

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

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MARK A. EVANS,)	
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PETITIONER,)	
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-vs-)	CASE NO. 25CV0049
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STEVEN TODD WOOD,)	
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RESPONDENT.)	

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DEPOSITION of MARK EVANS, the Petitioner herein, called by the Respondent for cross-examination under the statute, taken before me, Michelle L. Vendley, RMR, CRR, Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, pursuant to the stipulations of counsel hereinafter set forth at the offices of W. Douglas Lowe, 23 East Church Street, Newark, Ohio, on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, beginning at 12:52 p.m.

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1 MARK EVANS

2 being by me first duly sworn, as hereinafter
3 certified, deposes and says as follows:

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. LOWE:

6 Q. Will you please state your full name for the
7 record?

8 A. Mark Allen Evans.

9 Q. Mr. Evans, my name is Doug Lowe. We've met
10 before. I'm going to ask you some questions today.
11 If at any time you don't understand my question,
12 please let me know that because I want to make sure
13 you understand what you're being asked.

14 A. Excuse me.

15 Q. Also, I need you to answer verbally. Some
16 people shake their head. I don't know if you're a
17 person like that, but that doesn't get down on the
18 paper.

19 A. It doesn't work.

20 Q. And other people say uh-huh and uh-uh. And
21 I always think I understand it when you tell me that,
22 but when I read it on the transcript, I'm never sure.
23 So if you do that, I don't mean to be rude, but I'll
24 say, is that a yes or a no? Same thing if you shake
25 your head a lot.

1 I don't think we're going to be here some
2 tremendously long time, but this is also not a test of
3 your endurance. So if you need to take a break, just
4 say, hey, I need a break.

5 A. I'm in two-hour parking, so --

6 Q. Not really. Ever since they did away with
7 the meter readers ten years ago, those signs are -- I
8 don't know what they're for. Once in a great while
9 they'll come through and we would see them and take
10 people's license and then they'll come back but, I
11 mean, that's one time in --

12 A. Not enforced.

13 Q. Yeah. Twice a year, maybe, I mean, because
14 now they've got it just doing the police officers that
15 don't have -- if they're not busy, and when is that?
16 They're always busy, so --

17 A. Right.

18 Q. Anyway. If you need to take a break, you
19 tell me. We'll take a break. The only thing I ask is
20 if there's a question on the table, answer it and then
21 we'll take a break.

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. Are you on any medication or anything today
24 that would make it difficult for you to remember
25 events or testify?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Are you married?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. What's your educational background?
- 5 A. I went to college for accounting. I
6 finished -- didn't finish. I'm short a few credits in
7 an accounting degree. I went to the University of
8 Illinois and University of Illinois -- or the Chicago
9 campus, Wright State University, and University of
10 Illinois, the Eastern University.
- 11 Q. Okay. And when was that?
- 12 A. Oh, geez. I started that after high school.
13 USC, that was, what, '89. Then Wright State in -- or
14 no, no, no. USC, then Eastern after that, and then
15 Wright State.
- 16 Q. Okay. Where did you graduate from high
17 school?
- 18 A. Where? Brother Rice High School. '88.
- 19 Q. Where is that?
- 20 A. Chicago.
- 21 Q. Oh. No wonder -- no wonder I didn't know
22 where it was at.
- 23 A. Yeah. I was born and raised in Chicago.
- 24 Q. Are you currently employed?
- 25 A. I'm self -- well, employed through the

1 township as a trustee, elected official but paid, and
2 also self-employed.

3 Q. And what's your self-employment?

4 A. I do construction and also a building
5 envelope consultant where I inspect and report on
6 exterior deficiencies and moisture intrusion.

7 Q. When were you elected trustee?

8 A. The election was 2021, and I took my seat in
9 2022.

10 Q. Okay. Is this the first elected office
11 you've held?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you have any military background?

14 A. No.

15 Q. How do you know my client, Steve Wood?

16 A. Through the township. He is, as I
17 understand, the live-in boyfriend of our fiscal
18 officer, Jackie Cotugno.

19 Q. Did you know him other than through he lives
20 with Jackie? I mean, it's a small community so I
21 didn't know if you knew him otherwise.

22 A. Through the township, I guess, political
23 landscape of the election and my -- my seat.

24 Q. Okay. Obviously your relationship with him
25 right now is not great, but how was it in the past?

1 A. I believe there wasn't anything, really, in
2 the past. I cannot recall if he -- when he started
3 to, I guess, speak up and criticize online. I don't
4 know when that started.

5 Q. And critical of you, I take it?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Was that after you were elected?

8 A. Definitely after. I can't recall if it was
9 before, too.

10 Q. Did he campaign for your opponent in the
11 election or anything?

12 A. I don't recall.

13 Q. Now, you -- well, let's go ahead and mark
14 this because I'm going to take you through it.

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16 (Exhibit 1 marked for identification.)

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18 Q. Sir, you've been handed Deposition Exhibit
19 1. I want you to take a minute and look at that and
20 tell me if you know what that is.

21 A. That's the petition I filed with the court
22 with the attached statement.

23 Q. Okay. I want to ask you some stuff on that
24 petition, and feel free to look at it or if you just
25 remember. You say he made a threat during a meeting

- 1 on January 7th of this year?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. When did you learn about this threat?
- 4 A. January -- I believe it was 13th -- an
5 individual I did not know previously -- I believe his
6 name was Charles -- called me to alert me that he was
7 concerned when he watched the video.
- 8 Q. When Mr. Wood said what he said -- and I
9 think we've both seen the video --
- 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. -- he didn't yell that out, did he?
- 12 A. He stated it audibly so those around can
13 hear.
- 14 Q. Okay. You didn't hear it? Would that be
15 fair to say? You didn't hear it at the time?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. And he wasn't in your face confronting you
18 in any way at that time, was he?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. A lot of people there at the meetings?
- 21 A. A few.
- 22 Q. Is there a sheriff's deputy there?
- 23 A. I don't recall if there was one there at
24 that time or not.
- 25 Q. Are there typically sheriff's deputies at

1 your meetings?

2 A. There have been. Lately, we actually -- the
3 board approved sheriff deputies quite a while ago, but
4 they never -- they never showed up.

5 Q. Okay. Do you know why you feel that it was
6 necessary to have a deputy there?

7 A. Various -- my personal belief, various
8 threats. No.

9 Q. Have you ever been told that people wanted a
10 deputy there because of the way you acted?

11 A. I believe Miss McKee stated she wanted it
12 for everyone's safety. I don't recall what her
13 statement exactly was.

14 Q. When Mr. Wood made his statement, who was
15 talking? Who else was talking among the trustees?

16 A. Mr. Burkholder, I think, at that time when
17 he made the statement.

18 Q. And the statement doesn't mention you by
19 name, does it?

20 A. No, but it's clear it was directed at me.

21 Q. Why is it clear that it was directed at you?

22 A. Because he made the statement, if he -- I
23 believe he said, he better shut up or he better keep
24 quiet, and that was while Mr. Burkholder was speaking
25 and there are no other males up there so the "he"

1 reference would be myself.

2 Q. How do you know it wasn't Mr. Burkholder
3 that he was --

4 A. Because he was speaking at the time and he
5 said, he better keep quiet, and he wasn't, so that
6 would be he -- he -- he wasn't referring to
7 Mr. Burkholder.

8 Q. But that's your assumption? He doesn't
9 mention you by name?

10 A. That's my assumption, and apparently Mr. --
11 I'll just say his first name, Charles, because I don't
12 know his last name -- his assumption also.

13 Q. Did anybody else tell you about this
14 supposed threat by Mr. Wood?

15 A. On the video, I don't believe so.

16 Q. How -- do you know how -- because you're not
17 sure if there was a deputy there or not at the time
18 this was made?

19 A. Yeah, I'm not sure.

20 Q. Who was -- do you know who was sitting in
21 proximity to Mr. Wood?

22 A. Steven Slyh, I believe, two chairs.

23 Q. And who is Steven Slyh, because I don't know
24 any of these people?

25 A. Steven Slyh is someone that previously ran

1 for Etna Township trustee and then dropped out of the
2 race, I believe the day before, against Mr. Carlisle.
3 He's been a political opponent admitting to trying to,
4 I guess, enter into a relationship to sabotage the
5 election of Mr. Burkholder and then also my -- my
6 work.

7 Q. At one time were you and he friendly? I ask
8 that only because what you produced, there were a lot
9 of back-and-forth between you and him.

10 A. I would not say friendly. I'd say cordial.
11 He had previously attacked viciously. He came to me
12 stating that he was contrite of how the others were
13 treating him, but then afterwards he said that was
14 just an act. I will speak to anybody and discuss any
15 issues, and that's what I did with him.

16 Q. Okay. Has he ever threatened you in any
17 way?

18 A. He's made false allegations, but he has not
19 threatened.

20 Q. Mr. Wood's statement that was related to you
21 later, did that put you in fear?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Why?

24 A. Because he said he wanted to fucking jump
25 me, kill me. I take that seriously and especially

1 after his prior public statements regarding
2 Yellowstone and Rip taking to the train station, which
3 is where, in the show, they bring people to kill and
4 dispose.

5 Q. Okay. And we'll get into that. I've got
6 that --

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. -- e-mail, but -- have you ever seen
9 Mr. Wood be violent towards anyone?

10 A. I've seen him be erratic and, I would say,
11 unhinged during meetings.

12 Q. Okay. Why do you think he's erratic? Tell
13 me examples of that.

14 A. His body language, kind of flailing around,
15 speaking very aggressively, that -- those kind of
16 examples.

17 Q. Is that also what you're talking about when
18 he's unhinged or is that something separate?

19 A. No. The same.

20 Q. What kind of things has he spoke about very
21 aggressively?

22 A. I can't recall specific language; however,
23 just -- I would say political attacks on myself, but
24 he is also -- he's kind of known to Mr. -- Charles did
25 indicate that, when I spoke to him, that Mr. Woods

1 does have a tendency to speak outwardly quite a bit
2 when things are going on.

3 And I attempted to review the other live
4 ones, but they seem to have been deleted, the majority
5 of them.

6 But Mr. Woods has also made statements in
7 passing of "I've had it with you," "you're going to
8 get it," and he's mumbled some other stuff here or
9 there that I couldn't really make out, but those were
10 concerning.

11 Q. Okay. We'll talk through all of this. When
12 you say -- I've seen some of the tapes of your
13 meetings over time. Not recently, but I've seen some.

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. A lot of people speak pretty passionately at
16 those meetings. Would you agree with that?

17 A. When you say passionately, I think they do
18 speak about their concerns, but it's rare when I see
19 arms flailing, when I see gestures of hands towards
20 the board while they're -- they're speaking.

21 Q. And you say Mr. Wood does all those things?

22 A. He has.

23 Q. And when was the last time he did something
24 like that?

25 A. I don't recall. It's one of the meetings

1 during public comments.

2 Q. And other than this statement brought to
3 your attention days later, did anything else occur at
4 that meeting involving Mr. Wood that concerns you?

5 A. Not that I was aware of.

6 Q. You say he made statements like "I've had it
7 with you." Do you take that to be a threat of
8 physical violence?

9 A. Based on the prior statement involving Rip
10 and taking to the train station and his other -- his
11 general demeanor and how he says it, yes, I do.

12 Q. Why didn't you get a CPO or go for a CPO at
13 that point?

14 A. Because at the time there were -- there was
15 the prior one and then a couple statements, and to
16 prove that I thought was -- would be a little bit more
17 difficult because I didn't have a recording.

18 And I decided to go with the CPO when the
19 "I'm going to fucking" -- "I want to fucking jump him
20 and kill him," that statement was made. It was
21 recorded, I felt it was a threat, so that's -- at that
22 time, including based on the prior events, that's why
23 I decided to go for a CPO.

24 Q. Okay. Well, let me -- did you take it,
25 though, when he said "I've had it with you," did you

1 take that that he was threatening you with physical
2 violence?

3 A. I took it as that is an abnormal statement
4 and, yes, I was concerned based on his previous
5 mention of taking -- Rip taking people to the train
6 station.

7 Q. Did anyone hear him say this besides you?

8 A. I don't recall who else was around before or
9 after the meeting when those were made. They were
10 made after the Rip comment and before this one. The
11 last I recall -- those that I recall were in the
12 warmer months, so I'm guessing probably, maybe,
13 June/July.

14 Q. Okay. Could I -- when someone says "I've
15 had it with you," could they also mean they're just
16 tired of the way you act and they want you out of
17 office? They just want to be done dealing with you?

18 A. The only thing that I knew that was going
19 through his mind was Rip and the train station so
20 that's what I went to.

21 Q. So you're making an assumption that's what
22 he meant?

23 A. That's the outward communications he has
24 made. Nobody else has made those kind of comments, so
25 I don't think it's normal.

1 Q. Well, you keep talking about this, so --
2 that's not the right one. Let me get to the -- you
3 sent this to me today.

4 A. I think last night, but yeah.

5 Q. Well, I guess I didn't see it -- because I
6 think you sent it in the middle of the night -- I
7 didn't see it till this morning.

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Can you mark that as 2, please?

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11 (Exhibit 2 marked for identification.)

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13 Q. You've been handed Exhibit 2. Is that the
14 Yellowstone statement you're referring to?

15 A. It is.

16 Q. Is your name mentioned anywhere in this
17 string?

18 A. It is not.

19 Q. And this is -- and he --

20 A. Well, when -- I'd like to correction that.
21 I believe the story which is linked does mention my
22 name --

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. -- so if you want to say that. It's not
25 printed, but it is within the story that is linked.

1 Q. And that was about your -- the lawsuit
2 between you and -- well, not you -- the township and
3 Nita Hanson?

4 A. There was no lawsuit.

5 Q. The claim that Miss Hanson brought?

6 A. The threat of a lawsuit.

7 Q. Okay. That was resolved/settled?

8 A. That -- yes, that was settled.

9 Q. And do you remember what website this was
10 posted on?

11 A. That was on Facebook, Etna -- I think it's
12 Etna Township Uncensored, which Jackie Cotugno is an
13 administrator.

14 Q. And his response is a response to Shelly
15 Brown -- or Shell-Brown's statement, I'm blessed to
16 have worked with her and I will miss her, very sad to
17 see her go, and then there's a string of responses,
18 including his? Is that correct?

19 A. Yes. Under the initial story, yes.

20 Q. And when he says -- he does say L-O-L, which
21 means laugh out loud, correct, at the end of his
22 statement?

23 A. He did type that, yeah.

24 Q. And could this very well have been that he
25 just thinks that the township needs cleaned up; new

1 administration?

2 A. I took that as a threat. I've mentioned it
3 as a threat repeatedly, and I viewed it as a threat.
4 I would not make any such statement about someone like
5 that.

6 Q. Rip is a fictional character?

7 A. It is, but so is the Godfather, but you can
8 make references with horse head in the bed and you
9 kind of know what people are talking about.

10 Q. And, again, this doesn't mention you by
11 name; this threat?

12 A. The main topic of the posts and article does
13 mention.

14 Q. Well, it mentions the township, and you're
15 mentioned in there as a trustee, I assume?

16 A. I believe my name is mentioned.

17 Q. Okay. Do you know if he even read that
18 article before he made this post?

19 A. I can't say what he did or did not.

20 Q. What did you -- you say you've mentioned
21 several times a threat. Who did you mention it to?

22 A. I'm not sure if it's appropriate, but it
23 was -- can I violate executive session privilege?

24 Q. You're under oath. I don't think there's a
25 privilege, per se. There are some things against

1 discovery, but --

2 A. Well, when he inquired on the BZA -- I think
3 it was the BZA position. It might have been also the
4 zoning commission -- that was brought up.

5 Q. Okay. Did you know Steve Wood at this time?
6 Did you know who this guy was that was posting?

7 A. I wasn't sure of his relationship with
8 Miss Cotugno. I believe, maybe March, it was
9 confirmed that they were partners.

10 Q. Okay. Do you -- did you take any action in
11 relation to this perceived threat?

12 A. Again, I alerted our board in executive
13 session regarding my concerns of the threat, and
14 during that executive session, Mr. Wood attempted to
15 explain it away, that he likes the cologne, which made
16 no sense to me.

17 Q. Do you know if people call him Yellowstone
18 as a nickname?

19 A. I have no idea.

20 Q. And so you talked to him about this threat?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And this was in -- I take it from your
23 context it was when he was being interviewed or
24 something for a BZA position?

25 A. Yes. I'm not sure what time frame that was.

1 Maybe March. I mean, it was after -- I think this
2 post was January 25th --

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. -- of 2024 so it had to have been
5 afterwards. And, yes, I did bring it up at that time,
6 that I didn't believe he was qualified in numerous
7 ways but, also, that we shouldn't have someone that's
8 making threats be appointed to the township.

9 Q. Did you take this -- when you told the other
10 board members, did you say to them, he made a threat
11 against me or he made a threat against all of us?

12 A. No. I said, he made a threat against me,
13 and Steven Wood said, I was talking about cologne.

14 Q. Okay. Do you know if there's a running joke
15 between him and Miss Shell-Brown about Yellowstone or
16 anything of that nature?

17 A. I wouldn't know.

18 Q. Did you report him to any legal authority
19 besides your fellow board members to the extent
20 they're a legal authority?

21 A. No, not at the time.

22 Q. When the sheriff started attending, did you
23 ever tell him, watch that guy, he could be a threat?
24 Or the deputy?

25 A. I think they're watching everybody, but

1 it's -- it was communicated to the full board that I
2 felt he was a threat. I did not schedule the
3 sheriffs, the board president, I believe, did, so I
4 would assume that he would alert them of threats.

5 Q. But you yourself -- just to answer my
6 question -- you never said to a deputy there, I feel
7 that guy is a threat, watch him, or anything to that
8 effect?

9 A. I don't recall -- we have various deputies
10 that --

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. -- attend. I don't recall.

13 Q. Now, it's been reported in the paper that
14 you recorded some executive sessions?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Did you record this one?

17 A. No. I -- if you want me to explain?

18 Q. Sure.

19 A. The recording of the meetings was required
20 because there's no video security camera in there.
21 There were political games played before where the
22 entire system was removed from the township hall.

23 At that time the zoning inspector charged at
24 me over the secretary's desk and, luckily, I had my
25 body cam that showed that his false claim that I

1 attacked him was not true.

2 After that, Miss McKee physically shoved her
3 middle finger in my face, called me a fucking fat ass
4 and other, I guess, swears in there, and at that time
5 that's when I said, for my protection we need a camera
6 in this executive session. If one is not going to be
7 provided, then I will be audio recording for my
8 safety. That was in June.

9 And I believe we had our next executive
10 session in July, and that is when I started recording
11 the executive sessions there, and I believe there are
12 a total of five.

13 Q. When someone swears at you like Ms. McKee,
14 you say, did, is that a threat or just bad manners?

15 A. While shoving her middle finger in my face,
16 which I consider an assault, that is concerning.
17 That's not bad manners.

18 Q. Did she touch you?

19 A. Yes. My nose.

20 Q. And what's your comparative size to
21 Miss McKee?

22 A. Larger.

23 Q. Quite a bit larger?

24 A. I don't know quite a bit. She's a large --
25 larger woman.

1 Q. Okay. I'm not going to put you on record as
2 saying --

3 A. No. She is.

4 Q. The zoning -- former zoning inspector, the
5 altercation with him, did he end up needing medical
6 care?

7 A. He claimed he did. However, after he
8 charged at me over -- and it was an accelerated
9 pace -- over the secretary's desk while I was hunched
10 over, he raised his fist coming towards me as if he's
11 going to strike me, and I stopped his forward attack.

12 Q. Did you get a CPO against him?

13 A. He filed for a CPO against me, and he also
14 tried to file assault charges. They were denied after
15 review of my body cam video showing that he was the
16 instigator.

17 The CPO, we were moving forward defending
18 that, and after a lengthy continuance, he dropped it,
19 I believe, the day or two days before the hearing, but
20 I was -- me and my attorney were very much looking
21 forward to defending that.

22 Q. All right. We got kind of sidetracked there
23 because we were talking, but --

24 A. Sure.

25 Q. Do you record -- do you have a body cam? Is

1 that what you use?

2 A. Yeah. It's a body cam that I use for
3 inspections. It's -- it can be video and audio or
4 just audio. So for the inspections I do the video and
5 audio.

6 Q. Do you wear that during regular board
7 meetings of the township trustees?

8 A. I've worn that at times when I felt
9 threatened, either physically or by false allegations.

10 Q. Are you wearing it now?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you're recording us now?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And why do you feel that's necessary
15 when she's recording everything?

16 A. I -- because of you hiring Nita Hanson and
17 Nita Hanson being in this office, I felt it
18 necessary --

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. -- in case there's any interaction with --
21 with Miss Hanson so that there would not be any
22 false -- false allegations made by her.

23 Q. Or by you?

24 A. Well, I wouldn't make false allegations,
25 but --

1 Q. Do you carry a gun?

2 A. No. Not now. I had a -- what's it --
3 concealed handgun, a CHL, prior to the incident with
4 Mr. Singleton.

5 Q. Is that the zoning inspector?

6 A. That's the zoning inspector.

7 And at that time I was shocked to learn that
8 as soon as you make a -- you know, get the temporary
9 CPO that your CHL is suspended, so I had to turn that
10 in and I have not carried since.

11 Q. So you don't have a gun with you today?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. He also said -- I think you said that he
14 said in the past he was going to get you or words to
15 that effect?

16 A. "I've had it with you," "you are going to
17 get it," I believe.

18 Q. And you took that as a threat?

19 A. "You're going to get it"?

20 Q. Uh-huh.

21 A. I don't think he was referring to a birthday
22 present.

23 Q. Could he have been referring to legal
24 action?

25 A. The way he said it and his past comments, it

1 was clear that it wasn't anything nice, and I took it
2 as a physical threat.

3 Q. Well, other than his past comment about --
4 on Facebook to his friend, what other past comments
5 have there been before that?

6 A. The "I've had it with you," and, again, it's
7 the way -- if I say -- you could say "I've had it with
8 you" in various ways and it can convey different
9 meanings, so I took it as a threat.

10 Q. And why didn't you -- if he made these
11 series of threats, why didn't you ask for a CPO then?

12 A. As I stated earlier, that it wasn't recorded
13 so there was no proof --

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. -- so going to --

16 Q. I don't mean to interrupt. Maybe I'm
17 confused. Is this one incident where he said, "I've
18 had it with you," "you're going to get it"?

19 A. No, no, no. It was --

20 Q. It was several?

21 A. -- several. Right. And I did not have the
22 recording because once the video cameras in the hall
23 were restored that was some protection against the
24 false allegations of that so I didn't feel I needed to
25 record all the time.

1 Q. Where are the video cameras located at?

2 A. Now there's two in the town hall facing
3 towards our podiums. There's one in the hallway near
4 the bathroom. I believe there's one in the office
5 now -- there wasn't before -- and then on the
6 exterior.

7 Q. Okay. Are the ones in the town -- is that
8 what's used to do the live stream, the one in the town
9 hall? I know your meetings are sometimes live
10 streamed, but I don't know how they're done.

11 A. No. Well, they -- previously there was a
12 live stream through, like, a web cam, but that hasn't
13 been done for well over a year.

14 I record the meetings as a resident. I've
15 done so and posted for, I believe, seven years now.

16 The other live streams are done by
17 Miss Cotugno in conjunction with Mr. Wood's -- off of
18 their iPad or laptop or whatever it is.

19 Q. So Mr. Wood would have known he was being
20 recorded when he said about killing someone?

21 A. I -- he probably forgot because I -- I
22 reviewed another video, one of the few that weren't
23 deleted, when Jackie had to remind him that the live
24 stream was going. So --

25 Q. And what meeting was that?

1 A. I think there's only two that haven't been
2 deleted so it would be one of those. Maybe November.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Or -- yeah, maybe November.

5 Q. Does he -- are there times when Miss Cotugno
6 goes out of the room and he continues to operate the
7 machinery?

8 A. Well, once it's set up, it's set up.

9 Q. Was Mrs. Cotugno there when he made his
10 statement that made you go get the CPO?

11 A. Miss Cotugno was part of the meeting on
12 January 7th.

13 Q. Where does she sit in relation to him
14 typically?

15 A. We're on the back wall. There's a table
16 that comes out. She's at the end of the table. Or
17 no. She's at the end of the string of -- of podiums,
18 and then there's a small table where the administrator
19 sits, and then Steven is usually the first guy in the
20 chair or near there.

21 Q. Do you have any witnesses to him making any
22 of these threats to you: I'm going to get you, you're
23 going to get it?

24 A. Well, Mr. -- again, I'll go by his first
25 name -- Mr. Charles, he witnessed it when he was

1 watching it, and he was so concerned --

2 Q. I'm sorry. Bad question on my part. I'm
3 not talking about the recording in the meeting. I'm
4 talking about any of these other times when he said
5 things like "I'm going to get you." I know you said
6 you didn't record them.

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. Was there anybody that heard him say these
9 things to you?

10 A. I'm not sure if anybody heard him or --

11 Q. Where are these threats made?

12 A. Where?

13 Q. Uh-huh.

14 A. In the town hall.

15 Q. In the main room or out in the hallway or --

16 A. In the main room.

17 One time, I believe, it was as you're going
18 into the -- if you want to say secretary's area
19 because the fiscal -- fiscal officer's office is back
20 there.

21 Q. Okay. Are there cameras in that area?

22 A. There is one that was added. I can't recall
23 when it was added.

24 Q. Are there any recordings that show you and
25 him in the same space at the same time other than,

1 maybe, sitting in the town hall? Is there ever a
2 time -- is there a recording somewhere that would say,
3 here comes Steve, here comes Mark Evans?

4 A. Well, there are -- I record the meetings, I
5 post them, but I've also asked for access, which I'm
6 being told now we can review the township video,
7 because the administrator -- originally they wouldn't
8 give her access, but I guess now she has access. I
9 know you've requested to view those videos, so I have
10 not had time but I plan to and to try to find those
11 moments where we're crossing paths. Now, there's no
12 audio on our systems, but yes.

13 Q. But we could at least see if you were
14 crossing paths?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And could we also see if he was behaving
17 menacingly or --

18 A. Well, he wasn't walking by fist in the air
19 or anything like that. It was just a verbal threat of
20 walking by, "I've had it with you," and --

21 Q. Okay. So you're walking in the hallway, and
22 he walks past you and says that?

23 A. Not in the hallway. In the hall.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Or that side -- I don't believe I've ever

1 passed him -- I may have -- in the bathroom, break
2 room, hallway.

3 Q. Okay. And this is just a comment he makes
4 in passing or does he stop and engage you?

5 A. No. In passing. And many times I'll hear
6 him just mumbling. He'll try to set up, usually, off
7 to the side the iPad or laptop, whatever it is, but
8 sometimes he'll try to move it in front of me and
9 you'll hear him mumbling and saying stuff but couldn't
10 really make out what he was saying at some times, but
11 other times it was quite clear.

12 Q. Okay. You said, I believe, somewhere in
13 your petition -- and I can find it if you don't
14 recall, but -- that you had alerted Miss Cotugno to
15 the fact that he had threatened you in an e-mail -- or
16 you sent her an e-mail saying he's threatened me?

17 A. Yes. I think that was December 24th. I
18 don't know if I put it in there because you didn't
19 request it, but I might have a copy.

20 Q. I've got it.

21 A. Do you have it? Okay. Was it December
22 24th?

23 Q. Let me look. I don't know what it is.

24 A. I know it was December.

25 Q. Oh, shoot. What have I got out here? What

1 did she do with it? I'm not sure.

2 A. Or I might have --

3 Q. No, I've got it.

4 A. Okay. I might have thrown it in the
5 miscellaneous folder.

6 Q. I'm trying to figure out how she marked it.

7 A. I think I've got it, too. Is it -- do you
8 need it or you got it?

9 Q. No. Put a sticker over that. I don't
10 know -- I don't know why it says Exhibit A on it. I
11 didn't ask her to mark them.

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13 (Exhibit 3 marked for identification.)

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15 Q. Let me hand you -- or have her hand you
16 Exhibit 3. Is this the e-mail chain we're talking
17 about?

18 A. Let me review.

19 Q. Sure. Take your time.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And your response about you being threatened
22 by him, as in her response, is telling you that she
23 didn't want to be alone in a room with you; correct?

24 A. I -- can you state that again? That didn't
25 make sense.

1 Q. Sure. She sends you an e-mail saying, I
2 don't want to be alone in a room with you, and that's
3 when you said, wait a minute, I'm not threatening you,
4 your partner is threatening me; correct?

5 A. Yes, because I -- I had previously requested
6 bank statements from the fiscal officer, which she
7 purposely withheld. I found that highly concerning.

8 She offered to meet but said that she didn't
9 want to meet alone, which I believed was an effort to
10 try to portray me as a risk or a threat, and I simply
11 stated, however, it is your partner who has threatened
12 me, it is your cohorts who have also threatened me,
13 so -- and I was referring to the previous threats made
14 to me, the ones walking by and also the Rip statement,
15 and this is prior to January 7th.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. So it's just, to me, proof that there were
18 ongoing threats.

19 Q. Who's the cohorts who have threatened me?

20 A. Others on -- as I stated, Jackie Cotugno is
21 the administrator to the Etna Community Uncensored --
22 I believe that's the name of it -- the Facebook page,
23 and there's a group of individuals there that have
24 made threats, and elsewhere, a Michael -- I can't
25 recall his name, but I did call the sheriff -- that he

1 was going to come over, kick down my door and that, so
2 that's one example.

3 Q. And there are a lot of negative comments
4 about you on there, but I'll ask. You don't take just
5 someone saying negative things about you as a threat,
6 do you?

7 A. No. Saying negative -- there's a lot of
8 false accusations that are made and promoted there,
9 such as I'm driving by an individual's house, which I
10 don't even know where he lives; that I stole -- and
11 this is Steven Slyh, the individual that Steven Wood
12 was talking to -- that I stole photos from the
13 cookie -- Pataskala Cookie Walk from his page when
14 they're actually my photos and -- no. There's a lot
15 of, I guess, slander and defamation on that page, but
16 the individuals involved have also made threats.

17 Q. Okay. But, I mean, I'm just trying to find
18 out, when you say your cohorts have threatened me, who
19 are those people other than a generic people on the
20 page? Can you tell me individuals that threatened
21 you? The Mike guy.

22 A. Alesia Zacher is another individual. She
23 has crossed the center line coming at me after a
24 meeting. That's another example.

25 I mean, if you want a full list of threats,

1 I could do it, but I've had racist -- anonymous, but
2 we found out who it is -- notes left on my vehicle.

3 I've had to get a dash cam and home security
4 system for my protection.

5 I've had individuals state they've gone
6 through my trash.

7 I've had somebody sent to my house to tell
8 me to knock it off to try to intimidate me.

9 Q. Who went through your trash?

10 A. Alan Albrecht claimed he went through my
11 trash.

12 Q. Is that a threat or just weird?

13 A. I'd say weird and -- and I don't know if
14 that's considered stalking or -- but, again, he's --
15 he's made other -- other statements and that, but,
16 yeah, Alan Albrecht has not outright threatened me.

17 Q. Why do you say -- well, I can't -- why would
18 someone make a racist threat against you? It would be
19 kind of like making a racist threat against me.

20 A. Well, racist threats are made -- I've seen
21 black cops arresting a black individual and they claim
22 he's being racist, so I don't think -- most of the
23 time there's no, I guess, legitimacy to it, but the
24 threat was during the referendum that I led against
25 the Hagy-Pulte higher-density rezoning, that they had

1 an African population that was ready to use the barns
2 and that if that didn't go through. So I and every --
3 most everybody else that looked at it, it was a racial
4 threat, that if you stop us from developing, we're
5 going to sell it to an African population, which I
6 found disgusting.

7 Q. Do you know who made that threat?

8 A. I was told that it was Mr. Hagy's Realtor,
9 that he wrote it on his note while we were at a
10 township meeting in the garage due to COVID, that he
11 showed Mr. Hagy the note, Mr. Hagy said yes, ripped it
12 off, walked out, and I find a note with that same
13 thing on the vehicle.

14 Q. How is that a cohort of Jackie Cotugno's?

15 A. Political cohorts because at one time Jackie
16 was the single or there might have been one other
17 person, Mike Fox, that created and started that page,
18 and it was clear to myself, in my opinion, that it was
19 a political attack page. There -- my postings would
20 be deleted contrary to the stated claim that nothing
21 would be deleted. And so she, apparently, allowed all
22 those individuals to -- to continue those attacks and
23 make those attacks.

24 Q. Could anyone post on there, at least
25 initially?

1 A. No. You have to join the group, I believe.

2 Q. Okay. Has anyone, do you know, besides your
3 posts, been deleted?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you know, does Mr. Wood have anything to
6 do with deleting posts?

7 A. I have no idea.

8 Q. Now, this thing -- and I don't want to get
9 too deep in the weeds on this, but this talk about
10 financial statements, you have something of an ongoing
11 feud with Miss Cotugno about?

12 A. I wouldn't say feud, I would say concern,
13 because one of the duties of a township trustee is
14 oversight. For a fiscal officer to refuse to provide
15 the board copies of bank statements is highly
16 irregular and is a red flag that something is being
17 hidden.

18 Q. Were you against her being elected?

19 A. I did not believe she should be elected,
20 that is correct.

21 Q. And did you -- have you repeatedly posted
22 that she doesn't know what she's doing, she's
23 incompetent, she doesn't work hard?

24 A. I posted that she is not qualified.

25 At our meeting yesterday, it was -- I

1 discovered that the six hundred and thirty-some
2 thousand dollar road payment was not properly
3 categorized. She was not able to create a basic
4 budget, and we had to hire in an outside fiscal
5 officer to do the job.

6 The prior fiscal officer that was attempting
7 to help her said she's not qualified, she doesn't know
8 what she's doing, and she's refusing to learn.

9 Q. She's an elected position?

10 A. Yes, she's an elected position, and there
11 was, on that -- on that election, another individual
12 that ran. They were so viciously attacked on that
13 page, her and her husband, that she pulled out of the
14 race so Jackie was uncontested.

15 Q. Okay. Is the fiscal officer answerable to
16 the trustees since she's separately elected?

17 A. It's a separate office; however, the
18 board -- as I understand it, the board has made
19 decisions which affect her.

20 Now, as far as enforcement, I'm not sure.
21 However, there are controls, I know, from the board,
22 as even Mr. Burkholder indicated, regarding the access
23 to accounts.

24 Q. Who was the former officer -- fiscal
25 officer?

1 A. Julie Varian.

2 Q. Did she not seek re-election?

3 A. No, she did not seek -- I wouldn't call it
4 re-election because she was appointed.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. So --

7 Q. She didn't seek election?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. There is a claim that someone improperly
10 accessed the township accounts, fiscal bank accounts.

11 A. That is the claim by Jackie Cotugno.

12 Q. Do you know if Julie Varian has admitted to
13 accessing those accounts?

14 A. Julie Varian has told me on December 13th
15 she contacted Gary Burkholder and stated explicitly
16 that she accessed the accounts, that she had access
17 prior through the term of trying to help Jackie. So,
18 yes, it was her, in her statement to me, and she
19 claimed she told Mr. Burkholder, that she called him
20 again on December 13th.

21 I publicly did a public records request for
22 Mr. Burkholder's call logs. Those have been ignored,
23 but -- and I've also asked for -- there was a claim --
24 the cohorts claimed that the IP address shows it was
25 in proximity to me.

1 Well, I was two hours away in Criders --
2 Cridersville, so that couldn't have been me.

3 And, again, I'm guessing it's probably right
4 where Julie lives.

5 And what I just, going through my notes,
6 found out is, in talking with the bank employees that
7 indicated that what Miss Cotugno was telling the
8 township staff was not the truth, that to gain access
9 you could have an app on your phone, but to have that
10 app active and authorized, they have to provide the
11 code to do that. That was never provided to me. That
12 was never -- so even if you had the login, you could
13 not do it on the app, and the login data that
14 Miss Cotugno provided the deputy clearly shows it's an
15 online app -- or a mobile app. So there are claims
16 that it was me, but it was not me. But through
17 calling the bank employees is how it was exposed that
18 Miss Cotugno was not truthful or competent in paying
19 her employees.

20 Q. And that was because there was -- payroll
21 was late one day; correct?

22 A. No. It was because she submitted payroll
23 that exceeded the daily limit.

24 Miss Varian told her that that limit had
25 been changed because we hired a new administrator,

1 which payroll is a lot -- lot larger, and when it
2 coincides that the trustees and employees get paid,
3 you have to up that limit. She did not do that.

4 The bank sent her an e-mail more than 24
5 hours prior to the payday that Miss Cotugno ignored.

6 And when the employees questioned why they
7 didn't get paid, Miss Cotugno told them that it was
8 the bank's fault, never corrected that under my
9 understanding, and I asked and -- and I believe
10 Miss Betzel asked. Miss Cotugno claimed that all
11 employees were paid by noon. They were not. Some did
12 not get paid until the evening.

13 But there, again, my concern was that
14 Miss Cotugno did not verify that the payments were
15 made and received the confirmation e-mail, she wasn't
16 truthful about what the mistake was, and she's
17 withholding bank statements.

18 She has also previously offered to have her
19 brother -- I believe his name is Jeff -- notarize a
20 document for Mr. Burkholder outside of witnessing his
21 signature, taking the document to her brother. She
22 made that statement to -- to me and Holly Palumbo, the
23 secretary, and then also in front of us again to
24 Mr. Burkholder.

25 Her -- what do you call it? -- oath of

1 office was submitted without a notary. She was told
2 it had to be notarized. It appeared the same exact
3 document, the same copy of things and everything all
4 of a sudden contained a notary that seemed to be
5 backdated, and that was -- Miss Hanson was involved in
6 that.

7 And so there's many issues that raise
8 concerns about Miss Cotugno's integrity and her
9 competence.

10 Q. What would have possessed the former fiscal
11 officer to go in and access those accounts?

12 A. Well, she's been helping Miss Cotugno prior
13 to taking office and after she took office.

14 Q. But has that stopped?

15 A. She -- she went to the Caldo Concrete
16 location -- I believe she said numerous times --
17 helping Jackie because, again, Jackie, during her,
18 probably, more than five months that she had to
19 prepare for the office, did not adequately prepare.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. And even afterwards, when, as I was told by
22 Miss Varian, that when times would be set up and
23 offered to teach her and learn, she wouldn't respond
24 or she'd leave a little bit in or be on her phone the
25 entire time.

1 Q. Was Miss Varian still helping her in
2 December or had that ended?

3 A. Miss Varian told me she never stopped
4 helping her.

5 Q. Did she go in at Miss Cotugno's request?

6 A. I have no idea. You'd have to ask --

7 Q. Well, I mean, you said you talked to her.

8 A. -- Miss Varian. Right, but she told me that
9 she -- and this is after the fact -- that she told
10 Mr. Burkholder that she was the one that accessed it
11 and that she never stopped helping Jackie.

12 I have also records requested all the logins
13 so it will be interesting to see if Miss Varian had a
14 login any time after April 1st because that would show
15 that, yes, that's been ongoing.

16 Q. Did you have those login credentials?

17 A. No.

18 And even if I did, I wouldn't be able to
19 access because the bank has to send you a code. You
20 can't just -- apparently, what I found out through the
21 bank employees is it is highly secured so you can't
22 just share the logins.

23 And I believe this entire thing is a
24 cover-up for her not being truthful about the employee
25 pay. The employees were very upset.

1 Q. Have you -- there's been a call for an
2 investigation, if I read the minutes right, going back
3 through the minutes.

4 A. Yep.

5 Q. You voted against that?

6 A. The first time. The second time I voted for
7 it. I didn't think there was a need to investigate
8 because Miss Varian admitted to Mr. Burkholder that
9 she accessed it. It was her. So what are we
10 investigating except for political purposes to drag it
11 out?

12 And even now, the second authorization for
13 investigation wasn't proper because they authorized
14 the firm of Bricker Graydon. However, for outside
15 counsel, per ORC -- I forgot what it is. 519.12 or
16 maybe I'm thinking of something else -- that the
17 prosecutors are -- are counsel except for an annual
18 agreement or a specific matter where the compensation
19 is stated, and there was no compensation stated so I
20 don't know what's going on with that.

21 Q. Well, why did you vote for it if none of
22 that was done?

23 A. Well, because there were other matters on
24 the agenda to renew the base special counsel with
25 Bricker & Graydon. However, Mr. Burkholder didn't

1 prepare anything, only had the prior year's contract,
2 didn't have a resolution and didn't have a contract so
3 we weren't able to do it, so I voted yes in
4 anticipation that we were going to be addressing that
5 properly, but, again, the mismanagement is just
6 unbelievable in the township and so we weren't able to
7 pass that.

8 But, for the record, I look forward to all
9 the findings in the investigation because the truth
10 matters, and as I said, I've publicly records
11 requested all the logins since April 1st, which I'm
12 guessing there's going to be other ones from Julie
13 Varian because she was helping, and I know
14 Miss Cotugno did meet with Julie at Caldo Concrete and
15 the -- I believe the township hall, too, but that
16 might have been prior.

17 Q. Did Miss Varian ever give you any passwords?

18 A. Township passwords, yes.

19 Q. For what?

20 A. Various ones because she was the holder of
21 the passwords, along with trustees having access and
22 with the transition to ensure that we had the
23 passwords, but her bank password was not on that.

24 Q. You ultimately got the records you were --
25 the financial records? You went to the bank and got

1 them?

2 A. For Park National, not the STAR account.

3 At the last meeting Miss Cotugno finally
4 provided copies of all the account statements and
5 that; however, I still find it highly suspicious and
6 unusual that any fiscal officer would keep that from a
7 board and ignore a public records request because they
8 are public records.

9 Q. When you got the CPO against Mr. Wood --

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. -- you posted about it online; correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And you put it out on multiple sites?

14 A. I probably shared to two sites.

15 Q. Okay. I also want to ask you some questions
16 about that post. If I need to show it to you, I will,
17 but --

18 A. Sure.

19 Q. -- if you need to see it, but -- you say, a
20 threat was made by -- a violent statement made by the
21 partner of our fiscal officer.

22 Why did you identify him that way? Why
23 didn't you say a threat was made by Steve Wood?

24 A. Because to show the ongoing
25 harassments/threats involved with the township. If

1 not for him being connected to the fiscal officer,
2 would he have made that threat?

3 Q. If you are trying to discredit the fiscal
4 officer, wouldn't it be exactly what you did --

5 A. No.

6 Q. Wait a minute -- saying her partner made a
7 threat, as opposed to just saying Steve Wood made a
8 threat?

9 A. No. It was merely descriptive because most
10 people don't know Steven Wood. But it's kind of like
11 a crime story. If someone's cousin murdered somebody
12 for somebody else, if you just said the name it
13 doesn't show the connection, so that was merely
14 descriptive at that point and -- yeah.

15 Q. And there's been a number of exchanges with
16 people that you sent me -- and we can go through some
17 of them if you want -- where you consistently say the
18 fiscal officer's partner, not Steve Wood did this.
19 It's the fiscal officer's partner did this.

20 A. Correct, because, again, most people don't
21 know Steve Wood.

22 Q. So are you taking a shot at Jackie when you
23 say that?

24 A. Well, I think it probably depends what
25 context, but most of the time it's just descriptive.

1 Q. So if your uncle committed a crime, instead
2 of saying John Brown was charged with a crime, the
3 paper should report Mark Evans's uncle committed a
4 crime?

5 A. Well, I think if it's relevant, again, to
6 the family activities, to -- yes.

7 Q. How is his threat to you relevant to her
8 position as fiscal officer?

9 A. Because it's based on the township politics
10 and actions. It appears that he does not appreciate
11 the accountability or oversight of the numerous
12 errors, the lack of action, the lack of training, the
13 lack of effort by the fiscal officer, his live-in
14 girlfriend. It was the same as when the prior trustee
15 had a live-in girlfriend that he would appoint as the
16 prevailing wage coordinator, hire her. It's relevant,
17 many times, the relationship to people.

18 Q. But you think it's relevant because she's
19 your political adversary?

20 A. I think she's relevant because his threats
21 are based on the township actions and criticisms of
22 his live-in partner because the one threat was made
23 during a meeting immediately after a statement
24 critical of his live-in partner.

25 Q. Well, the Yellowstone post had nothing

1 whatsoever to do with his partner; correct?

2 A. That dealt with the township political
3 nonsense regarding the former administrator who,
4 again, was not performing her duties and I tempted her
5 to just do her job. And there's a lot of, I guess,
6 nexus involved in all the communications, posts,
7 attacks, criticisms, I guess, in totality of the
8 comments walking by, the Rip posts, and, again,
9 Mr. Woods' explanation that "I like cologne." You
10 know, it just doesn't make sense.

11 Q. You talk about, in that same post, all these
12 threats that have been made against you. Some we
13 talked about today: Going through your trash, racist
14 rant. Have you reported any of those to law
15 enforcement?

16 A. I have. As I indicated earlier, the
17 Michael -- I forget his name -- threatening to kick
18 down my door. I did call -- call the sheriffs.

19 I've indicated the racist note. I did.
20 And, you know, even before, he's like, yeah, I
21 definitely would report that.

22 And I've had discussions with other
23 deputies, former deputies, Deputy Petross who's now a
24 resource officer at Liberty Christian.

25 So when you say have I spoke to deputies

1 about threats and all that, I have.

2 I've even -- I've had my e-mail and cell
3 phone with texts signed up for numerous spam sites,
4 and one contained an IP address and it was right
5 around where the Zachers lived, and so there's been
6 ongoing threats/harassment with the whole political --
7 I call them cronies or cohorts.

8 Q. Have you sought CPOs against anybody other
9 than Mr. Wood?

10 A. No, because nobody has made that explicit of
11 a threat or made it repeatedly.

12 As I understand, it's two or more, that it's
13 just not a single event.

14 So when Alesia Zacher came at me over the
15 center line after the meeting, that was one event.

16 Q. Did you report her to law enforcement?

17 A. When she did that?

18 Q. Yes.

19 A. No.

20 Q. At the CPO hearing you said, people have
21 come across the center line after me. Have other
22 people come across the center line after you?

23 A. There were -- I believe her and her husband
24 were in the vehicle.

25 Q. Okay. Who told you their son was waiting

1 outside to talk to you?

2 A. Miss McKee as we were leaving an executive
3 session. It was a threat made by her and which I've
4 made that public, that my -- and, again, how she said
5 it, menacingly -- that my son wants to meet you
6 outside, and it's commonly known that, you know, hey,
7 let's go outside, fight. Let's go. So that's how I
8 took that.

9 Q. Why didn't you ask for a CPO against her?
10 Because you've told me about multiple threats she made
11 against you.

12 A. Correct. I -- I considered it, but, again,
13 whether that was -- her son was actually outside and
14 that was actions of another, but I've made it clear
15 that those were threats that were made. I mean, I
16 have her on audio screaming "we're not equal, you're
17 the devil," very bizarre behavior, and it's
18 concerning.

19 I've stated to other deputies that Steven
20 Slyh, in my opinion, if anybody comes in and shoots up
21 the hall, he seems to be a type. He's not with
22 reality.

23 Q. Why are all these people threatening you?

24 A. It's about political control. There's a
25 handful -- I'd say probably about six to ten

1 individuals -- that were supportive of the prior
2 Carlisle administration in the township, Jackie among
3 that, and they want control back. They've tried quite
4 a bit each election. They tried the referendum.

5 We had Andrew King, who's now a Fifth
6 District, I think, appeals judge that perjured himself
7 in a referendum submitting a false affidavit claiming
8 there were no documents underneath the signature
9 pages, but he was not bright to understand when you
10 write with a ballpoint pen it transfers through to the
11 pages below. So he had to hire an attorney, plead the
12 5th and 14th amendments to not testify in something
13 that he was so passionate about, not even being an
14 Etna resident -- he was a Granville resident -- so he
15 wasn't legally allowed to. He audiotaped that. He
16 provided a deposition to a connected attorney, and
17 then when found out he lied, he wouldn't testify. So
18 this is part of the whole political trying to gain
19 control, kind of stop any action that benefits the
20 residents or proper administration.

21 Q. And have you been guilty of any of that,
22 retaliatory action against their political attacks?

23 A. No. I mean, I -- I am transparent where I
24 expose what's going on. My methodology is first to
25 talk to somebody, as I did with Mr. Carlisle, a

1 private conversation, but when I'm lied to,
2 threatened, bullied --

3 Q. Did Mr. Carlisle threaten you, too?

4 A. No, but others have. We've had threats of
5 hog farms. It's shovel ready for a hog farm and
6 apartment. We've had -- so there's --

7 Q. Let me --

8 A. -- a variety of threats.

9 Q. If someone says it's shovel ready for a hog
10 farm, that's a threat?

11 A. It's a threat that if -- if the referendum
12 goes through that we're going to put a hog farm and
13 apartments and it's shovel ready when it's not and
14 that's not their intention. No. There's a variety of
15 threats made to -- directed towards myself and the
16 public. This can --

17 Q. Let me -- I mean, saying that I'm going to
18 build a hog farm -- you keep saying threat. That's
19 not a threat of physical violence or anything, is it?

20 A. No, but -- no. It's a threat of -- of
21 trying to manipulate other people in to scaring them
22 in to not supporting the action that's contrary to the
23 developer's financial interest.

24 Q. Okay. As I recall, in Pataskala years ago
25 there was a similar process taken about I'm going to

1 build a hog farm. Was that a threat?

2 A. They do -- Scannell. That was also stated
3 there. Well, if you don't give us this rezoning,
4 we're going to make it a hog farm. And the majority
5 of people I spoke to said, bring on the hogs, you
6 can't get any more rural than that. Others were
7 afraid.

8 So -- just like that threatening note about
9 the African population. It was made by somebody that
10 appeared to be racist, that thought that mentioning
11 African population would sway people in to not
12 opposing what they wanted, so there's a variety of
13 threats.

14 Q. But not all of them are physical? You would
15 agree?

16 A. No, but some are, as the Michael -- again, I
17 apologize. I can't recall his name -- but I did
18 call -- call the sheriff's department on that, that
19 threat to kick down my door. Come there, kick down my
20 door.

21 Q. You say that you've -- that my client's
22 actions have caused you significant stress, fear, and
23 mental anguish?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. When did that start?

1 A. It started a little bit that I had to keep
2 him on the radar when he made that Rip comment.

3 Then during the meetings, the one where he
4 was very -- I'd say unhinged -- had me concerning --
5 concerned.

6 Again, walking by when he's making those
7 comments, I don't know if he would lunge at me, if he
8 would do something, because, again, even with the
9 protection of the video cameras, access to those --
10 the video, even performing a public records request,
11 is typically denied by Miss McKee or Mr. Burkholder so
12 those really aren't that much protection.

13 But when -- when I was alerted that he
14 stated and how he stated "I want to fucking jump him,
15 kill him," that's abnormal.

16 Q. Could it have been an expression of his
17 frustration with you? He didn't yell it at you. He's
18 talking to somebody beside him. "God, I'd like to
19 kill that guy." Have you ever heard people say that?

20 A. No.

21 Q. No?

22 A. No. Usually people don't go around
23 saying -- saying stuff like that and especially in his
24 tone.

25 And, apparently, Mr. Charles also was so

1 concerned -- that I have never had contact with him
2 before. I didn't know him. He didn't know me. We've
3 never spoke. We never interacted -- he -- he felt
4 compelled to warn me.

5 Q. Have you had to have any medical treatment
6 because of this mental anguish/stress?

7 A. I could say I have sleepless nights. I have
8 stress.

9 I recently went to the dentist, and they
10 said, boy, you've really got to knock the stress
11 because I could tell it in your gums.

12 It's -- this threat, along with the others
13 and the other nonsense, has taken an incredible toll.

14 Q. I have no idea what this is. 4?

15 REPORTER: Yes, 4.

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17 (Exhibit 4 marked for identification.)

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19 Q. You've been handed Deposition Exhibit 4, and
20 that's part of what you sent me. And I'm sorry.
21 These didn't print out all that great, but it's what
22 you sent me today.

23 A. That's one of the difficulties in producing
24 text messages.

25 Q. Again, you refer to it as Jackie's partner;

1 correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Does Julie Varian know who Steve Wood is?

4 A. I don't know if she's intimately familiar
5 with, but one of the people that are also very
6 critical is Steve Perkins, and there's another
7 individual that's active -- I guess active online, not
8 with them but questioning them, is Steve Paul. So
9 there's numerous Steves, and many times, again, it's a
10 descriptor just so there's no confusion.

11 Q. Who's -- well, why don't you say Jackie's
12 partner, Steve Wood?

13 A. Well, Jackie's partner, you know exactly who
14 it is. I think adding Steve Wood would be superfluous
15 to it.

16 If you just had Steve Wood, there could
17 be -- or Steve -- there could be questions. So,
18 again, Jackie's partner is the most succinct way of
19 being descriptive.

20 Q. Only if you know who Jackie's partner is;
21 correct?

22 A. What's that?

23 Q. Only if you know who Jackie's partner is;
24 correct?

25 A. Well, even if you don't know his face, you

1 know it's Jackie's partner who is involved in all this
2 because Jackie's partner, Steve Wood, is posting the
3 live streams onto Jackie's account so there's a
4 connection. There's --

5 Q. Who's Doug Parker?

6 A. A resident in Etna.

7 Q. And you talk to him about the fiscal
8 officer's partner making a threat as well?

9 A. I believe so. He's an individual that has
10 been supportive politically of myself and
11 Mr. Burkholder, I know in the past, and I consider him
12 also a friend.

13 Q. And you and Mr. Burkholder are now not
14 political allies. Would that be a fair statement?

15 A. No. Ever since he took his seat, he
16 violated his campaign promises, even the ones stated
17 on his day one agenda.

18 Q. Okay. Now, there is -- and I'm sorry. I
19 don't know who this was to. You make a statement --
20 maybe you know this.

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22 (Exhibit 5 marked for identification.)

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24 Q. You say something there about there's a
25 security camera showing him threatening you?

1 A. Well, that's the -- as I requested in the
2 public records request -- I don't know if you have a
3 copy of that. Again, he had made those comments in
4 passing or in proximity, and that's when I had asked.
5 I believe your request mimicked almost specifically
6 mine. So --

7 Q. I agree. I saw your request --

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. -- and I made the same one.

10 A. Okay. So that's --

11 Q. It's that simple.

12 A. And that's where I requested -- and I have
13 yet to go through the video -- but in my mind, the
14 preparation of it was done, let's try to see if
15 there's video corroborating it even if there's not
16 audio.

17 Q. So you're not -- you're not sure there's
18 video corroborating it? You just want to look? I
19 guess I read this to say, hey, there's a video of
20 Steve doing this. Maybe I -- because, again, it's
21 hard to follow these things.

22 A. Well, if they have it, there's video --
23 there should be video, and one -- one of the things
24 is, even as trustee, I don't know what the system
25 capability is. They won't -- prior, when Miss Hanson

1 was administrator, she allowed the illegal overwriting
2 of video records because we didn't have a policy that
3 we could overwrite them in 30 days and she was just
4 letting them overwrite.

5 The ones I had control of, I actually
6 physically took out the hard drive, put a new hard
7 drive in, saved them because you couldn't.

8 So the new system -- this is the second
9 system. We -- we installed the system, pulled it out,
10 paid more for the second system with less cameras,
11 even though they're not running wires or anything, but
12 the capability of that system I don't know. So I
13 don't know what's there.

14 My home system can record -- I mean, I think
15 I've got video back, you know, to when I first plugged
16 it in.

17 But I don't know if it's 30 days for our
18 system or 6 months or -- I'm hoping there is, but,
19 again, there's no audio so I'm not sure what that
20 would show except, yeah, he's in proximity.

21 Q. Who is Shelly? They got Shelly after him.
22 Again, I'll be happy to show you this.

23 A. In what context or -- there's --

24 Q. It's Exhibit 6.

25 A. There's Shelly -- Michelle Lynn Christy and

1 there's Shelly Marie Ipacs so I'm not sure which one.

2 Q. Okay. Will you mark that? We'll just ask
3 him because I want to give it to him in context.

4 Because, again -- oh, I'm sorry.

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6 (Exhibit 6 marked for identification.)

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8 Q. Exhibit 6, this is part of a text chain you
9 sent me. This says, I'm seriously worried about
10 Jackie being FO, which, I assume, means fiscal
11 officer. Why were you worried about her even before
12 she got elected?

13 A. Because she did not appear to be preparing
14 whatsoever. I had reached out to her and indicated
15 there's numerous online resources available, and she
16 said, yeah, yeah, I'm aware of that.

17 And I think it was -- oh, yeah, here. This
18 is in March. She was -- as part of Julie Varian, the
19 former fiscal officer's transition, she was having
20 Jackie attend the meetings and that.

21 Well, I asked Jackie, have you done those
22 online things? She said, well, I just started last
23 week. So it appeared that for five months she blew it
24 off, and so that was my -- my concern there, and my,
25 just, interaction with her, she does not seem very

1 intelligent, very capable.

2 Q. And then you say, below that, someone was
3 starting to question decisions. He needed slapped
4 down.

5 Who needed slapped down?

6 A. No principles whatsoever from them.

7 I'm seriously worried about Jackie being FO.
8 We'll see what comes of that.

9 If this is how she operates.

10 But why? She's not in -- oh. The -- do I
11 mention -- oh, yeah. Shelly. That would be Michelle
12 Lynn Christy.

13 Because someone was starting to question
14 decisions there. He needed slapped down. They got
15 Shelly after him.

16 There was an individual -- God, I'm bad with
17 names. I think it was Grant Hanrahan. He's a
18 Harrison Township resident that was speaking up about
19 actions there.

20 And Shelly Lynn, she's had numerous fake
21 profiles. Shelly -- she's changed her online thing
22 many times. But Michelle Lynn Christy, who I was
23 referring to, started attacking him, which was very
24 odd since she doesn't live in Harrison. She doesn't.
25 So I believe that she was asked by the political

1 people there to kind of slap him down. So it wasn't
2 me saying slap someone down. It's what they're doing
3 to the individual.

4 Q. But I could read that, could I not, that
5 you're saying someone needed slapped down?

6 A. No. That's -- if you look at it in context
7 and what was going on, they sicced her on him to slap
8 him down because he and others were starting to
9 question what was going on in Harrison Township.

10 Q. We've been going about an hour and a half.
11 Do you need to take a break?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay.

14 A. So long as you're going to pay any ticket if
15 I get one out there.

16 Q. I don't pay any tickets, but I'll be
17 shocked. It would almost kill me. If you get a
18 ticket out there, I'll be so shocked. Believe me,
19 people complain about their lack of enforcement
20 because it hurts the businesses along here. They
21 don't. It does nothing.

22 I'll hand you Exhibit 7, I believe.

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24 (Exhibit 7 marked for identification.)

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1 Q. It says, I heard from another the incoming
2 fiscal officer, Jackie Cotugno, is out to get me.

3 A. I say us/me.

4 Q. Okay. Who's "us"?

5 A. I'm not sure who in the context of this, but
6 it could have been politically, just the people -- me
7 and my supporters or if it was me and Mr. Burkholder.

8 Q. Okay. But you, from the start, have had
9 a -- I'm trying to think of the right word because I
10 don't want to put words in your mouth. Your
11 relationship with Jackie Cotugno has not been good
12 even before she took office?

13 A. I wouldn't say not good. I've always been
14 cordial/civil with her. I do question her actions,
15 behaviors, support.

16 She was a Carlisle supporter who was corrupt
17 and caused a lot of the damages we're dealing with now
18 in the township. So --

19 Q. Who's Steve Perkins?

20 A. Steve Perkins is the other Steve I was
21 telling you, that he is one that is attacking me.

22 He was the one that I had -- he was a former
23 supporter. During the Pataskala Street Fair Parade,
24 he volunteered to pull my float, which was my trailer,
25 with his tractor. During the parade, he jumped off

1 the moving tractor to showboat, walked beside it while
2 it was moving and people beside. When he went to get
3 back on, his foot hit the large wheel, almost tripped,
4 almost got run over, and I was very furious and -- and
5 I brought that up to him and now he's denying it and
6 he's been doing nothing but attacking since.

7 Q. Why do you think she was out to get you?
8 What do you mean by that?

9 A. Based -- well, no. I didn't say she was out
10 to get me. Others had told me that she's out to get
11 me. I've heard, I believe.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. It was a misspelling I had, but it's I
14 heard.

15 Q. Did you think she was out to get you?

16 A. It was clear in the beginning when she
17 started the Etna -- Etna -- is it Community
18 Uncensored? Whatever her -- her page was -- that it
19 was created as an attack page, and when my posts in
20 response were being deleted so I could not respond and
21 I was blocked, yeah, it was clear that she was working
22 against me.

23 Q. Okay. Will you mark that?

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25 (Exhibit 8 marked for identification.)

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2 Q. You have Exhibit 8 in front of you. Do you
3 see that?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. And you say, she is running unopposed for
6 fiscal officer. I assume that's Jackie Cotugno you're
7 referring to?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you've never cared for her?

10 A. Julie -- where do you -- where do you see
11 the --

12 Q. She's a Carlisle crony. She's on -- oh.

13 A. You're saying I said I've never cared for
14 her?

15 Q. Yeah. Go to the one, two -- fourth black
16 balloon.

17 A. She's on the CAC with you. I've never cared
18 for her because of what she does for -- yeah. As I
19 stated, her support for Carlisle. And for, as I
20 stated, what she allows on the Uncensored page.

21 Q. And it's because you don't approve of what's
22 being posted on the Uncensored page?

23 A. Because it is documented lies and the
24 responses with facts were deleted so it's clear that
25 it was made for a one-sided platform.

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2 (Exhibit 9 marked for identification.)

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4 Q. I'll hand you Exhibit 9, and that's an
5 exchange between you and Jason Robinson, it looks to
6 be, and he asks you who is Steve Wood?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. And you say, he's Jackie's live-in boyfriend
9 and he's a complete ass?

10 A. Because of the threats and -- yeah. I don't
11 believe people that make those kind of threats are
12 good people so I would categorize him as a complete
13 ass. Especially his behavior in the meeting.

14 Q. Did you get invited to the Hansons' for
15 Thanksgiving? You showed me that. This is one you
16 sent me.

17 A. Well, because it mentioned something -- I
18 searched, and whatever came up --

19 Q. It says about Jackie's nonsense.

20 A. So I sent -- so that's what I provided.

21 Q. Right.

22 A. Like I said, I tried to be transparent,
23 comply, and so whether it was relevant or not, it
24 mentioned Jackie so I provided it.

25 Yeah. John Hanson, the husband of your

1 co-worker, invited me to his Thanksgiving.

2 I did not accept that. However, I did offer
3 to meet him and have a discussion, which he replied in
4 a not-so-nice manner attacking and declining, just
5 showing me that the offer was not sincere.

6 Q. Well, did you tell people that you didn't go
7 because you thought it was basically going to be some
8 false accusation leveled against you?

9 A. Oh, yeah. That, too. Yeah. Just as I
10 admitted to you, that coming in here with Nita Hanson
11 in the office, I'm not taking a chance.

12 Q. So people make false allegations?

13 A. Oh, yeah.

14 Q. But never you?

15 A. As I said -- no. What I say and what I post
16 online, most -- like, when I state that Mr. Burkholder
17 lied when he said I didn't request a discussion on the
18 budget in June, I could produce that e-mail and have
19 produced that e-mail.

20 When people -- when Miss McKee said that she
21 never said that we weren't equal, within, I think, 15
22 seconds I was able to play her screaming that I'm the
23 devil and we're not equal, so I'm pretty good at
24 trying to prove what I say; otherwise, I'll say that
25 it's in my opinion or I believe.

1 Q. Do you -- what's your typical behavior
2 following a trustees meeting? Do you hang around and
3 talk to people or do you get out the door?

4 A. I used to hang around and talk, sign all the
5 checks and that.

6 With the threats and nonsense, false
7 allegations, I've left the meeting as soon as possible
8 just to not allow any of the -- as I said, Mr. Wood
9 has made threats and he hangs around.

10 Steve Slyh is another individual.

11 The Zachers are sometimes there.

12 It's -- it's a group of people that you
13 don't want to just sit around and just wait for
14 something stupid to happen so you just remove yourself
15 from that situation and protect yourself.

16 Q. I think I asked you this, and I apologize if
17 I repeat myself. Your body cam footage, you don't
18 have any footage of Steve Wood threatening you; is
19 that correct?

20 A. When you say -- well, body cam, it's on
21 camera, but most of the time -- the one time it was
22 video. Because a lot of times when people say body
23 camera, it's camera, not the audio.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. But that was the one time with the zoning

1 inspector charging me, but the other, it's audio.

2 And, again, I -- what the cameras returned,
3 I have not typically had the audio running because,
4 again, I'm -- it's a hassle to charge it, to download
5 it, to -- so, if need be -- and sometimes it
6 malfunctions where I think it is recording and it's
7 not recording.

8 Q. Okay. But just to get around it, is it fair
9 to say that you have no audio recording of Steve Wood
10 threatening you beyond the one on the meeting January
11 7th?

12 A. Not that I've found or aware.

13 Q. You also made a claim that Steve Wood has
14 posted about guns online?

15 A. Yeah. He was -- during my researching the
16 CPO and my experience was they were asking about
17 weapons, and one of the -- do you know if they have
18 weapons? In searching, I found he did speak about
19 buying a shotgun off of family or something like that.
20 It was just part of my due diligence. I didn't see it
21 prior.

22 Q. Do you have that post? I didn't see that
23 today.

24 A. No. I don't think I captured that post, but
25 it's on his Facebook page, which is public, unless he

1 deleted it.

2 Q. You say others have viewed his threats as
3 legitimate. Other than Charlie, I think it was, that
4 called you, has anyone told you that, hey, Steve is a
5 threat to you?

6 A. I believe there were people that commented
7 online in my discussion with others, and I can't
8 recall specifically who. They've encouraged me to be
9 careful, that, yeah, that -- that was a serious
10 threat.

11 Q. And some people when you posted about the
12 CPO didn't agree with you; correct?

13 A. I don't recall, but if -- I'm almost
14 guessing it would probably be the six to ten of the --
15 what I call crony group.

16 Q. Let me look here a minute because I think
17 I -- maybe I didn't mark it. I guess I didn't.

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19 (Exhibit 10 marked for identification.)

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21 A. Is there one specifically you want to --

22 Q. Well, I just want to go through some of
23 them.

24 A. I mean, if you want -- I mean --

25 Q. I mean --

1 A. There's Alesia Zacher, the one who came
2 across at me; Ayejay Zaker, she doesn't go by her real
3 name; Katie Moerch; Shelly Lynn. There's Shelly Lynn.
4 Shelly Lynn was involved about previous threats. She
5 posted my vehicle with R-I-P on it, which was highly
6 concerning.

7 Q. Concerning enough to get a CPO?

8 A. Concerning enough to call the sheriff.

9 Q. So then Chuck LaRosa, you say he threatened
10 you in the past?

11 A. He's -- he's -- Chuck LaRosa has threatened
12 to punch me in the face.

13 Q. Did you ask for a CPO against him?

14 A. No. That was one time.

15 Again, my understanding is it was two or
16 more times in close proximity.

17 So Chuck LaRosa -- so all those people that
18 I referred to as the six to ten in the crony group,
19 those are the ones who responded. Even Harvey.

20 Harvey is the one that we turned down the
21 family rezoning for two warehouses where the entrance
22 was 30 feet from the nearby resident. They've been
23 very upset about that.

24 Now you have Mitch Van Keuren. I'm not sure
25 who he is. Carlisle goons playing the mobster game.

1 Yikes. Hopefully you have protection.

2 So there are people that do find that highly
3 concerning.

4 And even Miss Shelly Lynn Christy, who goes
5 by Shelly Lynn here, has my photo as -- as her
6 background.

7 Mr. LaRosa had my photo as her personal
8 photo in the background.

9 And again, you've got Ayejay Zaker, Alesia
10 Zacher, making comments.

11 Q. Well, one thing Shelly Lynn said was, I hope
12 no one ever hurts you, but you realize that maybe your
13 actions, your harsh language gets people upset with
14 you? And your response is: You're making threats. I
15 don't want to hear it.

16 A. Yeah, because she -- what Shelly Lynn does
17 is she's passive-aggressive. She states one thing on
18 the normal public groups to seem reasonable but many
19 times immediately after goes to Uncensored and says
20 the exact opposite.

21 I met with her back -- I believe it was
22 before I -- when I won but before I took my seat for
23 three hours at the Nutcracker answering every question
24 she had and had a discussion and walked away believing
25 she was the most disingenuous person that I've ever

1 met. So there's been numerous issues with Michelle
2 Lynn Christy.

3 And in here you can see the threat of R-I-P,
4 and I don't believe that is normal for -- if I took a
5 photo of your vehicle and said R-I-P and posted it, I
6 believe you would probably take that as a threat.
7 Most normal people would.

8 Q. Why haven't you got a CPO against her?

9 A. Again, that was that incident, one -- one
10 incident. As I think I stated a few minutes ago, that
11 my understanding is it takes two incidents, but I
12 did --

13 Q. It was only on that --

14 REPORTER: One at a time.

15 A. But I did contact the sheriff.

16 Q. And the only time she posted it was this one
17 time in this thread? Is that what you're saying?

18 A. No, not this thread. On that Uncensored
19 page. Sorry.

20 Q. Are there any threats that you claim Steve
21 Wood made that we haven't talked about today?

22 A. I mean, there's other times he's stated
23 things, but the specific verbiage, I don't recall.

24 I recalled those two, but other times, like
25 I said, he'll mumble and you can't make it out.

1 You'll hear a word or two or -- but no.

2 Q. Okay. I don't have anything else. I'm
3 done.

4 (Reporter advised witness regarding signature.)

5 A. Read.

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7 (The deposition concluded at 2:45 p.m.)

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