter, and should receive full faith in credit in every state of the union. I am not requiring a payment of attorney's fees. I am not requiring psychological or psychiatric evaluation. requiring that there is no encouragement of harassing contact by the respondent with the petitioner. It is a great thing to have the first amendment and I am a huge proponent of the first amendment, Mr. Williamson, but you must acknowledge that there are consequences from all of our actions, and if there are any posts or other encouragement of harassing communication with the petitioner, those are to be removed, all right.

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Now, Sergeant Alliston, I will ask that you serve Mr. Williamson while he's here. I'll file it first with the clerk. So, if you would, Mr. Williamson, do not leave before you receive this.

Counsel, anything else we need to address --

MS. JOHNSON: Judge, you said --

THE COURT: -- this morning?

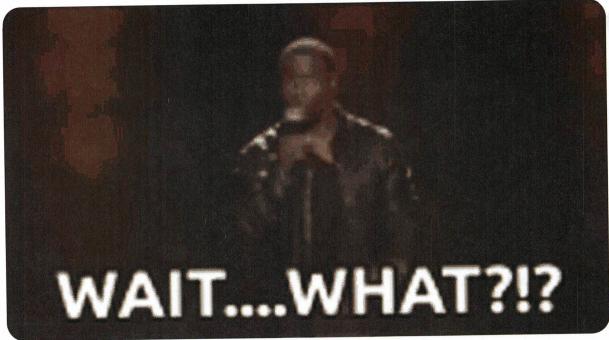
MS. JOHNSON: -- just because I think I heard one thing. Did you say no further postings?

1	THE COURT: Right, and
2	MS. JOHNSON: Okay.
3	THE COURT: and he better acknowledge the fact
4	that if there are any that encourage harassing
5	communication, those need to be removed, obviously.
6	MS. JOHNSON: Right. Okay. Understand. I just
7	wanted to make sure I understood
8	THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.
9	MS. JOHNSON: further. Okay. Thank you, Judge.
10	THE COURT: Thank you. Don't go anywhere.
11	Mr. Henry, anything else you can think of we need to
12	address today?
13	MR. HENRY: As I take it, the Court's order is not to
14	remove posts that are already up?
15	THE COURT: If they encourage harassing communication
16	with the petitioner, yes, but only those. That's all I
17	believe that can be addressed by this action.
18	MR. HENRY: Thank you, Your Honor.
19	THE COURT: All right.
20	MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge.
21	THE COURT: Certainly. Mr. Williamson, don't go
22	anywhere a minute. They've got to serve you the
23	paperwork.
24	Judge Holt, you may want a copy of this, as well.

MS. HOLT: Okay. Thank you.

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              THE COURT: I'm handing P-1 to the court reporter.
         Madame clerk, anything else we've got on the agenda today?
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              THE CLERK: No, sir.
              THE COURT: With that, we're adjourned.
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              (WHEREUPON, this proceeding is concluded.)
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Like Reply 1d



T Brown Treats

Derrick Branch please get the story on this!!!!

Like Reply 1d



Onesti Hill What in the mental health is going on here??

Like Reply 1d



Ja'Kevia Stringer Derrick Branch

Like Reply 12h



Monica L. Wallace

That individual needs Jesus!! What kind of human being would taunt another about their loved one being deceased and being in hell?? She needs much help!!!

Like Reply 2d



Inhale Jai Zoe B. Ilance

Like Reply 2d



Zoe B. Ilance

Inhale Jai it's his fault for allowing her into his world. I have no sympathy for stupidity!

Like Reply 2d



Elijah Hamilton Zoe B. Ilance no

Like Reply 17h



Niquee PA

That's what you get.

Like Reply 2d



Jasmine LeAnn Horsman
Niquee PA for what exactly?

Like Reply 2d



Jasmine LeAnn Horsman

Niquee PA what an insane and unsympathetic thing to say.

Like Reply 2d Edited

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Like Reply 2d



Vince Eley

Why you live in a house with a bunch of Yt people anyway your asking for trouble

Like Reply 2d



Yuri Ortiz

Yosef Galindo

Like Reply 2d



Alfreda Days

When will you learn you can't help nobody once they start passing these's law's about these's squatter's oh hell broke loose in ATL all you need is piece of mail or if they spin three night's they live there you have to go to court and get eviction notice I don't have



Lisa Bailey

The Lord says Revengeance is His. He also promises that we will reap what we sow. Continue sowing seeds of strength and faith. Lifting you up brother!!!

Like Reply 1w



Salem Reese

I don't believe in sitting still so lmk when and where... Idgaf. I'll go down for a charge.

Like Reply 4d



Brenden Mendes

The Facebook page of the county with Connie holt the judge right on there the same judge that's helping these squatters essentially steal this man's home



Like Reply 4d



Jay Megan Sushka

Brenden Mendes I'm on it. TT will hear about this tomorrow...

Like Reply 4d



Maigen Marie Stills

Jay Megan Sushka found her Facebook page



Like Reply 3d



Vanessa Fisher

Jessica Bailey please cover this on tiktok 💚 💚

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Like Reply 2d



Adijah Hyacinth

You all need professional help! The best thing is for you to do is leave she wants you to hurt her so she can be justified when you go to jail/prison!

Like Reply



Tamera Campbell

I can't even watch something like this cause they are evil to even say this kind of stuff. Then to act like he is doing stuff to them . Shame on them people like they you don't need to be around at all.

Like Reply



Jenai Antoinette

Aht Aht drop her address!! Here I come bro

Like Reply 1w



Hannah Grace Milligan Idk about her Facebook but here's her instagram guys!!



Reply 1w



Hannah Grace Milligan I can't find her Instagram?maybe she change it

Like Reply 1w



Hannah Grace Milligan

Love Jackie she blocked me



Like Reply





Dakota Whitley

Hey man, I'm praying for you, if you need anything let me know and I got you. Love you brother

Like Reply



Imma keep you in my prayers Derrick 🙏 🙏 🙏 👢

Like Reply 1w



Tyra Chanelle

Carlotta Nixon

Like Reply 1w



Deborah Mahood Please share

Like Reply 1w



Tamera Campbell

This is so uncalled for for them to do this to you . Shame on them .

Like Reply 1w



Tamera Campbell

Derrick Williamson please get out of there go to a safe place please leave

Like Reply 1w



Betty Priddy

Derrick I am very worried about you. Praying for you.

Like Reply 1w



Savannah Catherine

She use to do drugs so please be careful

Like Reply 1w



Kristina Hope Savannah Catherine still does .

Like Reply 1w



Hannah Grace Milligan Kristina Hope | 3rd this

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Like Reply 1w

Chanta McMillan Tammi Wilks what's going on

Like Reply 1w



Chanta McMillan Let's go

Like Reply 1w



Shannon Baird

Let Go And Let God take control

Like Reply 1w



Deborah Mahood

Do we really want people that would say or do something like this or someone who would go so far as to steal thousands of dollars? Do we want to have as neighbors

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Pamela Brooks

I am so worried about you and scared for your safety. I don't know where you are. Do you mind if I share your videos? Maybe someone on my Friends' list may be able to help you.

Like Reply 1w



Ebony Lane

Pamela Brooks please share

Like Reply 1w



Pamela Brooks

Ebony Lane I did. I worry about him so much. He was really good to me and my boys when we moved to GA. I had no idea he was going through these problems, especially after a death. If you talk to him, please ask him to inbox me. Maybe we can meet somewhere so I can know he is safe.

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Cheyeanne Burnett

I'm still baffled hearing someone say he probably in hell who says something like that

(a) (a) please keep ur head up

Reply 1w



Derrick Williamson

Cheyeanne Burnett I'm trying 😄

Like Reply



Brina Mac

Tammi Wilks Tammiah Williamson Ebony Lane

Like Reply 1w



Maggie Medlock

Are you okay?! And who is that chick talking like that about CHRIS?!?!?!

Like Reply 1w



Kristina Hope

Maggie Medlock Jordan Hardee she is a monster and I already want my ones.

Like Reply



Maggie Medlock

Kristina Hope she needs a wake up call! Message me

Like Reply 1w Edited

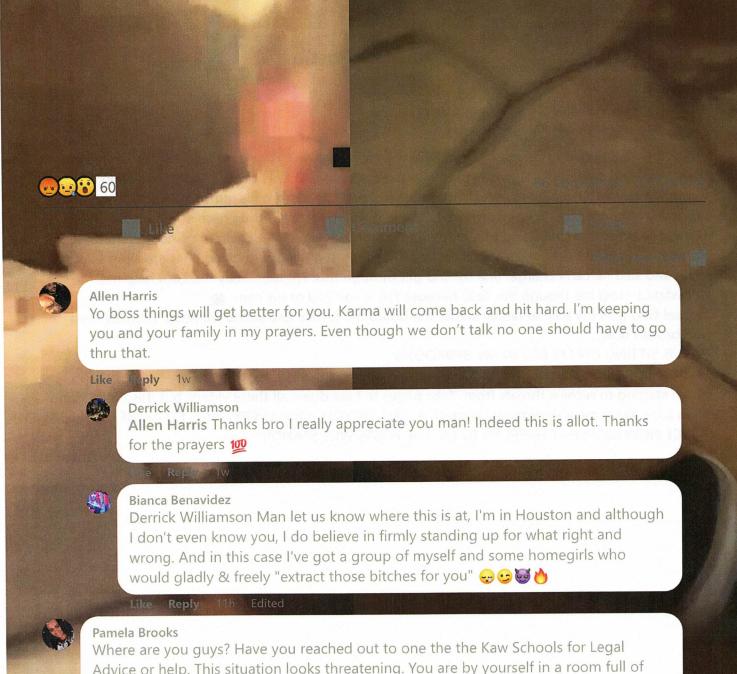
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Breezy Thompson

what kinda person would say those kinda things thinkin they'd be okay??





Where are you guys? Have you reached out to one the Kaw Schools for Legal Advice or help. This situation looks threatening. You are by yourself in a room full of people and, to me, it seems like you are being antagonize. Inbox me when you get a chance.

Like Reply 1w



Derrick Williamson

Pamela Brooks Yeah.... It's my animals and my home. That's actually my private bedroom €€

Like Reply 1w



Cheyeanne Burnett FOX 5 Atlanta

Derrick's Post



Warning !!! Be advised Strong content: This is hard!! I'm beyond tramatized. I am posting these now so if something happens to me I just want everyone to know the truth. This video happed a couple hours after seeing my brother on a side of road dead from his motorcycle accident. Chris Key is my older brother. I can't even whatch this again I'm literally sitting here in tears drafting this. The Judge is helping them! The officer told me before he walked out room prior he was charging her for this! But second video is proof from the officer that that the judge called after apx 9pm that night and said he can't charge! Ima try and get through this. I'm hurt...may the Lord help me! I'm devastated. Help me though this God because I'm at the end of my rope Please! God give my animal family across the board the justice and peace we need. Derricks tired

(SHE IS SITTING ON MY BED IN MY BEDROOM)

(PLEASE SHARE MY POSTS!!!!)

and broken now.

(I am starting to receive threats from "fake pages to take down all these videos but this time I stand even if it's alone my animal family is worth it) "ALL OF YOU TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME BY ILLEGAL FORCE NOW IDC WHAT HAPPENS TO ME THE POSTS WILL STAND!!!"



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Like Reply 1w Edited

Derrick Wi

Derrick Williamson Jenn Garrett Tim Stark

Like Reply 1w

Derrick Williamson Gotcha will do!

Like Reply 1w

Jenn Garrett

Derrick Williamson go to the field office near you and bring in everything you have.

Like Reply 1w

Derrick Williamson Morgan County News

Like Reply 6d

Sidney Hart

You need to take this all to tiktok!

Like Reply 4d

Stacy May

NAACP - Griffin, Georgia NAACP ACLU of Georgia

Like Reply 4d

Stacy May

D.O.T.W. 🔞 🚳 🚳 😡 😡

Like Reply 4d

Kayy Vee

This judge needs to be charged as well

Like Reply 3d

Shardae Davis #BenCrump

Like Reply 2d



Like Reply

Jaya Gordon Do you have a lawyer???

Reply



Derrick Williamson

Jaya Gordon Yes Jaya... my lawyer is doing the best she can going toe to toe with judge but she can't override there corruption and rulings. The judge is powerful & dares I disobey her unjust rulings 😂

Like Reply 1w



Savannah Catherine

take it to the news and show proof watch things will change take it to Tik tok since everybody has a tik tok if judge isn't doing anything let the people help you out from social media

Like Reply 1w



Deborah Mahood Please share

Like Reply 1w



Chanta McMillan

Praying for you nephew God sees all 🙏 🙏 those people are dead wrong 💔 💔



Like Reply 1w



Derrick Williamson Chanta McMillan Thanks Auntie A Love you

Like Reply 1w



Poel Braselton Fox News

Like Reply 1w



Susan Stewart Davis

It's such a sad, sad situation 😞 😥 😂

Reply 1w Edited Like



Derrick Williamson

Susan Stewart Davis Indeed 100

Like Reply



Margaret Ann Wilks Pass it on!!!!

Like Reply



Brianne Parker FOX 5 Atlanta

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Amanda McReynolds Clark FOX 5 Atlanta

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Amanda McReynolds Clark Dale Russell FOX 5

Like Reply 1w



Cheyeanne Burnett
So sorry to hear this prayers for you Derrick Williamson

Like Reply 1w



Derrick Williamson

Cheyeanne Burnett Thanks so much

Like Reply 1w



Tamera Campbell

Do what have to do to get your property and animals back.

Like Reply 1w



Maize Edwards

I'm so sorry that this is happening to u that is so terrible if I can help in anyway let me know please

Like Reply 1w



Cole Gillespie

FOX 5 Atlanta

Like Reply 1w



Vickie Johnson

Yes go to the news Derrick that sounds good they will yo people snd the judge Good luck

Like Reply 1w





Ebony Lane FOX 5 Atlanta

Like Reply 1w



Christie Reardon Medlock 11Alive Morning News Insiders

Like Reply 1w



Destini Batson Fox News

Derrick's Post



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Derrick Williamson 3/16/22
To: cholt@morgancountyga.gov >



Please Help Us!!!

Good Morning your honor,
My name is Derrick Williamson and I am the
Founder & CEO of "The Way Dynamic
Animal Therapy Encounters Inc" located
here in Morgan County you may have heard
of my touch down here with all of my exotic
animals sloths , Water Buffalo , etc. I
am unfortunately reaching out to you on not
the best terms but I have been advised by

seem to get off this property are using there tenant situations and false claims of ownership here to Sabatoge all the animals and myself who also resides on the facility. There has been false police reports made and several reports to other agency's and due to this family that resides on this facilitys mayham unleashed has resulted in all my exotic animals having to be removed at another zoo and some boarded until I am able to get things sorted. Please!!! Help us your honor! these people I can't stop from stealing and sabatoging this property and the animals life's and well beings. As of yesterday apx \$20,000 worth of Zoo enclosure panels were stolen and also a

control plan maybe or put something in place to stop them from stealing and harming these animals wellbeing until the honorable courts sort out all the legal issues need be!!! PLEASE! HELP US!!!! Feel free to call me aswell at 678-760-9585

Best Reguards,
Derrick Williamson
Founder & CEO
"The Way Dynamic Animal Therapy
Encounters Inc"

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Brina Mac Tammi Wilks

What's going on here.

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Chanta McMillan

Bullshit I'm so tired of these people

Like Reply 1w



Chanta McMillan That is his house

Like Reply 1w



Courtney Brown

Derrick Williamson call the police that's assault and that's your house

Like Reply



Tamera Campbell

Why are they being allowed to do this.

Like Reply 1w



Savannah Catherine

I hope the judge isn't objracistos

Like Reply



Spencer Harville

Savannah Catherine I'm sure he is

Like Reply 4d



Savannah Catherine

Take it to tik tok post videos post proof go live somebody higher then the judge will come forward

Like Reply 1w



Deborah Mahood Please share

Like Reply 1w



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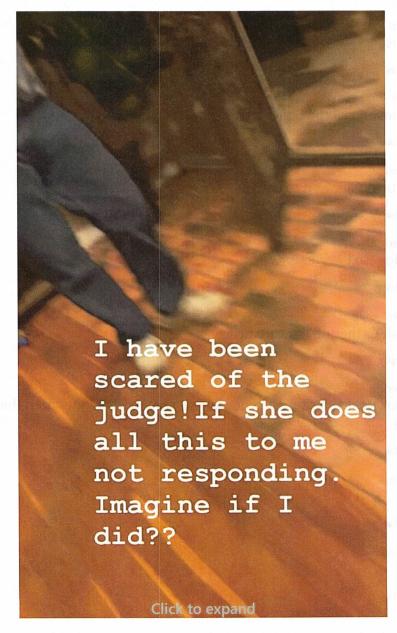
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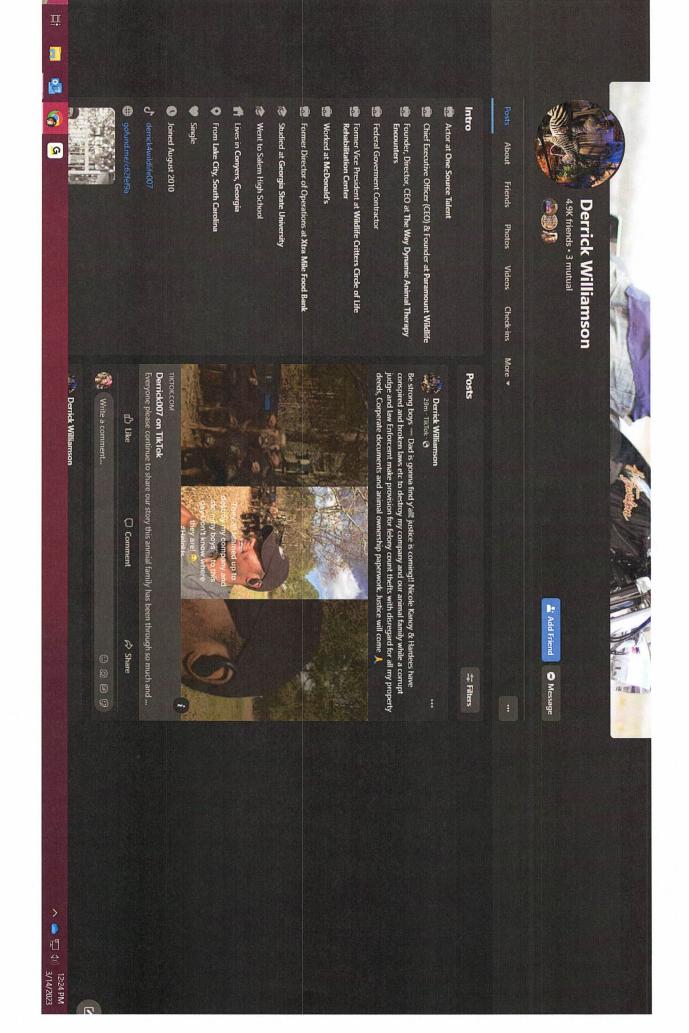


Derrick Williamson February 14 at 6:40 PM · 🚷

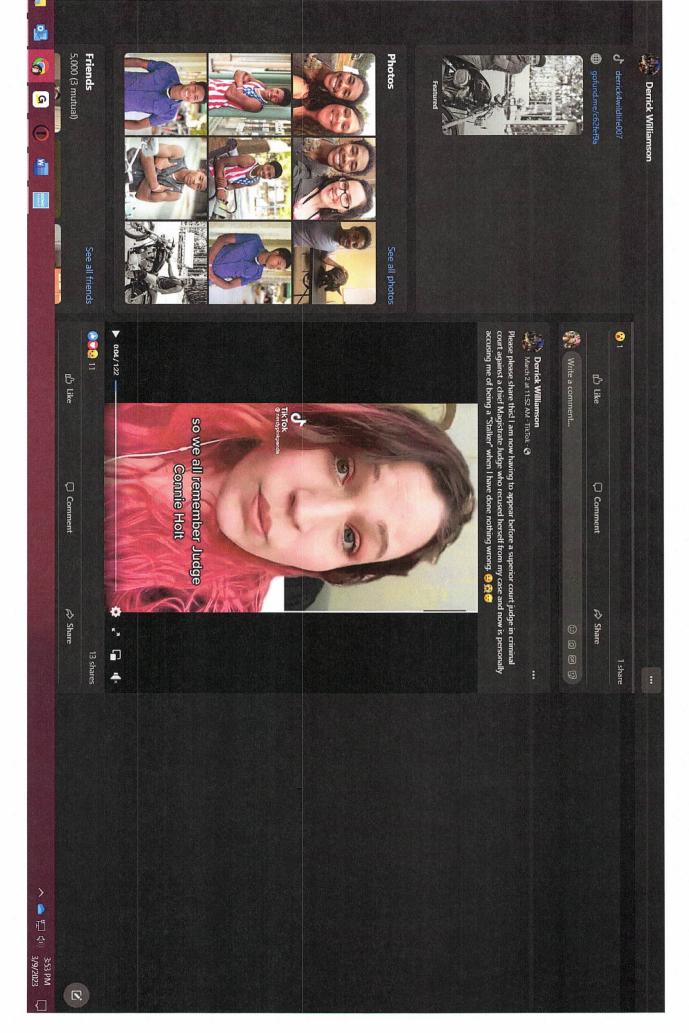
I have been in so many attacks from these people I'm tired... I was thrown into furniture etc is why im on ground and was on ground and I finally said! What I said but was to scared of judge to follow though because I know that's what the judge and them want. So I continued to take this aggression and abuse time and time again. But how long must injustice prevail Imat the end of my rope... (PLEASE SHARE MY POST)

(I am starting to receive threats from "fake pages to take down... See more











Derrick Williamson February 20 at 12:53 AM · TikTok · ❸

Wow! We will get the exposure we need thanks for all your help Jay your really awesome and spot on! Myself and Animal Family are forever grateful



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Jay Megan on TikTok

#OMG We have found the 👸 in #newborn #georgia...#wtf #derrickwilliamson .#greenscreenvide...



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Trevor Young

Man I'm sorry you going thru that bro. That girl needs to be committed







Tamera Campbell

This is so sad Derek needs to do something this you tell all this stuff if fake that she doing to try to get him lock up they are evil people to say this about him

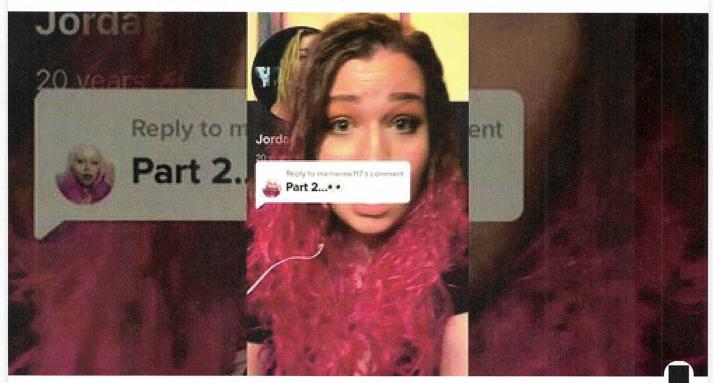
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Tik Tok Influencer stepping in to help us get the justice we deserve!!! Thanks so much!



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Jay Megan on TikTok

Replying to @mamanee117 PART2: @derrick4wildlife007 I uncovered some info you might be int...





Like Reply 4d

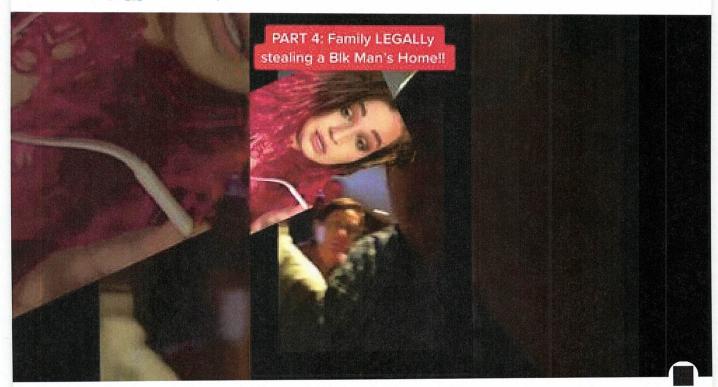
Emanuel Strack

Yo man stay strong, this some shady shit they trying to pull

Like Reply 4d



Your amazing! 😭 Part 4 Everyone



TIKTOK.COM

Jay Megan on TikTok

#Hardee family stealing a black man's home by manipulating the justice system!!! #foryou #fypag...



Wendy Bryant
She is (2) 2

Like Reply 3d

Eve Camareno
Let us know if you need company a few of us are willing to go volunteer and help.

Like Reply 2d

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Tonya Hunt
True Crime Society

Like Reply 2d



Tonya Hunt Cody Alcorn

Like Reply 2d



EbonyEtoy Green
You have to them by flipping the tables on their ass !!

Make yourself a really good hearty meal and make sure that you include the , take a glass

wine, Take

some laxative and shit all over your property and rub it in good on the walls and at the door frames 🖨 🗳



Like Reply 1d



EbonyEtoy Green
Praying for the best 人人人



Like Reply 1c



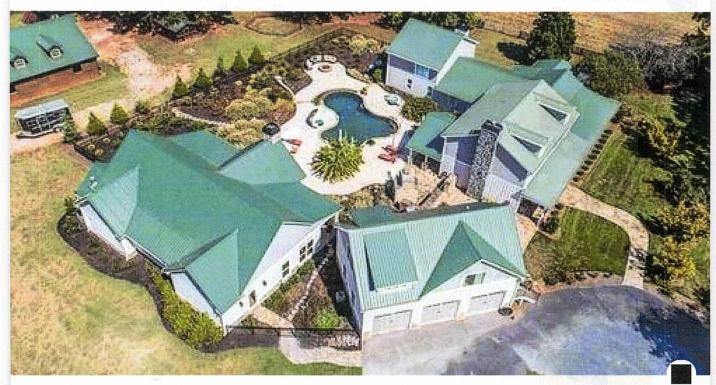
Kim Sim

Ben Crump this man needs your help.

Like Reply 18h



Thanks so much for your help!!



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Help Derrick Stop Them From Stealing His Farm, organized by Derrick Williamson Hello Everyone, My name is Derrick Williamson and I serve as the Fou... Derrick Williamson needs ...



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Jessica Vason Cody Alcorn

Like Reply 2d

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Rodney Samuel Infante

I'm pulling up tomorrow send me the address

Reply 3d



Steve Andrews

How do you have so much information but yet

..you don't have the actual back story..

Sounds very likely derrick doesn't have his story straight #1 but that's if you actually believe any of it..the guy is a "actor" or claims to be..pretty sure this is all for views

Like Reply 2d





Gaven Ernest

Steve Andrews she does in other videos

Like Reply 3d



Destiny Tierra

Steve Andrews huh? Are you ok????

Edited Like Reply 2d



Amber Lolol

Steve Andrews

What were the incorrect statements and claims? What is the backstory? How is his story not straight? Have you not seen his facebook post with the proven documents?

Reply 2d Edited Like





Kristina Hope

Steve Andrews yea my brother isn't acting none of this shit. His brother my HUSBAND was actually killed and someone actually was bashing our whole family and tried to steal our animals and property!!! Take your negativity elsewhere and i pray that God gives you guidance ... not everything is for views . Why would we pretend that my husband was killed in a fatal car accident? There's proof of all of it on our Facebook. Good day

Reply 2d Like



Kaylee Ann Johnson

Steve Andrews your asking for views with this comment

Reply 2d Like



Steve Andrews

Amber Lolol I'm going on what is shown as facts, his arrest for obstruction, the only property listed in his name is a 2 story residential in a subdivision, his videos seem very staged, the court records that are available are not the ones this woman is showing..could all be legit idk

I'm not questioning the death of the individual, never did

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Once again! Amazing and spot on! We hope that justice is coming for us! But it didn't come from this corrupt judge. She needs to be held accountable. Please share





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Jordan Tyree

Steve Andrews not butt hurt just see someone so scared they had to report it

Reply 1d Like



Steve Andrews

Jordan Tyree lol nothing to do with scared Put your tongue in your mouth and move on

Like Reply 1d



Jordan Tyree

Steve Andrews is it your Facebook page or post? No? Didn't think so, so looks like your the one that needs to get a move on,

Like Reply 20h



Steve Andrews

Jordan Tyree thinking it's not yours either .. you just decided to jump in my lane

Like Reply 19h



Val Scott-Mauldin

Steve Andrews something is seriously wrong with you! The situation is VERY MUCH REAL...

Like Reply 6h



Lorena Penad

I believe it. No single person would take on this trouble in today's america. Maybe Quanell X can gain your case some traction given he has a large following. Maybe his team can lead you in the right direction.... this case definitely needs to go viral so the corrupt system will have eyes and ears on em.

Don't stop fighting! My heart breaks for ya.

Like Reply 3d



Brooklynn Bourne

I have a friend who is an attorney in Atlanta. I'm going to ask him if he can refer a real estate attorney. This is absolutely ridiculous!

Like Reply 2d



Nana F. Osei

Ben Crump

Like Reply 2d



Jay Megan Sushka

Make Sure if you are sharing the videos to change the privacy settings to PUBLIC!

Like Reply 2d



Derrick Williamson

Like Reply

Jay Megan Sushka 🙏



Like Reply



Amber Lolol

Steve Andrews

What are you talking about?

He has his property paperwork for his business and the property itself on his facebook page. He even spoke about his arrest that night and spoke about how James hardee also got arrested that night, for battery mind you. Derrick has no previous arrests.

You can find his information on his facebook page that this video is literally posted under instead of doubting this woman without even trying to disregard the information as false. He has been off the property during this fight for his safety.

Who is staging the video? All of them? The cops? The judge? Did you even research the other offenders before questioning this guys integrity?

Like what kind of critical thinking did you do to get to this point of thought?

Like Reply 2d Edited



Jordan Tyree

Steve Andrews how is he the actor in the video when the Hardee's are the ones shown in the video the entire time? How is he the actor with legal documentation? How is he the actor with video evidence with the Hardee's in them? How is he the actor who "don't have a actual back story" yet the entire back story is told? Also bitch you don't want to fuck with the queen of bitches

Like Reply 1d



Steve Andrews Jordan Tyree lol

Like Reply 1d



Jordan Tyree

Steve Andrews but all ya got to say is a emoji, babe

Like Reply



Jordan Tyree

Steve Andrews aww boo hoo you reported me a scared?

Like Reply



Steve Andrews

Jordan Tyree Iol..doubtful

Just don't like potty mouth girl that likes to threaten men. Especially ones old enough to probably be their grandfather, definitely father,

So when I see it yep I report it

Butt hurt?

Like Reply



Steve Andrews

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Mary Watson

Thank you so much for supporting Derrick. My family personally knows him and I can vouch for him and as to his character and integrity as he is one of the few people who has truly been the most honorable, loving, and a person who would do anything he could to help anyone in need. I'm so grateful that others are finally able to see his story thanks to tic tokers (if that's a word) lol, like you. Thank you for helping Derrick. God bless you.

Like Reply 22h

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Tamara L. Maddox

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