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 2 OF THE ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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 6 Governor Robert Bentley
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 9 TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW UNDER OATH
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1 HEATHER HANNAH,
 2 being first duly sworn, was examined and
 3 testified as follows:
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 5 EXAMINATION
 6 BY MR. SHARMAN:
 7 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Hannah. My
 8 name is Jack Sharman. I am Special
 9 Counsel to the Alabama House of
 10 Representatives Judiciary Committee.
 11 This transcribed interview under
 12 oath is being taken pursuant to House
 13 Resolution 334, House Rule 79.1, and the
 14 Rules of the House Judiciary Committee for
 15 the impeachment investigation of Governor
 16 Robert Bentley. I appreciate and the
 17 committee appreciates your time here
 18 today.
 19 As you can see, we have a court
 20 reporter here today who is producing a
 21 written record. That record will almost
 22 certainly eventually become public and
 23 part of the committee's record.

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1 Also, as you know, you're under
 2 oath. I have no expectation that this
 3 would happen today, but there are
 4 significant penalties for perjury for
 5 false statement or for obstructing the
 6 work of the committee.
 7 You have your lawyer present. At
 8 any time we can take a break for you to
 9 consult with him. As you may know, he's
 10 primarily here to advise you about the
 11 privileges and recognize privileges.
 12 Unlike a state court civil
 13 proceeding, the committee generally would
 14 not entertain other bases for an
 15 objection.
 16 You're under no legal obligation
 17 to do so, but we would prefer that until
 18 the conclusion of our investigation that
 19 you keep our discussions confidential.
 20 You will have an opportunity to
 21 review, if you wish, or your counsel if he
 22 wishes, the final transcript at our
 23 office.

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1 A. Okay.
 2 Q. Does all of that make sense?
 3 A. Yes, it does. Thank you.
 4 Q. First, would you just tell us who
 5 you are?
 6 A. I'm Heather Hannah, and I formerly
 7 worked for Governor and Mrs. Robert
 8 Bentley.
 9 Q. Just to orient the committee, what
 10 time period did you work for Governor and
 11 Mrs. Bentley?
 12 A. I began work with Governor and
 13 Mrs. Bentley early 2010, but I initially
 14 met them in 2009 during that football
 15 season.
 16 It was my senior year at the
 17 University of Alabama, and I was asked to
 18 join the campaign to help with events and
 19 fundraising efforts, and I stayed on with
 20 them through 2014.
 21 Q. About when did you leave in 2014?
 22 A. In the summer, summer.
 23 Q. What position did you ultimately

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1 end up with in the Administration?
 2 A. Chief of staff and also Director
 3 of Managing Operation and First Lady
 4 Affairs.
 5 (Whereupon, a document was marked
 6 as Exhibit No. 1 and is attached
 7 to the original transcript.)
 8 Q. I'm going to show you, Ms. Hannah,
 9 what's been marked as Exhibit 1 to your
 10 statement here today, which is a
 11 multi-page document that is a transcript
 12 that has, at least on the cover page of
 13 it, Examination Under Oath of Heather
 14 Hannah, and it's dated June 3rd, 2016.
 15 Would you take a look at that please,
 16 ma'am?
 17 A. Of course.
 18 MR. HALE: And that is an
 19 exact duplicate of what you gave to us,
 20 and I reproduced for Mr. Sharman.
 21 A. Okay.
 22 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Having taken a
 23 few moments to look at it, does that

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1 appear to you to be a transcript of a
 2 statement you gave on June 3rd of this
 3 year?
 4 A. It is.
 5 Q. In that statement did you tell the
 6 truth?
 7 A. I did.
 8 Q. Is there anything in that
 9 statement that you would like to change or
 10 amend in any way?
 11 A. No, sir.
 12 MR. DOSS: I guess, just for
 13 the record, that is Exhibit 1?
 14 MR. SHARMAN: That is
 15 Exhibit 1, yes.
 16 Q. The first area I want to touch on,
 17 Ms. Hannah, is documents, and in
 18 particular where the committee might think
 19 about looking for documents to aid in its
 20 investigation. And after we talk about
 21 that, we'll move to some substantive
 22 topics.
 23 First, with regard to Governor

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1 Bentley's calendar and schedule, including
 2 meetings, appointments, calls,
 3 conferences, and travel, in your
 4 experience where are those materials
 5 maintained, and who are the most likely
 6 custodians of that kind of thing?
 7 A. The governor's office employs a
 8 scheduler. At the time everything began
 9 and when I was working with them the
 10 scheduler's name was Linda Adams.
 11 She has since retired but is still
 12 living in the same place she was before
 13 she left Montgomery. She had main access
 14 and control over the calendar as far as
 15 scheduling the events, putting things on,
 16 taking things off.
 17 However, she was not the only
 18 deciding factor of what did go on the
 19 calendar. The governor held many meetings
 20 with his chief of staff, with his
 21 assistant, with his press director, and
 22 other people that may have played factors
 23 in, you know, what was going to go on his

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1 schedule depending on the time.
 2 So sometimes it was economic
 3 development people would come in and
 4 discuss different important meetings that
 5 would be coming on the calendar, but
 6 ultimately Linda Adams had control of
 7 putting things on and taking things off.
 8 Cleve Hightower also had direct
 9 access to the calendar. He was the IT
 10 person at the state capital, and so he was
 11 responsible for granting people access to
 12 the governor's calendar as well as
 13 changing passwords on all the governor's
 14 technology and technological devices while
 15 we were there.
 16 Q. Who holds the position of
 17 scheduler today, August of 2016?
 18 A. I'm not sure what her name is.
 19 Q. Okay. Is Mr. Hightower still in
 20 that same position?
 21 A. As far as I know, yes.
 22 Q. Is the calendar an electronic
 23 document or a paper document?

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1 A. It is both. It starts out on
 2 Outlook because that is what the state has
 3 chosen to use, and you obviously can grant
 4 access and viewing privileges to any
 5 Outlook calendar and that is how the
 6 governor's is set up.
 7 They do print out paper copies to
 8 place in a notebook for him at the start
 9 and end of every week just so he has an
 10 idea of what's coming up in his calendar.
 11 They used to print one out for the
 12 First Lady as well, but most everyone else
 13 was comfortable using only an electronic
 14 copy.
 15 Q. Was there a retention policy for
 16 the calendar? In other words, was it
 17 maintained for a certain period of time,
 18 either for administrative or historical
 19 reasons?
 20 A. My understanding was that every
 21 appointment that he had was supposed to be
 22 kept and archived as a part of the
 23 governor's administration record. I know

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1 from the First Lady's perspective I was
 2 responsible for maintaining her calendar.
 3 We were asked to save and submit
 4 all of that to Cheryl Fondon at the end of
 5 every -- I forget. It was every quarter I
 6 believe. Just to be able to keep that on
 7 state record.
 8 Q. Who is Ms. Fondon?
 9 A. Cheryl Fondon she was just an
 10 employee for the state. I'm not sure what
 11 her official title is, but she did things
 12 like bookkeeping.
 13 We would submit receipts to her if
 14 the state was needing to reimburse
 15 someone. She maintained inventory for the
 16 state, so she wore a couple of different
 17 hats, but it was all very administrative
 18 role.
 19 Q. You said you on behalf of
 20 Mrs. Bentley, for example --
 21 A. Yes.
 22 Q. -- would submit quarterly
 23 calendar. How was that submission done?

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1 Electronically, or paper, or otherwise?
 2 A. I usually printed it out for
 3 Cheryl. I would submit an invitation --
 4 if something was on Mrs. Bentley's
 5 calendar, I would submit the invitation as
 6 well as the printout to her just as a part
 7 of the First Lady records and then turn
 8 that into her on a paper.
 9 Q. With regard to the same submission
 10 process for Governor Bentley's calendar,
 11 was it Ms. Adams who was responsible for
 12 those kind of submissions, or was it
 13 somebody else?
 14 A. That was my understanding, that it
 15 was Ms. Adams.
 16 Q. Did the calendar system, which was
 17 an Outlook base system, change in any
 18 meaningful way over time?
 19 A. The actual system did not. The
 20 people who had access to it and the way
 21 things were categorized and put on the
 22 calendar did change.
 23 Q. Okay. Tell us about that, first,

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1 with regard to access and then -- and the
 2 people who had access and then how that
 3 changed.
 4 A. The governor initially wanted more
 5 people involved in his scheduling process
 6 because he felt like the more voices he
 7 had around him, the more well-rounded
 8 approach he could have and the better
 9 governor he would be for all the people in
 10 representing them.
 11 I was given calendar access at the
 12 start to ensure that I was making
 13 Mrs. Bentley be in places that would be
 14 the same as the governor and kind of
 15 coordinating their schedules to not only
 16 complement each other, but to make sure
 17 they could also be seen together at a lot
 18 of the events.
 19 It changed very quickly once the
 20 affair started and once the governor knew
 21 that other staff people were aware of what
 22 was going on when he and Rebekah Mason
 23 began their affair because we were

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1 gleaning insights as to how they were
 2 getting around and when they were meeting
 3 based on what his calendar information was
 4 showing us.
 5 Q. Did there come a time when your
 6 access to the governor's calendar was cut
 7 off?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. About when was that?
 10 A. It would have been in the spring
 11 of probably March of 2014, soon after
 12 Mrs. Bentley and I confronted him.
 13 Q. Who was the person who was in
 14 charge of access rights? Was that
 15 Mr. Hightower?
 16 A. I believe he and Linda Adams
 17 worked together because he would go into
 18 Linda Adams' computer because she held the
 19 governor's calendar on her computer, and
 20 he would set who had permission to view
 21 it.
 22 And some people would be
 23 restricted to limited access and some

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1 people had full access and then some not
 2 at all.
 3 Q. Was access a password kind of
 4 thing, or it was simply the calendar
 5 appeared and you had access to whatever
 6 you had access to?
 7 A. Yes.
 8 Q. The latter?
 9 A. Uh-huh (affirmative), it was the
 10 latter, yes. They would either grant it
 11 and you could see it on your computer or
 12 deny it and you couldn't.
 13 Q. Do you have in your possession
 14 today any copies, either electronic or
 15 hardcopies, of either Governor Bentley or
 16 Mrs. Bentley's calendars?
 17 A. I do not.
 18 Q. Were there any events that, at
 19 least in theory, were not supposed to be
 20 reflected in the governor's calendar?
 21 And when I say events, I mean
 22 meetings, appointment, official,
 23 unofficial, a haircut, travel? Was

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1 everything supposed to be in there, or
 2 were there ever categories of things that
 3 were not supposed to be on the calendar?
 4 A. Everything was supposed to be in
 5 there. The way it was labeled was just up
 6 to the governor's discretion. So if it
 7 was personal time or dinner with
 8 Mrs. Bentley, he could choose for it to
 9 say personal or appointment, or he could
 10 put, you know, what it was on the
 11 calendar.
 12 I know on a couple of occasions at
 13 the beginning when it was his and
 14 Mrs. Bentley's anniversary, he would have
 15 the evening blocked off for their
 16 anniversary dinner just so that no one
 17 would feel comfortable calling him during
 18 that time so they could have time not to
 19 be interrupted.
 20 Q. And did Governor Bentley have
 21 devices on which he could access his
 22 calendar electronically, or did he rely on
 23 paper calendars?

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1 A. He had electronic devices as well.
 2 Q. Okay. What did he have?
 3 A. He had an iPad and an iPhone.
 4 Q. Did he use both of those
 5 throughout the time that you were in the
 6 administration?
 7 A. Yes, he did. And he had access on
 8 a laptop as well. I just know his phone
 9 was usually the preferred method if he was
 10 going to use electronic just because it's
 11 so easily accessible.
 12 MR. GILCHRIST: Did he have
 13 the same iPhone, or were there upgrades?
 14 THE WITNESS: There were
 15 upgrades.
 16 MR. GILCHRIST: What would
 17 happen to the old phone?
 18 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.
 19 I know that they were confiscated. To my
 20 knowledge all the phones were wiped
 21 completely clean, and we asked them to
 22 donate them to HopeLine, which is a
 23 domestic violence program that Verizon

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1 Wireless has.
 2 It was one of Mrs. Bentley's
 3 initiatives, so we requested that all
 4 state offices would wipe clean their cell
 5 phones, and if they were unable to be used
 6 or salvaged for anything else, to submit
 7 them to HopeLine so that they could gain
 8 that money and we could really help
 9 victims in our state.
 10 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) On the subject of
 11 phones.
 12 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 13 Q. Did Governor Bentley have one
 14 phone or more than one phone?
 15 A. He had more than one phone.
 16 Q. Was one of those a state-issued
 17 phone?
 18 A. Yes.
 19 Q. And was that the phone that you
 20 just referred to that as it was upgraded,
 21 the policy or the desire was to turn it
 22 back in, so to speak, have it wiped, and
 23 perhaps have it donated?

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1 A. Yes, yes.
 2 Q. Did he also have a, for lack of a
 3 better term, a personal phone?
 4 A. He did.
 5 Q. Did his calendar show up on his
 6 personal phone as well as on his state
 7 phone?
 8 A. To my knowledge yes, he could
 9 access it on either device at the very
 10 beginning, but then they convinced him
 11 that that was not a secure way of handling
 12 it, and asked him to go exclusively to
 13 keep all of that on the state phone.
 14 Q. Do you know the telephone number
 15 of the personal phone?
 16 A. I did when I worked with him.
 17 Q. But you don't today?
 18 A. I don't.
 19 Q. What about the phone number of the
 20 state-issued phone?
 21 A. I always had access to all of
 22 Governor Bentley's cell phone numbers when
 23 I worked there until the affair started,

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1 and the phones started changing more
 2 frequently. Then I was not always given
 3 the updated number.
 4 Q. Would there be somebody today who
 5 would have a master list or historical
 6 list of phone numbers of Governor Bentley
 7 or people on the governor's staff?
 8 A. Mrs. Bentley kept up with every
 9 one of the governor's phone numbers. Zach
 10 Lee has always had access to all of the
 11 governor's phone numbers, as well as many
 12 other people that worked in state office
 13 as their numbers changed, and that's
 14 because he's been with the Bentleys since
 15 the beginning as well.
 16 Q. Let me move to another document
 17 area.
 18 A. Okay.
 19 Q. It would be the use of state
 20 aircraft. If you were looking for records
 21 about the use of state aircraft, both
 22 flight records, timing records, expense
 23 records, where would you look?

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1 A. I would initially contact Becca
 2 Crawford who works in the same office in
 3 the Capitol with Cheryl Fondon. They have
 4 adjoining offices. Becca Crawford did
 5 keep some of that.
 6 Some of the records were kept with
 7 ALEA since the state troopers were the
 8 ones responsible for flying us wherever we
 9 may have needed to go, so they would also
 10 have the flight logs that you requested.
 11 And then Linda Adams, the
 12 scheduler, she was the one that was asked
 13 to submit those flight requests and submit
 14 the flight logs since she knew when the
 15 governor would be traveling. So all three
 16 of those groups should have access and be
 17 privy to that information.
 18 Q. In the ordinary course after a
 19 trip was completed did all those records
 20 go somewhere, or were they supposed to go
 21 somewhere, or did they just sort of sit
 22 where they were created?
 23 A. My understanding was that all of

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1 that was supposed to be a part of the
 2 archives and public record for anyone who
 3 wanted to access it.
 4 Q. With regard to decisions that
 5 Governor Bentley or the administration
 6 made about ALEA staff and termination,
 7 reassignment, those sorts of things, if
 8 you were looking for records on those
 9 topics, where would you look or who would
 10 you ask?
 11 A. The governor. The governor
 12 initially worked closely with Spencer
 13 Collier and Ray Lewis on making those
 14 decisions.
 15 And as time evolved he became -- I
 16 would say he started making more of those
 17 decisions on his own and what his personal
 18 preference would be as far as who was in
 19 his detail.
 20 Q. Was there anyone within the
 21 governor's office who, for example, gave
 22 him advice about those kinds of decisions,
 23 including even employment advice, staffing

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1 advice, and the like?
 2 A. There are a lot of opinions in the
 3 governor's office and at the capital so
 4 I'm sure multiple people were always in
 5 his ear giving their recommendations and
 6 asking for certain things.
 7 I know Rebekah Mason played a
 8 heavy -- very strong heavy role in a lot
 9 of those decisions toward the end of my
 10 time there.
 11 Q. And when you say "that she played
 12 a heavy role towards the end of your time
 13 there", what do you mean, what do you mean
 14 by that?
 15 A. The governor was very easily
 16 influenced by Rebekah Mason and what she
 17 requested of him.
 18 Q. With regard especially to those
 19 kinds of personnel decisions in general,
 20 and in particular with regard to ALEA, did
 21 she take steps or provide advice to him
 22 about, you know, particular individuals?
 23 A. It was my understanding that she

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1 picked and chose who she felt comfortable
 2 with and would relay that information to
 3 the governor.
 4 I know that he was not confiding
 5 in Mrs. Bentley with that information
 6 toward the end no matter if it was
 7 involving who was being a part of her own
 8 security detail. I know that Rebekah
 9 Mason was the one that he was listening
 10 to.
 11 Q. How do you have that
 12 understanding? How do you know that?
 13 A. Mrs. Bentley expressed that
 14 concern to me after speaking to the
 15 governor about her security detail.
 16 Zach Lee complained about it on a
 17 fairly regular basis, and different
 18 security people that I was able to work
 19 with during my time there would come and
 20 sit in my office and vent to me or vent to
 21 each other about fear of their job based
 22 on Rebekah Mason's like or dislike for
 23 them, knowing that the governor listened

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1 to her very carefully.
 2 Q. You mentioned Mrs. Bentley and her
 3 security detail.
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. Did she have concerns about
 6 changes in her security detail?
 7 A. Yes, she did.
 8 Q. Okay. Tell me about that. What
 9 was that about?
 10 A. We started off with one lady,
 11 Cynthia Hardy, who was wonderful, and she
 12 retired just because of the pay structure
 13 changes.
 14 And Mrs. Bentley was allowed to
 15 select her own security detail, and she
 16 selected Christopher Hines.
 17 And Chris was consistently worried
 18 about whether or not he was going to
 19 maintain his job, especially once people
 20 started discussing the affair a little bit
 21 more openly because he felt like he knew a
 22 different side than everyone else because
 23 he was privy to Mrs. Bentley's side of the

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1 story and was on the outside of the
 2 security detail in that respect and didn't
 3 feel like he had any protection against
 4 what Rebekah Mason and the governor might
 5 do.
 6 And on several occasions he was
 7 told that he might be moved under certain
 8 conditions.
 9 And I'm not sure what those
 10 conditions were because it was not a
 11 conversation with me, but he was extremely
 12 concerned he might not be able to stay
 13 with Mrs. Bentley and became very quiet
 14 with us and very hush-lipped as he was
 15 asked to do.
 16 We also had several other men on
 17 the governor's security detail I guess
 18 rotated in, and they would ride with us on
 19 occasion instead of Chris.
 20 And Mrs. Bentley ultimately had to
 21 put a stop to that and keep Chris with
 22 her. Since then, though, Chris Hines has
 23 been completely removed from the

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1 governor's dignitary protection and placed
 2 in I believe the Gordon Palmer Building or
 3 maybe Gordon Persons Building downtown
 4 Montgomery just as a security position.
 5 Q. So Mr. Hines was a state trooper?
 6 A. He was.
 7 Q. Okay.
 8 A. And then he was upgraded to
 9 dignitary protection. When I met him he
 10 was a state trooper working at the back
 11 gate of the Alabama governor's mansion.
 12 That's where he served the
 13 remaining years of Governor and
 14 Mrs. Riley. And Chris was extremely
 15 helpful to us during our transition phase.
 16 So when Mrs. Bentley needed a new
 17 security detail person, Chris was just a
 18 very easy and obvious choice for her and
 19 for me because it was somebody we were
 20 already comfortable with and somebody who
 21 knew what our roles were very well.
 22 Q. Did Mr. Hines ever tell you that
 23 Ms. Mason or anybody else threatened his

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1 job?

2 A. I do not believe that Ms. Mason

3 ever threatened Chris directly because he

4 was always taking orders from whoever the

5 head of ALEA was at that time. So at the

6 time I was there it was Ray Lewis.

7 Q. Did Mr. Hines ever tell you that

8 anyone threatened his job?

9 A. He said that he was chided a

10 couple of times for being too involved and

11 knowing too much about what was going on.

12 And he was told that he was

13 supposed to maintain a level of

14 professionalism and not be personally

15 involved with Mrs. Bentley.

16 However, when the First Lady

17 volunteers information to you, it's hard

18 not to become personally involved.

19 MR. HALE: Who chided him?

20 THE WITNESS: I believe it

21 was Ray Lewis. But I know the governor

22 spoke to him a couple of times as well.

23 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) What had

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1 Mr. Hines done to incur that displeasure?

2 A. I just think he knew too much, had

3 a lot of information that they weren't

4 comfortable with him having.

5 But Chris always maintained the

6 highest form of professionalism any time I

7 was around him with Mrs. Bentley.

8 And we had no complaints about

9 him. And obviously Mrs. Bentley found

10 pleasure in his service because she

11 insisted that he stay with her.

12 She felt a level of comfort with

13 him that's really hard to find in

14 Montgomery, and she felt like he was not

15 only her security detail but also a good

16 friend.

17 Q. What information did Mr. Hines

18 have that you believed caused this

19 discomfort?

20 A. He was privy to a lot of

21 Mrs. Bentley's private conversations,

22 whether it was with her children, her

23 attorney, with the governor, whoever it

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1 may be.

2 And that's part of being in

3 dignitary protection, you hear a lot of

4 things and have to pretend that you don't

5 hear them.

6 But Mrs. Bentley had the car as

7 her private time and as her time to kind

8 of unload, and he and I both heard a lot

9 of conversations or she would talk us to

10 about different events that she was

11 bothered by during her time as First Lady,

12 and Chris heard them just as well as I

13 did.

14 Q. That leads us into the next

15 document area, which is ALEA generally and

16 then the dignitary protection unit

17 specifically.

18 Obviously we can go to ALEA

19 directly for records. Are there other

20 places that you would go to or other

21 people you would ask for to find

22 documents, including electronic documents,

23 reflecting information about ALEA and the

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1 dignitary protection unit, especially with

2 regard to some of the matters that are in

3 your earlier sworn statement?

4 A. At the time I worked mainly with

5 Ray Lewis. He was in charge of the

6 security detail and then Spencer Collier

7 as well. And outside of them, I'm not

8 sure where, where they would have kept

9 their documents.

10 MR. HALE: What about Wesley

11 Helton?

12 THE WITNESS: Oh, Wesley

13 Helton wouldn't have -- I wouldn't think

14 he would have access to the ALEA

15 documents. He had access to the

16 governor's calendar and all of those. I

17 know that --

18 MR. HALE: And financial

19 documents?

20 THE WITNESS: He and Zach

21 Lee have seen the financial documents, but

22 as far as ALEA and hiring and firing, I

23 don't believe he was privy to that.

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1 MR. HALE: Excuse me, Jack.
 2 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Is ALEA on the
 3 same e-mail system as, so to speak,
 4 everybody else in state government?
 5 A. Yes. I believe they have a more
 6 secure version since they're dealing with
 7 Homeland Security matters.
 8 Q. If I wanted to ask, for example,
 9 for an e-mail harvest from the governor's
 10 office, would Mr. Hightower be the right
 11 person to ask, or would there be somewhere
 12 else to go?
 13 A. To me Cleve Hightower would be the
 14 best person to ask. He is extremely
 15 intelligent and knows how to navigate that
 16 system better than anyone else I knew down
 17 there.
 18 Q. What about with an agency such as
 19 ALEA, would you expect it to have its own
 20 version of Mr. Hightower?
 21 A. I'm sure they do. Because if they
 22 had any problem with their system, I'm
 23 sure they would have wanted someone there

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1 in their building to be able to fix it
 2 immediately, because having an issue with
 3 Homeland Security e-mail or access in any
 4 way would be a huge problem.
 5 Q. The state-issued telephones that
 6 we touched on a moment ago, did those have
 7 the ability to send and receive texts?
 8 A. They did.
 9 Q. Do you know who the carrier was
 10 for those text messages on those state
 11 phones?
 12 A. Verizon Wireless.
 13 Q. Did you have a state phone?
 14 A. I did.
 15 Q. Did you receive Verizon
 16 statements?
 17 A. I did not.
 18 Q. So you --
 19 A. Those would have gone to Cheryl
 20 Fondon and Becca Crawford.
 21 Q. Did you receive any sort of record
 22 of your own calls?
 23 A. I did not.

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1 Q. Okay. So both any billing and
 2 also the actual call log for anybody who
 3 had a state phone, at least in the
 4 governor's office, would have gone to
 5 Ms. Fondon?
 6 A. Yes, it would have been under
 7 bookkeeping, and they had all of the
 8 records as well as a list of everyone that
 9 had a state cell phone.
 10 Q. Was there any retention or
 11 destruction policy in the governor's
 12 office for text messages?
 13 A. Not to my knowledge.
 14 Q. Was it just more or less left up
 15 to the individual user?
 16 A. Yes. They asked us to minimize
 17 text messaging from a cost perspective and
 18 from a security perspective, and asked us
 19 to kind of keep text messages on just like
 20 a quick communication standpoint as far as
 21 hey, we've arrived, hey, this is coming
 22 up, you know, quick messages, and anything
 23 else to be e-mail communication just to be

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1 able to keep it as a part of state record.
 2 Q. Do you have any printed out
 3 records of your own texts during the
 4 administration time?
 5 A. I personally do not.
 6 Q. Okay. Let me shift topics on you
 7 again. The Bentley for Governor, Inc,
 8 which I believe is the formal name of the
 9 campaign?
 10 A. It is.
 11 Q. Sitting here today in August of
 12 2016, if you wanted to go get records
 13 about the campaign, where would you go?
 14 A. Mike Echols.
 15 Q. Okay. Who is Mr. Echols?
 16 A. Mike Echols is and has been
 17 Governor Bentley's accountant for a very
 18 long time.
 19 He helped us with the first
 20 campaign from a financial perspective and
 21 continues to help Governor Bentley with
 22 that to this day and Mrs. Bentley now as
 23 well.

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1 So Mike Echols would be the best
 2 person to ask in my opinion. Paul Bryant,
 3 Jr., had minimal contact with the
 4 campaign, but he was involved, as well as
 5 Paul Bentley, who is the second oldest son
 6 of the Bentleys.
 7 Q. What about in addition to an
 8 accountant, lawyers, or other advisers to
 9 the campaign, people who might have
 10 prepared campaign finance submissions,
 11 that sort of thing?
 12 A. Heath Garrett was the campaign
 13 manager for the second campaign and was
 14 responsible for helping maintain all of
 15 those financial documents that are
 16 required.
 17 Al Agricola also worked very
 18 closely with us on really both campaigns.
 19 He and his wife have always been close
 20 with the Bentleys.
 21 Al Agricola recently stepped down
 22 and removed himself from working with
 23 Governor Bentley, and to my knowledge it

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1 was in relation to not wanting to be
 2 associated with the affair is what I was
 3 told.
 4 Angi Smith was the first campaign
 5 manager. She also worked on the
 6 governor's administration at the beginning
 7 and was let go ultimately because of the
 8 affair.
 9 But she had some access to
 10 campaign information because she always
 11 helped run what we call the war room and
 12 helped do grassroot efforts and drives for
 13 the campaign.
 14 Q. Of all of those people would you
 15 go first to Mr. Echols?
 16 A. I would.
 17 Q. Okay. On the topic of documents
 18 generally, and in particular pertaining to
 19 the governor's office, the campaign,
 20 financial issues relating to the campaign,
 21 financial issues pertaining to all the
 22 matters that you talked about in your
 23 sworn statement, are you aware of any

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1 efforts at document destruction; in other
 2 words, people trying to get rid of
 3 documents reflecting those matters?
 4 A. I know I was told not to keep
 5 anything, to make sure that I didn't have
 6 anything that could be implicating, and if
 7 I did so, to get rid of it.
 8 And I was told that by multiple
 9 people-- Ray Lewis, Stan Stabler, Paul
 10 Bentley, Mike Echols.
 11 Multiple people told me to get rid
 12 of things that, you know, could
 13 potentially get us in trouble down the
 14 road.
 15 And that was something I
 16 disregarded at the advice of my father
 17 because my father felt that if you're
 18 going to hold a public office, you should
 19 be held to the highest code of ethics, and
 20 he didn't see a reason that I should have
 21 to hide anything at all.
 22 Q. Okay. Let me, let me back up
 23 there. First, you said, and I may have

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1 misunderstood you, that you were told to
 2 not create documents or to get rid of
 3 documents once they were created?
 4 A. I was told to get rid of any
 5 documents that might be implicating. I
 6 did not create any documents financial or
 7 thus so.
 8 But they had a concern that I had
 9 access to documents, and they wanted me to
 10 make sure I did not have access to the
 11 financial documents anymore.
 12 Probably the most stern
 13 conversation that was had with me was in
 14 reference to the tapes that are now part
 15 of the exhibit.
 16 I was told that if I had access to
 17 them to destroy them, get rid of them,
 18 make sure they weren't on my computer,
 19 make sure I had no access to them because
 20 I could ultimately be in trouble and be
 21 punished for having those.
 22 Q. Okay. Who told that?
 23 A. Multiple people. I had that

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1 conversation with Ray Lewis. I had that
 2 conversation with Mike Echols.
 3 I discussed the tapes with Paul
 4 Bentley, and he asked me to make sure that
 5 I had no copies of them. But Paul's
 6 concern was, you know, about his family
 7 and his family hearing them at some point,
 8 not as much about covering anything up.
 9 Q. With regard to Mr. Lewis and
 10 Mr. Echols, what was your understanding of
 11 the reason they were telling you to
 12 destroy these materials?
 13 A. They confronted me on a personal
 14 safety matter. They felt that I was going
 15 to be harmed, if I had it.
 16 However, as the conversation
 17 progressed, I felt that it was more out of
 18 protection and loyalty to the governor and
 19 less out of protection and concern for me.
 20 Q. About when did those conversations
 21 with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Echols take place
 22 concerning the tape recording and possible
 23 destruction by you?

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1 A. Prior to the primary in 2014. It
 2 was soon after they found out that I might
 3 have heard them or had access to them in
 4 some way.
 5 Q. So give me a rough month and year.
 6 A. Probably April or May.
 7 Q. Of?
 8 A. Of 2014.
 9 MR. GILCHRIST: Was that one
 10 conversation with two of them or different
 11 conversations?
 12 THE WITNESS: Multiple
 13 conversations.
 14 MR. GILCHRIST: Were they
 15 ever together?
 16 THE WITNESS: No.
 17 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Did you ever
 18 accede to their request?
 19 A. I did not. I thanked them for
 20 their concern, assured them that I would
 21 take all proper precautions, and hung up
 22 the phone.
 23 Q. Was it a phone conversation?

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1 A. It was a phone conversation. Ray
 2 Lewis spoke to me one time in person about
 3 it, and it was the night of the primary,
 4 which would have been June of 2014. And
 5 it was right outside Bryant-Denny Stadium
 6 in Tuscaloosa.
 7 Q. Other than the tape recordings did
 8 anybody in the governor's office, or
 9 anybody else for that matter, ever attempt
 10 to get you to destroy any documents?
 11 A. Zach Lee was extremely concerned
 12 about my involvement and how close I was
 13 with Mrs. Bentley because he knew that I
 14 knew a lot of their personal information,
 15 and I knew a lot about personal
 16 conversations he and Mrs. Bentley had.
 17 And he urged me to be careful on
 18 numerous times and told me, you know, not
 19 to hold onto anything that could get me in
 20 trouble, but aside from that, no.
 21 Q. Okay. Did you ascribe Mr. Lee's
 22 statement to be a natural concern for your
 23 well being, or did you ascribe it to being

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1 that he desired that the material be
 2 destroyed?
 3 A. Zach Lee was a friend. He was
 4 genuinely concerned about my well being.
 5 He was working as the governor's aide for
 6 a time and was privy to the governor's
 7 office side of things and was just
 8 genuinely concerned about me getting in
 9 trouble or possibly losing my job over
 10 something.
 11 Q. Anybody else suggest to you or try
 12 to get you to destroy any documents about
 13 any of the matters that were the subject
 14 of your earlier statement?
 15 A. Wesley Helton was also a friend at
 16 the time, but he was more concerned about
 17 the documents implicating himself or the
 18 governor.
 19 He told me on numerous occasions
 20 to stay out of it and to not get involved,
 21 but I didn't feel like it was as much of
 22 concern for me as I did for protection for
 23 himself.

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1 Q. You mentioned documents
 2 implicating Mr. Helton and the governor.
 3 What did you mean by that?
 4 A. Yes. He was just very concerned
 5 like the calendars that we had seen or the
 6 flight logs that he was a part of or
 7 anything else he said I shouldn't get too
 8 involved or look too deep because, because
 9 I didn't need to get in trouble, I think
 10 is the way he phrased it to me.
 11 Q. Outside of any conversations or
 12 instructions that you personally received
 13 from anybody, are you aware of anybody
 14 else in the governor's office, at ALEA,
 15 anywhere really, being involved in any
 16 sort of document destruction pertaining to
 17 any of these matters?
 18 A. Jennifer Ardis, who worked very
 19 closely with Rebekah Mason, was extremely
 20 involved in protecting the affair and
 21 helping maintain its secrecy.
 22 I do not know that she would go to
 23 the point of destroying documents, but I

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1 do know she did everything she could to
 2 protect the secrecy of the affair, along
 3 with Zach Lee and Wesley Helton.
 4 Stan Stabler at the beginning
 5 would feed Mrs. Bentley information about
 6 the affair and the whereabouts and how
 7 they were communicating and where they
 8 were going.
 9 And even if it wasn't listed on a
 10 flight log, Stan would still tell us what
 11 was going on. And now he is denying
 12 everything that he helped us discover in
 13 the first place, so that's been
 14 surprising.
 15 So I feel that he has been swayed
 16 and would be involved in helping cover it
 17 up now.
 18 Q. But just to be clear, you're not
 19 aware of anybody else actually destroying
 20 documents?
 21 A. No, I'm not.
 22 Q. The Alabama Council for Excellent
 23 Government, or as is sometimes called

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1 ACEGOV, if you were going to look for
 2 documents about ACEGOV, information about
 3 ACEGOV, donors to ACEGOV, that sort of
 4 thing, where would you go look?
 5 A. Online.
 6 Q. Okay. Anywhere else?
 7 A. No, probably not. I guess that's
 8 a generational thing --
 9 Q. Right, okay.
 10 A. -- but I would go online.
 11 Q. Okay. Any people associated with
 12 ACEGOV that you would go talk to?
 13 A. No, I was not close with anyone in
 14 that division.
 15 Q. All right. Let's switch gears, if
 16 we can, away from documents a little bit
 17 and talk about a couple of areas that
 18 either were touched on very lightly or
 19 maybe not touched --
 20 A. Okay.
 21 Q. -- on at all in your earlier
 22 statement.
 23 A. Okay.

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1 Q. First, it seems like both based
 2 upon what you said, and at least what has
 3 been publically reported, that there came
 4 a time when Governor Bentley purchased
 5 disposable phones. Did that happen?
 6 A. Yes, it did.
 7 Q. How do you know that that
 8 happened?
 9 A. Mrs. Bentley told me it happened,
 10 and she would find them on bedside tables
 11 and in her living room and express concern
 12 to me about those.
 13 And a lot of people in state
 14 government, no matter what position they
 15 held, knew about them and discussed it
 16 almost in a laughing way.
 17 But a lot of people were aware of
 18 it because Rebekah Mason wasn't always the
 19 only person with access to that phone.
 20 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't understand
 21 that, Rebekah Mason was not always --
 22 A. Was not always the only person
 23 with access to that phone or its number,

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1 the burner phones.
 2 Q. Okay. About when did that
 3 activity occur; that is, the purchase and
 4 use of disposable phones?
 5 A. I can't be sure on the exact time
 6 that it started. I know that Mrs. Bentley
 7 did not start expressing a concern about
 8 it until probably September of 2014, so
 9 sometime in the fall.
 10 So I'm not sure when it officially
 11 began, but that's when I was first made
 12 aware of it.
 13 Q. Did Governor Bentley still use
 14 those phones when you left the
 15 administration?
 16 A. That was post my leaving, but,
 17 yes, it was my understanding that they
 18 started using them before, but, again,
 19 that's just hearsay. I never visibly saw
 20 a burner phone.
 21 Q. Oh, okay. I may have
 22 misunderstood. So --
 23 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). Uh-huh

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1 (affirmative).
 2 Q. -- so the timeframe would reflect
 3 that the governor's use of these phones
 4 postdated your tenure?
 5 A. Exactly.
 6 Q. Okay.
 7 A. And that's, that's my
 8 understanding.
 9 Q. Okay. Who would be most
 10 knowledgeable in your view about the use
 11 of those phones, in addition to obviously
 12 potentially the governor?
 13 A. Rebekah Mason, Zach Lee, Wesley
 14 Helton, Jennifer Ardis, and then Dianne
 15 Bentley herself.
 16 Q. And how were those phones
 17 purchased?
 18 A. What I've been told is that he
 19 usually gave money to Wesley Helton, and
 20 Wesley Helton would go out and purchase
 21 them.
 22 So usually the governor operated
 23 with cash. That was my understanding how

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1 he went about it, but, again, that's just
 2 secondhand knowledge.
 3 Q. Do you know for a fact if
 4 Mr. Helton actually obtained disposable
 5 phones for the governor?
 6 A. I do not know for a fact, just
 7 hearsay.
 8 MR. GILCHRIST: Who told you
 9 that Wesley Helton would be the one?
 10 THE WITNESS: A lot of
 11 people. I mean, Angi Smith has talked
 12 about it. Zach Lee was concerned about
 13 it.
 14 Collier Tynes, who helped
 15 fulfill my role once I left, was extremely
 16 concerned about it. Linda Adams was
 17 frustrated.
 18 Wanda -- what was her last
 19 name? Wanda who was the governor's
 20 assistant at the time was concerned about
 21 it.
 22 So numerous people in the
 23 office of the governor were aware of the

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1 phones and everybody kind of talked about
 2 it.
 3 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Do you know
 4 anything else about those phones,
 5 including the numbers, the carriers,
 6 duration, anything like that?
 7 A. I do not. I know Mrs. Bentley has
 8 some of those things written down, and
 9 Zach Lee was very aware of everything, as
 10 he is to this day, but I personally don't
 11 have any of that information.
 12 Q. Do you know if any state business
 13 was conducted on those phones?
 14 A. I do not know.
 15 Q. Do you have any knowledge about
 16 where any of them ended up?
 17 A. I do not.
 18 Q. All right. I also understand that
 19 during the course of Governor and
 20 Mrs. Bentley's divorce proceedings that
 21 there were, among other things, a
 22 deposition taken of Mrs. Bentley; is that
 23 right?

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1 A. The Alabama Ethics Commission
 2 requested that they have a deposition with
 3 Mrs. Bentley post-divorce proceedings.
 4 Q. Okay. Okay.
 5 A. I'm not sure about a deposition
 6 surrounding the divorce. She never
 7 mentioned that to me.
 8 Q. And so you -- and so were you,
 9 were you present at the Ethics Commission
 10 deposition?
 11 A. I was not present, no.
 12 Q. Do you have any understanding
 13 about what happened, who attended?
 14 A. I do. Mrs. Bentley and I had a
 15 conversation following her Ethics
 16 Commission deposition.
 17 I went to have lunch with her one
 18 day because Mrs. Bentley and I do stay in
 19 contact with one another.
 20 When you work with someone for so
 21 long you maintain a friendship, and she
 22 just talked to me about different things
 23 that had happened surrounding her

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1 deposition.
 2 And said that not only was her
 3 attorney present, but Mike Echols also sat
 4 in on her briefing and helped advise her
 5 on how to answer, as well as how to handle
 6 anything that might come her way.
 7 Q. Was Mr. Echols there at her
 8 request?
 9 A. It was my understanding he just
 10 told her he would be there, and she did
 11 not say no.
 12 Q. And, I'm sorry, you said
 13 Mr. Echols was there to help prepare her
 14 and then also --
 15 A. Advise her.
 16 Q. -- her lawyer?
 17 A. No, Mike Echols is an accountant.
 18 He was just helping Mrs. Bentley get her
 19 finances in order now that the divorce is
 20 over.
 21 He worked with the Bentleys for as
 22 long as I know, I think for their married
 23 life trying to help them organize and

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1 invest and, you know, move their money as
 2 need be.
 3 So now that Mrs. Bentley is on her
 4 own, he's helping make sure that she's
 5 okay and financially stable.
 6 Q. Does he still advise Governor
 7 Bentley also?
 8 A. To my knowledge, yes.
 9 Q. So he still advises both of them?
 10 A. Yes.
 11 Q. So Mr. Echols assisted in
 12 preparing Mrs. Bentley for her Ethics
 13 Commission deposition?
 14 A. Yes. And sat in the room when
 15 they were there interviewing her.
 16 Q. Okay. So he was also present?
 17 A. Yes, he was.
 18 Q. And who else was present based --
 19 well, let me back up. Who else assisted
 20 in the preparation of Mrs. Bentley based
 21 on your understanding?
 22 THE WITNESS: Her attorney's
 23 Steve Wright?

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1 MR. HALE: Steve Wright.
 2 A. Steve Wright.
 3 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Anybody else?
 4 A. Not to my knowledge. I know that
 5 she discussed that she would be deposed
 6 with her son Paul Bentley, who was
 7 concerned about it, but purely for the,
 8 you know, safety and care of his mom and
 9 nothing more.
 10 Q. Okay. So was Paul Bentley
 11 present?
 12 A. He was not present. I know she
 13 just spoke with him about it prior to
 14 going in for her deposition.
 15 Q. Was your understanding that
 16 Mrs. Bentley thought that the
 17 participation of Mr. Echols and the
 18 preparation for the deposition and also
 19 his attendance in the deposition was in
 20 some way improper or out of the ordinary?
 21 A. I don't feel that she thought it
 22 was improper. She was just concerned at
 23 some of the advice that he gave her.

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1 He asked her not to divulge
 2 additional information and to only answer
 3 the questions that she was asked. He
 4 advised her by saying that it was for her
 5 own good, but sometimes she felt that it
 6 was also to protect Governor Bentley as
 7 well. Because she didn't understand why
 8 she couldn't just tell them everything she
 9 knew.
 10 Q. And did she think or did she relay
 11 to you being concerned about that? And
 12 the only reason I ask is it's common for
 13 lawyers to advise their clients to listen
 14 to the question and answer the question
 15 that's asked, wait for another question.
 16 So by itself, you know, that's not
 17 uncommon certainly.
 18 A. She was concerned because it was
 19 Mike Echols giving her the advice and not
 20 her attorney.
 21 And as we have already discussed,
 22 Mike Echols not only represents her
 23 financially but the governor financially.

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1 And Mike Echols has also worked
 2 with us all along to help with the
 3 governor's image in a political way. And
 4 she felt that maybe this was one of those
 5 instances when he was trying to protect
 6 the governor in that way because they told
 7 her not to give any documents and not to
 8 share any additional information at all.
 9 And if they alluded to certain
 10 things, just to divert back and answer
 11 very generally.
 12 And I think if it had come from
 13 her attorney, she would have been more
 14 comfortable with it, but the fact that
 15 Mike Echols was there and that's what he
 16 was telling her, she just felt like maybe
 17 something was wrong.
 18 The reason I feel that way is
 19 because when she asked me about mine, she
 20 asked me one very specific question, and I
 21 said yes, Mrs. Bentley, I went ahead and
 22 told them the truth. I told them
 23 everything about that that I knew.

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1 And she sat back in her chair and
 2 took a deep breath and said, good, I'm
 3 glad somebody could.
 4 And to me that was just her way of
 5 being dissatisfied with what she was able
 6 to -- the information she was able to
 7 provide.
 8 Q. What was the question that you
 9 were able to provide earlier that she felt
 10 she could not answer in the Ethics
 11 Commission interview?
 12 A. She wanted to make sure that they
 13 knew that Stan Stabler had assisted her in
 14 knowing about the affair and knowing how
 15 the governor and Rebekah had hidden the
 16 affair, whether or not it was on state
 17 property, or, you know, when it took place
 18 because she was very upset and very
 19 disheartened really that to this day in
 20 public he is now denying that anything
 21 ever went on.
 22 And it has bothered her because we
 23 considered him a friend and an ally when

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1 she was still married to the governor and
 2 when she was still in Montgomery.
 3 Q. Did Mrs. Bentley withhold any
 4 information or documents from the Ethics
 5 Commission at Mr. Echols' request or
 6 instruction?
 7 A. She did. She was told not to give
 8 the copy of the tape which she has in her
 9 possession. She also kept journals of
 10 every, every single day she served as
 11 First Lady.
 12 She kept records of conversations
 13 she had with the governor and concerns
 14 that she may have had, as well as phone
 15 numbers and records and whatever else she
 16 may have gathered.
 17 Mrs. Bentley also has pictures and
 18 copies of text messages that were sent and
 19 received that she saw from the governor
 20 and in between the governor and Rebekah
 21 Mason.
 22 Q. Was she asked to produce those
 23 things by the Ethics Commission and did

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1 not because she received this advice from
 2 Mr. Echols?
 3 A. She was not asked directly is what
 4 she told me. She said they alluded to
 5 potential documents, and she just did not
 6 let them know that she had them, because
 7 she said that she wouldn't feel
 8 comfortable divulging them after they
 9 asked her not to and I think as a way to
 10 protect the governor in whatever way she
 11 feels like she needs to.
 12 Q. About when did Mrs. Bentley get
 13 interviewed by the Ethics Commission?
 14 A. Shortly before me, so that would
 15 have been -- maybe in the middle of June,
 16 I believe.
 17 Q. And did they provide her with any
 18 transcript or summary of her own
 19 statement?
 20 A. I'm sure they did, but we did not
 21 discuss that so I cannot say.
 22 Q. Why do you say that you're sure
 23 they did?

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1 A. I just know that they do their due
 2 diligence, and as soon as the official
 3 transcript of everything I've had came
 4 through, they've let me review it if I, if
 5 I wanted to.
 6 So I'm sure that if Mrs. Bentley
 7 would have asked to review her statement,
 8 they would have been happy to let her, but
 9 I don't know.
 10 I didn't ask her that question,
 11 and she didn't tell me if she had seen it
 12 or not.
 13 Q. Have you seen a copy of the
 14 transcript of your statement to the Ethics
 15 Commission?
 16 A. I have not, but I did not request
 17 to see one either.
 18 MR. HALE: By the way, that
 19 was just tape recorded only.
 20 MR. SHARMAN: Okay.
 21 MR. HALE: There wasn't an
 22 official court reporter, but she was
 23 sworn.

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1 MR. SHARMAN: Okay.
 2 MR. HALE: And it is in
 3 voice form.
 4 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Moving topics
 5 again. I understand that a couple of
 6 events occurred in the rough timeframe of
 7 your own Ethics Commission interview that
 8 caused you concern, particularly with
 9 regard to potential efforts at witness
 10 dissuasion or intimidation --
 11 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 12 Q. -- for lack of a better word.
 13 Tell us about that.
 14 A. The first occurred early June soon
 15 after I had moved into my new home. I was
 16 outside watering plants late at night and
 17 heard a noise come through my bushes and
 18 honestly thought it was a teenager just
 19 running around down the street.
 20 I live in a fairly safe
 21 neighborhood, and came around the front of
 22 my house and noticed there were scribbles
 23 on my windows, but I couldn't quite tell

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1 what it was because I didn't have the
 2 lights on in my carport.
 3 And when I walked around the side
 4 and turned on the lights to get a better
 5 look, I could see writing on my windows.
 6 And we submitted the pictures to
 7 you, and it was just some profanity and
 8 threats about me dying.
 9 But it did not make a reference or
 10 didn't allude to anything that would say
 11 hey, this is related to Governor Bentley's
 12 case. It just said you will die.
 13 Q. And when you say windows, you're
 14 talking about your car windows?
 15 A. Yes, my car windows, the sides and
 16 the front window. Nothing was written on
 17 the back, just the two side doors and then
 18 the front.
 19 MR. HALE: She was having
 20 trouble printing that one, and she's
 21 getting that one right now.
 22 A. Then the second occasion took
 23 place I believe the night after my

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1 deposition with the Ethics Commission.
 2 And I was getting ready to kind of
 3 shut down everything for the evening, and
 4 was back in the back room of my house and
 5 I heard glass break.
 6 And so I walked around to the
 7 kitchen where -- which is where I thought
 8 I heard it come from, and I have a large
 9 window in the front so it's just the
 10 safest place to assume.
 11 And there was a rock laying on my
 12 kitchen floor, and the window panel had
 13 been broken. So I immediately called the
 14 Vestavia Police Department at that time,
 15 and they sent several officers out to
 16 investigate.
 17 And you have the cards of both
 18 officers that were present on the scene.
 19 And they walked around my home to make
 20 sure I was secure, and they came in the
 21 house and checked everything.
 22 And the rock came from my own
 23 front yard, but they said that for someone

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1 to be there they would have to be pretty
 2 close to my house in order to hit through
 3 the single-pane windows that I have.
 4 They're fairly small.
 5 It didn't seem that anyone was
 6 trying to rob me or break in, just more
 7 scare me because I had just turned the
 8 kitchen lights off and walked to the back
 9 of the house.
 10 But, again, it's just an
 11 assumption based on what the police and I
 12 could figure out that night, but it
 13 happened around midnight that evening.
 14 Q. Okay. Did you make a police
 15 report about the defacement of your
 16 vehicle?
 17 A. I did not, and honestly, I'm not
 18 sure why. I just was more frustrated at
 19 the time than anything because I had to
 20 wake up early the next morning.
 21 So I took pictures of it so that I
 22 could tell what it said, because in the
 23 dark outside it just looked like black

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1 scribbles everywhere.
 2 So I took pictures and that's what
 3 made it show up. So it looks white in the
 4 pictures, but it was really black ink or
 5 black paint, whatever it was.
 6 And I called two neighbors from
 7 down the street, Katie and Chris
 8 Catanzano, and said, hey, someone, you
 9 know, window chalked my car. I don't
 10 really want to be outside by myself in the
 11 dark right now.
 12 If you could just come down the
 13 street, I'm going clean it off tonight
 14 before I go out of town. And so Katie and
 15 Chris came down the street with their dog
 16 and helped me clean off my windows that
 17 night.
 18 And her husband was like we should
 19 have called the police, but now that
 20 you've already cleaned them, we'll just
 21 keep pictures, and, you know, I'm sure
 22 it's just some silly prank.
 23 And I talked to my dad about it

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1 and talked to Tom Hale, my attorney, about
 2 it as well and kind of made note.
 3 But then when the window happened
 4 not too long after, we felt like it was
 5 something we needed to report for sure.
 6 Q. And the incident with the rock
 7 through your window was that the night of
 8 the day you were interviewed by the Ethics
 9 Commission?
 10 A. If it wasn't the exact day, it was
 11 soon after. I'm not sure what the exact
 12 date was.
 13 I know we were having a storm that
 14 night, so everything was like really wet
 15 and there was -- I mean my kitchen was
 16 really wet, but I would have to look back
 17 on the dates that I spoke to them.
 18 Q. Have you ever had trouble like
 19 that before in this neighborhood?
 20 A. I never have. Granted, I've only
 21 -- I had only lived there for three weeks,
 22 so it's very new.
 23 But I live in a very, very quiet

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1 street with a lot of families, and they
 2 said there's relatively no crime there.
 3 And they were really shocked that
 4 it had happened. And there really aren't
 5 even any teenagers that live on my street.
 6 Apparently they're all younger
 7 children and at midnight. So we looked
 8 into several avenues, and it's been very
 9 quiet ever since, but the Vestavia police
 10 definitely has increased their rotation by
 11 my house. I see them on a very regular
 12 basis, so.
 13 MR. HALE: Heather, didn't
 14 they talk you through ruling out that it
 15 might not have been jilted boyfriend or a
 16 another jealous girl?
 17 THE WITNESS: They did.
 18 MR. HALE: And then you
 19 revealed to them why you were possibly a
 20 target?
 21 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh
 22 (affirmative). Yes, my initial, my
 23 initial thought was definitely not Bentley

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1 related. It was kind of confused and
 2 scared, and honestly I thought break-in.
 3 I had -- somebody tried to
 4 break in my house in Montgomery when I
 5 lived there, and so I assumed burglary.
 6 But then when you think
 7 about it, it wasn't at a door, it was on
 8 this tiny little window that no human
 9 could fit through.
 10 And so as they continued to
 11 ask questions they said, well, you know,
 12 is there any reason else that, you know,
 13 somebody might be trying to get to you.
 14 And I said well, the only
 15 thing I can think of is I was just deposed
 16 on behalf of the governor's investigation.
 17 And I don't think they believed me at
 18 first.
 19 And when I told them what
 20 position I held with Mrs. Bentley, they
 21 took it very seriously and have been
 22 extremely helpful and very protective of
 23 my house and my safety since.

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1 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Have they
 2 actually conducted any investigation
 3 besides providing just additional
 4 protection?
 5 A. Yes. To my knowledge they've
 6 looked into several different things,
 7 including pulling my license and kind of
 8 looking into that to see how they may have
 9 figured out where I lived because it
 10 wasn't on any state records or in any
 11 records.
 12 It hadn't quite been updated with
 13 the tax, I guess -- it hadn't been filed
 14 with the tax records at the time that I
 15 was living there.
 16 Q. Do you believe sitting here today
 17 that these two events related to your
 18 testimony before the Alabama Ethics
 19 Commission?
 20 A. I do. Nothing has happened to me
 21 like that since I've lived in Birmingham,
 22 and it didn't even happen in Montgomery.
 23 And if it was going to happen to

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1 me, I would have thought it would have
 2 happened then just because we were always
 3 involved in some kind of controversy or
 4 people were always upset and they knew
 5 they couldn't get to the Bentleys and
 6 would try to get to us instead.
 7 But it's just interesting that
 8 none of this had happened and I'd never
 9 felt unsafe in my own home until this
 10 became an issue and I became a part of it.
 11 People, you know, calling on the
 12 phone trying to get in touch with you,
 13 whether it's reporters or whoever else it
 14 may be.
 15 Q. Other than the timing of these
 16 events, is there anything that leads you
 17 to believe it's related to your Ethics
 18 Commission testimony?
 19 A. I mean, just -- I just don't
 20 really have anybody else that doesn't like
 21 me enough to hurt my property or -- and
 22 the fact that they didn't try to hurt me,
 23 I felt like maybe it was somebody that

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1 knew me and just wanted me to be unnerved
 2 a little, but, again, that's just my own
 3 assumption.
 4 Q. Okay.
 5 MR. HALE: And you had some
 6 communication with Wesley Helton around
 7 this time, too, that caused you to believe
 8 that it might possibly have been him?
 9 THE WITNESS: I hadn't
 10 talked to Wesley. I spoke with Zach --
 11 MR. HALE: Zach, Zach Lee.
 12 THE WITNESS: -- about
 13 everything, but I do not think it would
 14 have been Zach Lee. But I'm not sure who
 15 it could have been.
 16 MR. DOSS: When you said
 17 that you had only been living there for
 18 about three weeks at the time that it
 19 happened?
 20 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh
 21 (affirmative).
 22 MR. DOSS: Had you updated
 23 your address in any system or report or

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1 any kind of record?
 2 THE WITNESS: That was what
 3 was so strange and surprised us so much.
 4 We had obviously filed it with the closing
 5 attorney, but to our knowledge it hadn't
 6 even been posted as part of state record
 7 at the time that this happened.
 8 And I don't post my address
 9 anywhere else, so that's what was so
 10 confusing and disheartening by it.
 11 We weren't sure how anyone
 12 would know where I lived, much less know
 13 how to find me.
 14 Now, I had talked to several
 15 friends that did work in state government
 16 and let them know hey, I'm moving and kind
 17 of told them the general area that I was.
 18 So I guess if someone was
 19 looking, they could have driven down the
 20 street and seen my car, because I have
 21 just a carport, not a garage, so.
 22 MR. GILCHRIST: How far in
 23 advance of your Ethics Commission

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1 interview did you get notice that the
 2 Ethics Commission wanted to talk to you?
 3 THE WITNESS: Maybe --
 4 MR. HALE: It wasn't -- it
 5 was hardly a week.
 6 THE WITNESS: Not long.
 7 MR. GILCHRIST: Did, did the
 8 car incident happen before you got notice
 9 that the Ethics Commission wanted to talk
 10 to you?
 11 THE WITNESS: It did. The
 12 car incident was more around the time --
 13 one of my friends got interviewed by the
 14 FBI, got pulled for that, Collier Tynes
 15 actually.
 16 And we were all getting
 17 hounded by reporters at that time as well.
 18 My phone was ringing off the hook for a
 19 while, and it all happened kind of in
 20 relation to that.
 21 So when I talked to my
 22 friends that live down the street, my
 23 neighbors, and told them oh, I bet it's

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1 just some teenager pulling a prank like
 2 I'm the new girl that lives down the
 3 street, they want to, you know, I guess
 4 initiate me in the neighborhood, they were
 5 like absolutely not.
 6 I thought it was maybe
 7 somebody trying to make sure I didn't, you
 8 know, talk to the wrong reporter. I
 9 wasn't sure. Like I said, I was more
 10 irritated and inconvenienced than anything
 11 by the car chalk.
 12 MR. GILCHRIST: Did you send
 13 out an e-mail to friends when you moved,
 14 dear, all, my new address is
 15 such-and-such?
 16 THE WITNESS: Not an e-mail,
 17 but I did send a text message to several
 18 friends that are great about, you know,
 19 kind of maintaining your records and
 20 several people that I knew that I would
 21 want to keep in touch with, including a
 22 couple of people that, you know, have
 23 pretty strong connections to the capital

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1 still but all that I still have great
 2 relationships with.
 3 So unless they shared my
 4 address, I wouldn't be concerned about any
 5 of the people that I communicated that
 6 with.
 7 (Whereupon, a document was marked
 8 as Exhibit No. 2 and is attached
 9 to the original transcript.)
 10 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) I'm going to show
 11 you, Ms. Hannah, what I've marked as
 12 Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3 to your
 13 deposition.
 14 (Whereupon, a document was marked
 15 as Exhibit No. 3 and is attached
 16 to the original transcript.)
 17 Q. First, are these photographs that
 18 you took?
 19 A. Yes, they are.
 20 Q. Okay. And these are photographs
 21 of your car the night we've just been
 22 talking about?
 23 A. Yes, they were.

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1 Q. All right. Exhibit 2 what does
 2 that say that was written on your car?
 3 A. On the driver's side on the side
 4 windows it says "bitch die".
 5 Q. And on Exhibit 3 what does that
 6 say there?
 7 A. From what we can tell, it looks
 8 like "you will fucking die". I mean,
 9 that's --
 10 MR. HALE: Oh, I do see it,
 11 yes.
 12 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) And, again, to
 13 follow up on Mr. Gilchrist's question, as
 14 best you can recall, what was the
 15 approximate date of the car incident?
 16 A. I want to say it was June 6th. I
 17 can get my cell phone out and look and see
 18 specifically the night and the time.
 19 MR. HALE: Well, you gave
 20 your statement on June 3rd.
 21 THE WITNESS: June 3rd it
 22 had already happened.
 23 MR. HALE: I think the rock

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1 thing happened on the 4th of June. Can we
 2 go off the record?
 3 MR. SHARMAN: Yes, let's
 4 take a break.
 5 (Off the record.)
 6 Q. Are there any other events or
 7 incidents that you believe were efforts to
 8 intimidate you?
 9 A. Not to my knowledge, no.
 10 Q. Has anybody from Governor
 11 Bentley's administration other than
 12 Mr. Lewis or Mr. Echols that we discussed
 13 earlier approached you since you left the
 14 administration with regard to any of the
 15 matters that you gave your June 3rd
 16 statement about?
 17 A. Soon after I left I did talk to
 18 Stan Stabler on several occasions when he
 19 would be expressing concern about the
 20 governor's whereabouts with Rebekah Mason.
 21 Sometimes he would share that with
 22 me I guess because he couldn't get in
 23 touch with Mrs. Bentley sometimes out of

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1 concern for her and just keeping me aware
 2 of what was going on.
 3 But a couple of months after I
 4 left and had been gone, the only person
 5 really -- or the only people I really had
 6 contact with from the governor's office
 7 and maintained contact with would have
 8 been Mrs. Bentley herself, Collier Tynes
 9 because I still helped facilitate and
 10 helped her understand the position and
 11 some of the things Mrs. Bentley wanted to
 12 do.
 13 And then Angi Smith who I think
 14 actually was removed from her position
 15 prior to my leaving, so. But those were
 16 really the only three people I maintained
 17 close communication with once I left.
 18 Q. Did any of those folks that you
 19 just identified attempt to intimidate you,
 20 get you to change your story, get you to
 21 be quiet in any way?
 22 A. Not at all.
 23 Q. Okay.

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1 MR. DOSS: Did any of them
 2 ask about any testimony you may have
 3 provided to the Ethics Commission?
 4 THE WITNESS: Mrs. Bentley
 5 did, but more for her own general
 6 curiosity than for, you know, anything
 7 else.
 8 She -- if anything,
 9 Mrs. Bentley begged myself and Collier
 10 Tynes that if we were questioned, just to
 11 make sure we took care of ourselves and
 12 make sure we had an attorney and make sure
 13 we told them everything we knew.
 14 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Ms. Hannah, at a
 15 couple of points in your June 3rd
 16 statement and also today you've mentioned
 17 financial records --
 18 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 19 Q. -- primarily in other people's
 20 possession?
 21 A. Yes.
 22 Q. When you say financial records,
 23 what are you thinking of?

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1 A. We were sitting at a governor's
 2 office event at the Biscuits, Montgomery
 3 Riverwalk Stadium one night, and we were
 4 bothered by the governor's behavior with
 5 Rebekah Mason.
 6 And I was sitting by Zach Lee at
 7 the time, and he told me that he had
 8 collected a lot of financial documents and
 9 facts about the governor, how he was using
 10 money to pay Rebekah, how he was moving
 11 money through the state government.
 12 And he said that if the governor
 13 won't morally stop having this affair,
 14 maybe this will be enough to scare him.
 15 And he asked me if I wanted to see
 16 it, and I declined. I told him that I
 17 felt like he should definitely present it
 18 to the governor and urge him to stop, but
 19 I didn't care to see that myself.
 20 But I trusted that Zach would show
 21 the governor and do everything he could.
 22 So I know some of it was campaign related.
 23 Some of it was state related. I

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1 know some of it was collected from Mike
 2 Echols who we've discussed.
 3 I also know that Paul Bentley had
 4 made a similar document. I'm not sure if
 5 it was the same one or if he and Zach
 6 worked on one together.
 7 But I do know that he mentioned to
 8 myself and to his mom that there were
 9 financial documents that could get his dad
 10 in trouble.
 11 And he said that that was one of
 12 the reasons he felt comfortable going to
 13 his dad and urging him to stop as well
 14 because he didn't want him to get in
 15 trouble, and this was prior to Governor
 16 and Mrs. Bentley's divorce.
 17 But ultimately the way the
 18 governor was handling his finances that
 19 was one of the many reasons that finally
 20 helped Mrs. Bentley make the decision to
 21 get a divorce because her sons were
 22 concerned about her financially and how
 23 she would continue living if she didn't do

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1 so.
 2 Q. Let me back you up.
 3 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 4 Q. About when did this conversation
 5 with Zach Lee take place?
 6 A. Probably May of 2014.
 7 Q. Where were you?
 8 A. At a baseball game at Montgomery
 9 Riverwalk Stadium where the Biscuits play.
 10 Q. Were you with other people?
 11 A. The whole governor's office staff
 12 was asked to be there. It was an event,
 13 but Zach and I were kind of at the top of
 14 the back section of where everybody was
 15 seated, and nobody was sitting by us at
 16 the time we had the conversation.
 17 Q. So as far as you know nobody else
 18 heard or participated in that
 19 conversation?
 20 A. Right. We did not want anyone
 21 else to hear or participate in our
 22 conversation.
 23 Q. And what was the conduct that the

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1 governor and Ms. Mason were engaging in
 2 that Mr. Lee disapproved of?
 3 A. Rebekah was sitting on the front
 4 row of our section, and the governor was
 5 leaned up against the poles right in front
 6 of her and just gave her his undivided
 7 attention the whole night.
 8 Spent minimal time speaking with
 9 the rest of the people in his office
 10 staff, which was very unlike him, and
 11 wouldn't take his eyes off of her.
 12 Kept like leaning into her, and
 13 Mrs. Bentley sat a couple of rows up and
 14 he hardly addressed her or had anything to
 15 do with her at all.
 16 Q. Was it part of Mr. Lee's job to
 17 collect that kind of financial
 18 information?
 19 A. No. But Zach became more like
 20 another son to Governor and Mrs. Bentley
 21 than just a state employee.
 22 And so Zach was given access and
 23 rights to certain things that other staff

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1 members probably wouldn't have.
 2 And he also was very heavily
 3 involved on both the campaign side and the
 4 governor's office staff side, so he was
 5 just privy to a lot of that financial
 6 information.
 7 And I think on his own accord
 8 decided to collect it in his own way to be
 9 able to protect the governor and almost
 10 save him from himself.
 11 Q. Did he create some sort of record
 12 or memo?
 13 A. My understanding was, yes, he
 14 compiled it in some kind of memo. I'm not
 15 sure if it was an Excel spreadsheet or
 16 what kind of document it was.
 17 But it was my understanding Zach
 18 said he collected all of this financial
 19 information and he named, you know, from
 20 the campaign from the way she's getting
 21 paid and just kind of the highpoints.
 22 He just kept saying it's just a
 23 bunch of financial stuff, Heather, it's

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1 just financial stuff. And he goes, if
 2 nothing else will persuade him, maybe this
 3 will.
 4 Q. Did he tell you where he kept this
 5 document or this material?
 6 A. He did not. He just told me he
 7 had it.
 8 Q. Did he actually present it to
 9 Governor Bentley?
 10 A. To my knowledge, yes.
 11 Q. Okay. How do you know that?
 12 A. Zach told me the exact time he
 13 wanted to do it. He said he was going to
 14 go talk to him that next week.
 15 He had a one-on-one meeting with
 16 the governor and he was going to talk to
 17 him about it then. And Zach when I worked
 18 with him if he said he was going to do
 19 something like that, he would do it.
 20 Q. Did Mr. Lee ever speak with you
 21 again about this financial information
 22 that he had?
 23 A. He and I spoke on a fairly regular

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1 basis while I was there. And he said, he
 2 said well, the governor didn't take my
 3 conversation very well.
 4 But he and I were speaking on a
 5 cell phone, and at that point I just said
 6 well, you know, we'll have to talk --
 7 we'll have to talk about it next time we
 8 get together, and we never really did.
 9 I became pretty guarded with the
 10 information I had that Mrs. Bentley was
 11 sharing with me and just learned that it
 12 was better not to say anything to anyone
 13 else.
 14 Q. Did he say anything else to you
 15 about it?
 16 A. No.
 17 Q. Like where --
 18 A. I did not ask.
 19 Q. -- they met or anything like that?
 20 A. He said he was just going to meet
 21 with him in his office, so I assumed that
 22 they just sat in the governor's office at
 23 the Capitol and talked about it.

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1 But, again, that's just an
 2 assumption based on Zach saying I have a
 3 meeting with the governor next week and
 4 I'm going to talk to him about it, so.
 5 Q. What is Mr. Lee's position today?
 6 A. He works with small governments,
 7 but I'm not sure what his official title
 8 is.
 9 But I know he works with like
 10 mayors and city councils and everything to
 11 kind of do grassroots efforts across the
 12 state.
 13 So anything the state's trying to
 14 accomplish, he works with those smaller
 15 offices within the state to try to help
 16 make sure we're all working collectively
 17 to benefit the whole.
 18 Q. Is he housed, so to speak, within
 19 the office of the governor?
 20 A. Yes.
 21 Q. Who is his boss?
 22 A. To my knowledge it's just Robert
 23 Bentley. He answers to Robert Bentley. I

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1 know it was a created position
 2 specifically for Zach because Zach worked
 3 as the governor's aide for a while.
 4 And they weren't sure how to move
 5 him up with the experience that he had,
 6 and so that was something he was
 7 interested in was working with small
 8 governments.
 9 He's from a small town himself and
 10 is very passionate about what the local
 11 areas are doing, and so they created that
 12 position for him and allowed him to report
 13 to the governor.
 14 Q. Okay. Has Mr. Lee been
 15 interviewed by anybody-- Ethics
 16 Commission, FBI, anything?
 17 A. I would assume he has, but I do
 18 not know. I have decided it's best not to
 19 speak to Zach while any of these
 20 proceedings are going on.
 21 So I have not spoken with Zach Lee
 22 since I was initially contacted because he
 23 just wanted me -- any time he would call

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1 he just wanted to know what reporters were
 2 saying and what was being said. And I
 3 just -- I don't feel comfortable sharing
 4 any of that information with him anymore.
 5 Q. When you say financial records --
 6 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 7 Q. -- and I asked you about that, and
 8 then you told me about your conversation
 9 with Mr. Lee.
 10 Any other events or people that
 11 you have knowledge of that reflect on the
 12 financial records that we've been talking
 13 about or financial records that reflect
 14 any of the matters in your June 3rd
 15 statement?
 16 A. Mike Echols has access to
 17 everything. He's probably the best person
 18 I can think of that would know about, you
 19 know, how the campaign funds were
 20 allocated and where they went.
 21 And I know the 501(c)(4) that
 22 everyone talks about, I know he's very
 23 well versed in all of that information,

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1 and then as well as Paul Bentley.
 2 I do not think Paul Bentley will
 3 speak to anyone, though, unless he is
 4 subpoenaed and required to be there purely
 5 because if his relationship with his dad
 6 is ever restored, I think he would want to
 7 be able to say I had to. I had to talk.
 8 But Paul Bentley does have access
 9 to all of that financial information as
 10 well because he acted on behalf of the
 11 campaign and helped kind of facilitate
 12 some of those decisions from the campaign
 13 perspective as well.
 14 Q. And where does Paul Bentley live?
 15 A. He lives in Tuscaloosa.
 16 Q. Staying on the subject of finance
 17 and financial records, do you have any
 18 understanding of how Ms. Mason was
 19 compensated? How she was paid?
 20 A. Initially by the state. Then when
 21 it became -- she became a campaign
 22 employee, I know it was switched to
 23 campaign funds.

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1 Mrs. Bentley was asked -- asked
 2 the governor not to bring her back to work
 3 as a state official once the second
 4 campaign was over, though, because of the
 5 affair, and he hired her anyway.
 6 And Mrs. Bentley expressed the
 7 concern that she was making more money
 8 than she was supposed to make, but where
 9 that money was coming from I don't know.
 10 I mean, I've heard speculation
 11 just like everyone else, but I haven't
 12 seen anything with my own eyes and haven't
 13 read anything on my own to know.
 14 Q. And I should probably know this,
 15 but if you're looking for payroll records
 16 for staff members at the office of the
 17 governor, where do you go to look for
 18 those?
 19 A. There's some place online that you
 20 can look it up, but, again, Becca Crawford
 21 and Cheryl Fondon in the bookkeeping
 22 office, they have those direct records and
 23 they can pull them from any year, any

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1 employee that you want to find.
 2 I believe the Department of
 3 Archives is required to keep a record of
 4 it, too, just as part of administration
 5 records.
 6 Q. Also with regard to financial
 7 matters and financial documents, in your
 8 June 3rd statement you mentioned what you
 9 understood to be an interaction between
 10 Paul Bentley and Ms. Mason where he
 11 apparently took his phone, turned on the
 12 recorder, and put it on the dashboard and
 13 said we're going to have a conversation.
 14 Where does your knowledge of that come
 15 from?
 16 A. Mrs. Bentley, and Paul mentioned
 17 it to me briefly, but my main knowledge
 18 comes from Mrs. Bentley.
 19 Q. And what's your understanding of
 20 how she knew?
 21 A. Paul told her. He called her and
 22 told her. And he came to his father and
 23 confronted him with it, told him, and

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1 played the recording for both of them.
 2 Q. Have you heard that recording?
 3 A. No, not the whole thing.
 4 Q. Have you heard some of it?
 5 A. I heard some of it, but, again,
 6 through Mrs. Bentley. But Paul said that
 7 that was something he was going to keep on
 8 his phone and not give access to anywhere
 9 else because it was more for his own
 10 personal safety so that it couldn't be a
 11 he said, she said thing and to prove to
 12 his father that, you know, it was a
 13 manipulation effort is what I was told.
 14 Q. When did you hear a portion of
 15 that conversation that was on Paul
 16 Bentley's phone?
 17 A. Maybe a week after it took place,
 18 and that would have been sometime in the
 19 spring of 2014 as well.
 20 Maybe March or early April. I
 21 can't be for sure. I know that we didn't
 22 tell Paul when we first found out and we
 23 found out in early February.

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1 And Mrs. Bentley felt very
 2 confident in it in March and eventually
 3 confronted Paul because she wasn't sure
 4 what else to do.
 5 And Paul needed his own assurance
 6 that it was really taking place which is
 7 why he felt like he needed to have a
 8 conversation with Rebekah Mason personally
 9 and because they had been family friends
 10 and involved in the same church for a
 11 number of years together.
 12 So he was very concerned and felt
 13 comfortable enough, though, to confront
 14 her with that kind of question.
 15 Q. Where were you when you heard that
 16 recorded conversation?
 17 A. I believe I had gone to
 18 Tuscaloosa. We were doing an event, and I
 19 had gone to Tuscaloosa and was with her at
 20 her house helping her prep for it.
 21 She told me kind of what had
 22 happened and why Paul felt the need to do
 23 it. And said, you know, you'll never

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1 believe she said that they were having an
 2 affair and she knew it was wrong and cried
 3 and everything.
 4 And the only portion I heard was
 5 just Paul saying now you know this is a
 6 recording, you know this is, you know,
 7 here. I don't want you to be able to deny
 8 it. I just want you to know that I've got
 9 it and kind of handled it that way.
 10 But that was, that was all I was
 11 privy to. And they said that they just
 12 did that for my protection, which I was
 13 fine with.
 14 Q. So let me go back. So you go to
 15 Tuscaloosa?
 16 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 17 Q. Where do you go?
 18 A. I go to Mrs. Bentley's house, 11
 19 Ridgeland.
 20 Q. Mrs. Bentley's house?
 21 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 22 Q. Okay. And so Mrs. Bentley's
 23 there?

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1 A. Yes.
 2 Q. And Paul is there?
 3 A. Paul and Melissa, his wife
 4 Melissa.
 5 Q. Anybody else?
 6 A. No.
 7 Q. Okay. So --
 8 A. Security would have been sitting
 9 in the parking lot or the driveway
 10 outside, but we were the only ones in the
 11 house.
 12 Q. And then Paul has his phone;
 13 right?
 14 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). Uh-huh
 15 (affirmative).
 16 Q. That's a yes?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. And he plays for the other three
 19 of you some portion of the recording?
 20 A. Mrs. Bentley and Melissa and Paul
 21 had already had the discussion. They
 22 heard everything, and he confronted the
 23 governor with it at the beach.

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1 But when I was there they --
 2 Mrs. Bentley was relaying that information
 3 to me. And Paul and Melissa had come over
 4 to check on Mrs. Bentley, and they knew
 5 that Mrs. Bentley had told me about it.
 6 And Paul was like, yeah, but look
 7 how I protected myself, and that's why he
 8 let me hear the beginning of him saying,
 9 like, you know I'm recording this
 10 conversation, and he goes yes, and she
 11 admitted everything.
 12 And I was like, well, I was like
 13 I'm glad that you know. I'm glad I'm not
 14 the only one that knew. And I think that
 15 was his way of alleviating some of the
 16 burden from me.
 17 But I had had heard enough
 18 recordings at that time, I didn't really
 19 care to hear anything else.
 20 Q. Have you heard any of that
 21 recording since the spring of 2014?
 22 A. I have not.
 23 Q. Do you know if it's still on

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1 Paul's phone or not?
 2 A. I know that his wife had requested
 3 that he take it off of his phone and put
 4 it in a disc and put it up so that no one
 5 else -- no one could use it improperly but
 6 so that they would have it just in case,
 7 but I'm not sure if that was ever done or
 8 not.
 9 Q. How do you know that she made that
 10 request?
 11 A. Because I heard her, and because
 12 Mrs. Bentley told me that, you know, Paul
 13 needed to do something with it.
 14 And she and Melissa were worried
 15 that it was just going to be on a cell
 16 phone, that anybody could hack it.
 17 Q. And was that request by Mrs. Paul
 18 Bentley made at the same time, this same
 19 meeting that we just talked about, or was
 20 it a different time?
 21 A. It was a different time, but I'm
 22 not sure when because a lot of my
 23 information came from Mrs. Bentley, and

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1 she would tell me when we would just have
 2 conversations.
 3 Q. Do you know if Paul Bentley, in
 4 fact, got the recording off his phone and
 5 put it on some other --
 6 A. I do not know.
 7 Q. -- mechanism?
 8 A. I do not know.
 9 MR. SHARMAN: Let's go off
 10 the record a second.
 11 (Off the record.)
 12 (Whereupon, a document was marked
 13 as Exhibit No. 4 and is attached
 14 to the original transcript.)
 15 Q. All right. Ms. Hannah, I'm going
 16 to show you what has been marked as
 17 Exhibit 4 to your statement here today.
 18 Exhibit 4 I'll represent to you is
 19 a DVD that your counsel provided me in
 20 response to the committee's request.
 21 As I understand it, Mrs. Bentley
 22 made two recordings on her phone of
 23 conversations between Governor Bentley and

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1 Ms. Mason; is that right?
 2 A. Yes, it is.
 3 Q. Then Mrs. Bentley asked you to
 4 make a copy of those two recordings in
 5 full onto a DVD; is that right?
 6 A. Yes. She wanted to make sure the
 7 recordings were no longer on her cell
 8 phone, but she wanted to maintain record
 9 of them.
 10 Q. Okay. And did you do as
 11 Mrs. Bentley asked?
 12 A. I did.
 13 Q. So as I understand it, you made a
 14 copy of the recording on a CD and actually
 15 did that twice.
 16 You gave one to Mrs. Bentley and
 17 retained one for yourself; is that right?
 18 A. I did.
 19 Q. And then once you gave
 20 Mrs. Bentley her copy she removed the
 21 original recording from the phone?
 22 A. I actually removed the original
 23 from her phone as soon as I made sure it

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1 transferred to the CD.
 2 I made sure that it was off of her
 3 phone at her request, and made sure it was
 4 also not on the computer that was used to
 5 burn the CD initially.
 6 Q. And before you removed it from the
 7 phone did you assure yourself that the
 8 recording on the CD was a full and
 9 accurate copy of what had been on the
 10 phone?
 11 A. Yes. I listened to them
 12 simultaneously to make sure that
 13 everything came through in an audible way
 14 so that she had what she needed to know.
 15 Q. Okay. Were there any differences,
 16 gaps, or inaudible parts when you made
 17 that comparison?
 18 A. No.
 19 Q. You then kept your copy of the CD
 20 in your own personal safe deposit box; is
 21 that right?
 22 A. In a lockbox, yes, I did, uh-huh
 23 (affirmative).

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1 Q. About when were you making these
 2 copies for yourself and for Mrs. Bentley?
 3 A. The first one I believe was in the
 4 very end of February or very early March
 5 of 2014 shortly after I confronted
 6 Mrs. Bentley about the affair between
 7 Robert Bentley and Rebekah Mason.
 8 Q. When did Mrs. Bentley ask you to
 9 make the transfer or the copy from her
 10 phone to a CD?
 11 A. It would have been in early March.
 12 After she made the recording they took a
 13 beach trip together where she received the
 14 first recording, and then he had another
 15 conversation once they returned to
 16 Montgomery.
 17 And she did not want either of
 18 them on her phone so she asked me to make
 19 sure they were taken off but records were
 20 still kept of the conversations.
 21 Q. Then later you gave the CD that
 22 was in your lockbox to your counsel?
 23 A. I did.

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1 Q. That was not another copy? That
 2 was actually the copy that you had made
 3 earlier?
 4 MR. HALE: Directly from her
 5 phone, yeah.
 6 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Is that right?
 7 A. Yes, my attorney Tom Hale has the
 8 only copy that I have and the original
 9 copy that I made when I made
 10 Mrs. Bentley's copy of the recording. He
 11 has it in his possession at his office.
 12 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) And if your
 13 counsel's office made a copy of that
 14 recording, that copy will contain the same
 15 thing as was on Mrs. Bentley's phone?
 16 A. It should, yes.
 17 Q. Okay.
 18 MR. HALE: Jack, in the
 19 event that it does become necessary to
 20 sustain the best evidence rule, I believe
 21 there's no question that what I have and I
 22 will make it available to you or whomever
 23 else requires it with my own affidavit a

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1 chain of custody as the best evidence of
 2 that conversation.
 3 MR. DOSS: How long are both
 4 recordings?
 5 MR. HALE: They're 24, 25,
 6 26 minutes.
 7 (Off the record.)
 8 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Ms. Hannah, so
 9 where we are is that to ensure the
 10 integrity of the chain of custody,
 11 Exhibit 4 to your statement is a CD that
 12 you provided to your counsel; is that
 13 right?
 14 A. It is.
 15 Q. And as we just discussed, that is
 16 the CD that contains the two recordings
 17 that you made directly from Mrs. Bentley's
 18 phone at Mrs. Bentley's request; right?
 19 A. Yes.
 20 Q. And this is also the CD that you
 21 personally listened to and compared
 22 simultaneously to the recordings on
 23 Mrs. Bentley's phone; is that right?

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1 A. Yes.
 2 Q. You satisfied yourself after that
 3 effort that there were no gaps or failures
 4 to record or distortions as a result of
 5 the CD that you made?
 6 A. Yes.
 7 MR. DOSS: And to be clear,
 8 I think before we went off the record you
 9 had marked as Exhibit 4 a copy of the CD,
 10 but now we're marking as Exhibit 4 the
 11 original CD that was created by you; is
 12 that correct?
 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's
 14 correct.
 15 MR. SHARMAN: Exactly.
 16 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure
 17 how particular you're being, but Dianne is
 18 spelled with two Ns, and on that CD it
 19 just has one, but it is two Ns.
 20 MR. HALE: That's my fault.
 21 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) And it has on it
 22 Diane Bentley's recordings of RJB, slash,
 23 RM, and that's your counsel's handwriting

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1 on here?
 2 A. It is.
 3 MR. HALE: Do you want to go
 4 off the record one second?
 5 MR. SHARMAN: Sure.
 6 (Off the record.)
 7 Q. Ms. Hannah, in your statement of
 8 June 3rd with regard to the disposable
 9 phones that we discussed earlier, you
 10 mentioned that the governor started buying
 11 the disposable phones when he realized
 12 Mrs. Bentley was reading his text
 13 messages. How do you know that?
 14 A. Because he was very angry at both
 15 of us. He blamed me for us knowing about
 16 a lot of his conversations.
 17 He claimed that I had bugged his
 18 office and his recliner in the mansion
 19 upstairs, and had Nance Bishop and his
 20 team sweep the mansion and the Capitol on
 21 a more regular, more often basis because
 22 of my so-called bugs.
 23 When really Mrs. Bentley and I

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1 were not digging into his cell phone. We
 2 did not have to. We had access to the
 3 iPad that he had originally gotten to use
 4 to help him with speeches, but he chose
 5 not to use it anymore, just to stick with
 6 the paper copy.
 7 So he gave her the iPad and it was
 8 synced to his iCloud on his cell phone,
 9 which meant every text message he received
 10 and every e-mail he received connected to
 11 the iPad automatically.
 12 And so any time there was any kind
 13 of correspondence with anyone, it would
 14 come through on the iPad.
 15 And Mrs. Bentley could see it and
 16 I could see it as plainly as anyone could
 17 have, and that was really with his
 18 permission because he gave it to us.
 19 Q. But how did he know that
 20 Mrs. Bentley was reading his text
 21 messages?
 22 A. Because she confronted him about a
 23 couple of different things that were said

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1 in the text messages specifically.
 2 And he slipped up and sent
 3 Mrs. Bentley several text messages that he
 4 intended for Rebekah, and the reason we
 5 know that is because they have Rebekah's
 6 name in them, even though he sent them to
 7 Mrs. Bentley.
 8 Oh, and he always used a red rose
 9 emoji for Rebekah, but not for
 10 Mrs. Bentley.
 11 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) You mentioned the
 12 iPad.
 13 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 14 Q. Now, that iPad was turned in when
 15 Mrs. Bentley left?
 16 A. My understanding it was state
 17 property and owned by the state and the
 18 governor used it. And so when
 19 Mrs. Bentley was no longer First Lady and
 20 no longer married to the governor, it was
 21 my understanding that she had to give it
 22 -- she gave it back.
 23 Q. Okay. Do you know to whom she

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1 gave it?
 2 A. I'm not sure who she turned it
 3 into. It could have been Cheryl Fondon
 4 who kept up with the inventory. It could
 5 have been Cleve since he was responsible
 6 for technology.
 7 MR. DOSS: I think we saw a
 8 note about the iPad being a gift from
 9 China.
 10 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes, he
 11 was given, he was given an iPad from the
 12 state and he was given one of those
 13 Samsung tablet things from China.
 14 And we -- Mrs. Bentley and I
 15 had both of them in our possession at one
 16 time or another out of the governor's
 17 frustration of not feeling comfortable
 18 using it.
 19 Which all that was, I mean,
 20 state property. Any gift given to the
 21 governor is considered state property.
 22 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Are you aware of
 23 any instances when in your view Governor

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1 Bentley improperly delegated to Ms. Mason
 2 his decisionmaking authority or power as
 3 governor?
 4 A. Can you be more specific? I mean,
 5 what do you mean by that?
 6 Q. Well, obviously a governor can
 7 have influential advisers.
 8 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 9 Q. In such a situation other advisers
 10 may be jealous of or resentful of the
 11 influential adviser.
 12 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 13 Q. That may or may not be a good
 14 model of management, but there's nothing
 15 particularly troubling about it.
 16 A. Right.
 17 Q. On the other hand, if a governor
 18 is not doing his job and in part is not
 19 doing his job because he is vesting the
 20 influential adviser with more authority or
 21 power than the governor should in order to
 22 carry out his constitutional duties, that
 23 may be a different matter.

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. I realize that's not much better

3 definition, but that's what I'm getting

4 at.

5 A. No, no, that's helpful. I did not

6 see it firsthand, but I do know that from

7 seeing text messages and from things

8 Mrs. Bentley had relayed to me, if Rebekah

9 wanted someone removed from their

10 position, no matter what that position

11 might be, that person was generally gone

12 not too much long after.

13 Angi Smith was relieved of her

14 position in the governor's office not too

15 long after she discovered the affair. She

16 saw the governor and heard a conversation

17 of the governor with Rebekah.

18 Assumed it was Mrs. Bentley

19 because of the private nature of their

20 conversation, and when he hung up the

21 phone she saw it was Rebekah Mason.

22 And she immediately confronted the

23 governor with it, and he got very angry

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1 with her and asked her to get out of the

2 car.

3 And so she confronted Rebekah the

4 next day, and it was my understanding that

5 she went immediately to the governor and

6 the governor immediately had Angi removed

7 from her position.

8 We all know that Spencer Collier

9 was removed from his position, thanks to

10 Twitter, and Rebekah Mason had full

11 control over the governor's social media

12 and all of his communication efforts.

13 So there were a lot of red flags

14 that led us to believe that she was

15 influencing a lot of his decisions,

16 whether it was related to state decisions

17 and economic decisions.

18 We know she definitely had his

19 ear, but definitely on the hiring and

20 firing of individuals usually if she said

21 she wanted it to happen, that person

22 wasn't around much longer, which is why so

23 many state employees were very concerned

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1 to not be in Rebekah Mason's favor because

2 they felt like their jobs would be at risk

3 if they weren't.

4 MR. HALE: Heather, was it

5 also a mandatory condition of Rebekah's

6 hire by the governor that he also employ

7 her husband Jon Mason?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, that was

9 the initial stipulation put on when they

10 first came at the very, very beginning

11 when he took office.

12 MR. HALE: So he filled a

13 position that was in a little known part

14 of the cabinet?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, he was

16 the office -- Jon Mason became the office

17 of -- Director of the Office of Faith

18 Based Community Initiatives.

19 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Is it your

20 conclusion that Mr. Mason was given that

21 position because of Ms. Mason's influence?

22 A. Yes. It was my understanding and

23 the understanding of many of us on the

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1 campaign that if Rebekah was going to move

2 to Montgomery, her husband Jon Mason had

3 to have a job so that he could move to

4 Montgomery so that their full family would

5 be able to be provided for in the event of

6 their move.

7 They ended up not moving their

8 children from the school in Tuscaloosa to

9 Montgomery like they had originally

10 discussed.

11 And Rebekah and Jon both chose to

12 commute to and from Tuscaloosa to

13 Montgomery for their positions, but both

14 of them did maintain their state office

15 during that time.

16 Q. Was Mr. Mason unqualified for that

17 position?

18 A. It would be purely my opinion, but

19 yes. Jon Mason had worked more in the

20 marketing communication role.

21 He had helped like

22 behind-the-scenes newscast and conferences

23 with WVUA, which is the local Tuscaloosa

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1 station, but to my knowledge had no
 2 previous experience, definitely not
 3 running a state agency, but very limited
 4 experience with community outreach and
 5 charitable organizations.
 6 Q. Are there any other examples other
 7 than Ms. Mason's influence over personnel
 8 termination type decisions that you think
 9 would be evidence of the governor
 10 improperly providing her with power,
 11 authority, or duties?
 12 A. I know that Rebekah Mason wanted
 13 me to be gone immediately, and the
 14 governor hired Collier Tynes to
 15 quote/unquote keep Mrs. Bentley busy, but
 16 also as a distraction for Mrs. Bentley and
 17 somebody to become the "me" so that I
 18 could be removed.
 19 He tried to get me to move to the
 20 campaign because it was understood that he
 21 would have to hire you back if you went to
 22 the campaign, he would have to hire you
 23 back as a state employee.

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1 And at that time he had personally
 2 threatened me in the governor's mansion
 3 kitchen prior to a dinner we were having
 4 and had spoken to me very sternly in the
 5 parking lot outside the office of the
 6 governor's mansion.
 7 And the actual governor's mansion
 8 he had spoken to me about staying out of
 9 their personal lives and their personal
 10 business very sternly.
 11 And Mrs. Bentley, again, had seen
 12 text messages that brought my name up, and
 13 the governor again had already told Nance
 14 Bishop that I was bugging his office and
 15 was extremely suspicious of me.
 16 And Rebekah always seemed to be
 17 fueling that fire and said that I did not
 18 need to be in that position because I was
 19 going to mess up their image.
 20 MR. HALE: Jack, let me ask
 21 this real quick. Did Governor Bentley
 22 allow Rebekah Mason to stay at the
 23 Wynfield estate?

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1 THE WITNESS: He allowed her
 2 to stay in the guesthouse at the
 3 governor's mansion.
 4 And then Stan Stabler
 5 reported to us that the governor and
 6 Rebekah Mason spent time together at the
 7 Wynfield estate which is part of the state
 8 property.
 9 MR. HALE: Did the governor
 10 allow her free access to the pool house at
 11 the beach --
 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 13 MR. HALE: The governor's
 14 beach cottage?
 15 THE WITNESS: The pool house
 16 is considered to be an additional building
 17 right behind the governor's mansion, and,
 18 yes, he did give her access to that when
 19 she needed to stay at leisure.
 20 MR. HALE: Did he give her
 21 access to the property immediately next
 22 door which is state-owned?
 23 THE WITNESS: The Hill

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1 House?
 2 MR. HALE: Yes.
 3 THE WITNESS: Not that I
 4 know of.
 5 MR. HALE: Okay.
 6 THE WITNESS: It was just
 7 the pool house because it's in the gates
 8 and in the confines of the governor's
 9 mansion.
 10 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Okay. Let me
 11 back up -- go ahead.
 12 MR. DOSS: Are you aware of
 13 any other state employees or people in
 14 positions comparable to Ms. Mason's that
 15 were afforded similar privileges?
 16 THE WITNESS: The only other
 17 person that got to stay in the pool house
 18 at the governor's mansion was Clay Ryan,
 19 and he was an attorney at Maynard Cooper
 20 and now is VP of something at the
 21 University of Alabama.
 22 VP of -- I don't know. He's
 23 got a very important role at Alabama. I

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1 don't remember what his official title is.
 2 And if you listen to gossip
 3 in Montgomery, a lot of people feel that
 4 it was because he knew a lot of
 5 information about the governor and Rebekah
 6 and their affair, because he was brought
 7 in kind of during that time as a
 8 consultant and became very heavily
 9 involved with the second campaign, more so
 10 than he had been before.
 11 And then all of a sudden he
 12 was moved to a position at the University
 13 of Alabama and removed from being a
 14 consultant for the governor.
 15 MR. HALE: Were there also
 16 occasions when the governor's staff,
 17 including Ms. Mason, would use the state
 18 plane to fly to different functions, only
 19 to have everybody except the governor and
 20 Ms. Mason drive back so he could be alone
 21 with her on the state plane?
 22 THE WITNESS: That was my
 23 understanding that that happened on

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1 several occasions, yes.
 2 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Do you know that
 3 or -- I mean how do you know that?
 4 A. Because Zach Lee would come back
 5 and get back before the governor would,
 6 and we wouldn't know why. Because usually
 7 if you ride in the plane with the
 8 governor, you're in the governor's caravan
 9 when you return to the governor's mansion.
 10 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) All right. Let
 11 me back up a second. So you described two
 12 events.
 13 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 14 Q. Two interactions --
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. -- with the governor. One in the
 17 kitchen of the governor's mansion?
 18 A. Yes.
 19 Q. And then a separate one in the
 20 parking lot?
 21 A. Yes.
 22 Q. Okay. First, the one in the
 23 parking lot when was that?

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1 A. It all happened in the spring, so
 2 maybe the end of March, beginning of
 3 April.
 4 It was after Mrs. Bentley had
 5 confronted him about the affair and really
 6 I think after Paul Bentley had found out
 7 about it. He was very angry with me and
 8 blamed everything on me.
 9 For whatever reason he did not
 10 consider Mrs. Bentley, who is a
 11 bacteriologist by trade, intelligent
 12 enough to be able to figure out how to
 13 record his conversations and felt like I
 14 was the person behind it and who had
 15 engineered knowing what was going on with
 16 his relationship.
 17 Q. Which came first, the parking lot
 18 conversation or the kitchen conversation?
 19 A. The kitchen conversation actually
 20 came first, and that happened at the end
 21 of March.
 22 We were getting ready for an
 23 event, and he was very angry that day and

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1 he came in. And I don't remember what I
 2 did to initiate it.
 3 I just remember over the course of
 4 our conversation he yelled at me and told
 5 me that I needed to get married and stay
 6 out of their business because I was too
 7 involved with them and he didn't want me
 8 there anymore.
 9 And then the parking lot
 10 conversation was in reference to me -- him
 11 thinking that I had bugged his office, and
 12 he was just telling me that I better -- he
 13 was like you just better watch it, you
 14 better watch it. I'm the governor of
 15 Alabama and people fall at my throne and
 16 you don't know what you're getting
 17 yourself into.
 18 Q. What parking lot was this?
 19 A. So there's like the governor's
 20 mansion. When you pull in it has like a
 21 little parking area in between the
 22 governor's mansion and the pool house and
 23 the office building where the governor's

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1 mansion staff generally parks.
 2 And the governor all -- his
 3 security detail always pulls up to the
 4 back door of the mansion, which is really
 5 adjoined to where the staff parks.
 6 And it's, basically, to the side
 7 of the Alabama state-shaped swimming pool.
 8 And it was just right out there in the
 9 parking lot when he came home one day.
 10 Q. Okay. Was anybody else present
 11 for either of these two conversations?
 12 A. In the kitchen -- I mean people
 13 were in the governor's mansion, but we
 14 were the only two in the kitchen.
 15 And the chef came in, chef Jim
 16 Smith walked in, and the governor kind of
 17 walked off at that point. They have a big
 18 swinging door, so as soon as he heard
 19 that.
 20 And then outside, no. And the
 21 only reason he caught me by myself outside
 22 is because I was running a speech up to
 23 Mrs. Bentley on my way out and just ran

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1 into him, basically, in the parking lot.
 2 And I said hey, Governor, and he I guess
 3 had had a bad day that day.
 4 Q. Is there anybody that can verify
 5 your recitation of the conversations?
 6 A. If anybody could, it would be the
 7 guys that worked the gate at the
 8 governor's mansion that night because they
 9 have cameras all around the governor's
 10 mansion complex.
 11 And there's definitely a camera
 12 that faces there and they would be able to
 13 see, see.
 14 I'm not sure if there's audio. I
 15 believe there is, but they would be able
 16 to see those conversations.
 17 And as far as the kitchen goes,
 18 Mrs. Bentley was walking down the stairs
 19 and chef Jim Smith was walking in the
 20 kitchen, but I talked to Mrs. Bentley
 21 about it immediately after it happened, so
 22 she was aware of our conversation.
 23 Q. Other than those two occasions,

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1 were there any occasions when Governor
 2 Bentley threatened you or even expressed
 3 his displeasure with you with regard to
 4 his relationship with Mrs. Bentley or
 5 Ms. Mason?
 6 A. No. The governor and I once the
 7 affair started did our best to minimize
 8 our interactions with one another.
 9 Q. You also mentioned in your
 10 June 3rd statement about a proposed
 11 confidentiality agreement?
 12 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 13 Q. When did that first come to your
 14 attention?
 15 A. It was after the affair started
 16 and everyone was, everyone was concerned
 17 with, you know, who was going to talk to
 18 who and if somebody was going to talk to a
 19 reporter or if somebody was going to go to
 20 the police.
 21 And I was told that the governor's
 22 office staff was going to sign a
 23 confidentiality agreement just

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1 guaranteeing that anything we saw or heard
 2 would be kept secret.
 3 And I told them that I wasn't
 4 going to sign anything. That if we hadn't
 5 had to sign one when we entered our
 6 contract with the state, that I didn't see
 7 it was necessary to sign one at that time.
 8 And that, you know, they hired me
 9 on the goodwill knowing that, you know, I
 10 would maintain their privacy and I have
 11 thus far and would continue to do so.
 12 So I did not sign any documents,
 13 but I know several other state employees
 14 were asked to and did.
 15 But me being at the governor's
 16 mansion I felt a little bit safe, safer
 17 and more protected from what was going on
 18 at the Capitol.
 19 Q. Who proposed that you sign a
 20 confidentiality agreement?
 21 A. I know the governor mentioned it
 22 to me. I believe Ray Lewis also talked to
 23 me about it just because he was the head

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1 of the governor's security detail.
 2 And at the time David Perry was
 3 Governor Bentley's chief of staff, and I
 4 believe he was kind of facilitating that
 5 as well.
 6 Q. Did Mr. Lewis or anybody else
 7 actually present you with a proposed
 8 agreement?
 9 A. No, they told me that we were
 10 going to be asked to sign one. And I
 11 said, you know, I wasn't going to, and so
 12 I never saw the agreement until they
 13 presented it to me the other day and saw
 14 it.
 15 I knew that a couple of other
 16 people had and they kind of told me what
 17 was in it, but that was about all I knew
 18 about the document.
 19 Q. When you say "they" presented it,
 20 are you talking about investigators from
 21 the Ethics Commission?
 22 A. Yes, investigators of the Ethics
 23 Commission showed me the document, the

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1 confidentiality document, and asked if I
 2 was ever asked to sign it.
 3 Q. Okay. And there's one that's
 4 Exhibit 2 to the statement you gave on
 5 June 3rd. Is that what it was that you
 6 were shown?
 7 A. Yes.
 8 Q. And this one appears to been an
 9 executed copy by a man named Seth Hammett?
 10 A. Yes, Seth Hammett became the
 11 governor's chief of staff prior -- or
 12 after David Perry left that position.
 13 Q. This document is dated August 17th
 14 of 2014. Is that consistent with your
 15 recollection about when you were asked to
 16 sign a confidentiality agreement?
 17 A. No. The confidentiality agreement
 18 was brought to me the summer of 2014, so
 19 maybe June, but I had left prior to August
 20 of 2014. I had chosen to leave already.
 21 Q. So --
 22 A. I left after the primary.
 23 Q. -- you were gone when this

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1 agreement was proposed to you?
 2 A. No. I was still there when they
 3 told me we were going to have to sign it
 4 --
 5 Q. Okay.
 6 A. -- but when that agreement and the
 7 date on that agreement, you know, was I
 8 guess actually printed or published, I'm
 9 not sure how they got it, I was already
 10 gone at that time. So I don't know if
 11 that was when it was first circulated or
 12 not.
 13 MR. DOSS: Were you ever
 14 told not to speak to law enforcement, for
 15 example, about anything concerning the
 16 governor?
 17 THE WITNESS: I was told not
 18 to talk to anybody about it by Ray Lewis
 19 who's head of security detail.
 20 And I know the chief of
 21 staff, whoever it was at the time, you
 22 know, we went through three, so that the
 23 three people they were always like, you

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1 know, if you ever have a concern about the
 2 governor or, you know, anything conducted
 3 in the governor's office, bring it to us,
 4 it's confidential.
 5 I mean, you know, pretty
 6 standard, you know, you have to uphold the
 7 secrecy of the state and discussions you
 8 may overhear, especially with me being in
 9 the car with Mrs. Bentley, but nothing in
 10 a forceful or concerning manner.
 11 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) And then I
 12 believe this is reflected in your June 3rd
 13 statement, but Exhibit 1 to that statement
 14 is a timeline; correct?
 15 A. It is. It's a timeline that was
 16 created by myself and Collier Tynes.
 17 Collier Tynes, again, is the girl that
 18 came in as an intern under me and then
 19 stayed in an official state position after
 20 me.
 21 But we worked together during the
 22 leadership of Mrs. Dianne Bentley when she
 23 was serving as the First Lady.

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1 But those are things that Collier
 2 and I either witnessed or experienced
 3 during our time at the state, and Collier
 4 continued the testimony past when I left,
 5 I think with her own statements in there
 6 as well.
 7 Q. Who drafted this timeline?
 8 A. Collier and I sat together, but
 9 she's the one that physically typed it.
 10 Q. When was it created?
 11 A. It was created the spring as soon
 12 as Yellowhammer came out with the
 13 recordings because Collier and I knew that
 14 once the recordings were out there were
 15 enough people with good hearts and good
 16 intentions that wanted the best for the
 17 state of Alabama, and we felt like an
 18 investigation would probably come out
 19 because of it.
 20 Also, when Spencer Collier gave
 21 his statement we knew that some action
 22 would have to be pursued, and we wanted to
 23 make sure that even though the years had

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1 passed, we still remembered correctly, you
 2 know, what had happened and what our
 3 experiences were.
 4 Q. And when you say "created",
 5 created in the spring of this year, 2016?
 6 A. Yes, spring of 2016. She and I
 7 each individually had notes of our own
 8 from our experiences, but we put them
 9 together in order to create that document.
 10 Q. Do you still retain the underlying
 11 notes?
 12 A. I do not.
 13 Q. Does --
 14 A. Collier.
 15 Q. -- Collier have the underlying
 16 notes? I'm sorry.
 17 A. To my knowledge Collier destroyed
 18 hers as well. We discussed it and decided
 19 that once it was put together on an
 20 official timeline and both of our
 21 attorneys had copies of it, it was
 22 probably best for our own safety and care
 23 just to go ahead and destroy the notes

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1 that we had because they're all in that
 2 timeline.
 3 MR. DOSS: Speaking of
 4 which, I know in your June 3rd statement
 5 at that point you knew that Collier was
 6 represented, but you weren't sure what her
 7 lawyer's name was.
 8 THE WITNESS: Joe Hubbard.
 9 MR. DOSS: Joe Hubbard.
 10 THE WITNESS: You would
 11 think I would remember that.
 12 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) You mentioned
 13 Clay Ryan. What was Mr. Ryan's position?
 14 A. He was brought in just as a
 15 consultant, and I'm not sure to what
 16 degree because we worked with several
 17 different attorneys on different matters.
 18 So Clay was just brought in as a
 19 general consultant and would give advice
 20 and direction when asked for it.
 21 He did work out of the Capitol
 22 building some, but I know maintained
 23 employment with Maynard Cooper during that

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1 time.
 2 He did have access to the
 3 governor's mansion guesthouse when he
 4 would have to do overnight stays, but we
 5 ultimately decided that that probably
 6 wasn't the most ethical decision. And so
 7 he was asked to get an apartment or a
 8 hotel from that point on.
 9 But Clay was very involved in what
 10 went on at the capital as well as what
 11 went on, especially during the second
 12 campaign cycle.
 13 Q. What did he consult about? In
 14 other words, was there a particular
 15 expertise or subject matter?
 16 A. I'm not sure. I was generally not
 17 in meetings that involved Clay. All I
 18 know is he was just considered to be a
 19 legal consultant to the governor.
 20 And honestly, I'm not sure who
 21 brought him in or how we got connected
 22 with him to start.
 23 MR. WILLSON: Ms. Hannah,

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1 were there guest registers or visitor logs
 2 for the pool house, for the Wynfield
 3 estate, or other residential state
 4 properties?
 5 THE WITNESS: Any time
 6 someone enters or leaves the gates of the
 7 Alabama governor's mansion their name is
 8 recorded.
 9 So whether it was for
 10 Mrs. Bentley's Bible study or, you know,
 11 First Lady's tea or whatever it may be,
 12 everyone's name had to be recorded.
 13 And they had to present a
 14 license if the back gate security did not
 15 know who they were. Or if they knew who
 16 they were, you know, they still recorded
 17 the time they entered and the time they
 18 left the mansion.
 19 So all of those logs have
 20 everything in them, including, you know,
 21 if somebody had an overnight stay or not.
 22 As far as the Wynfield
 23 estate is concerned it's a little bit

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1 different. They do have some cameras up
 2 there that kind of watch over the gate,
 3 but there's no security that sits out
 4 there on a daily basis because it was a
 5 minimal use residence.
 6 So it started off as just a
 7 place where the governor would go fish or,
 8 you know, ride a golf cart just to kind of
 9 get outside, and then it kind of evolved
 10 into a little bit more.
 11 So Wayne Hoyt is the man
 12 responsible for the Wynfield estate. He's
 13 also a state employee and kind of helps
 14 with maintenance and really anything else
 15 that needs to be taken care of at the
 16 Capitol or any state properties.
 17 But Wayne Hoyt had the main
 18 access to the Wynfield estate and would
 19 give the governor and First Lady the codes
 20 to access the gate any time, you know,
 21 they needed to go out there.
 22 MR. WILLSON: Did Wayne Hoyt
 23 also have similar control over the Blount

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1 mansion?
 2 THE WITNESS: The Blount
 3 mansion and Wynfield are the same place.
 4 I don't know why they have two names, but
 5 they do. The Blount is -- the Blounts are
 6 the ones that gifted Wynfield estate to
 7 the state of Alabama, and I guess they
 8 changed it to Wynfield to not -- I don't
 9 know specifically, bring out any family I
 10 guess.
 11 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) The visitor's
 12 logs at the governor's mansion were they
 13 paper logs?
 14 A. No. They were all computerized.
 15 Q. Was there a program or platform
 16 that they were contained in?
 17 A. I'm sure, but I'm not sure what
 18 that program or platform was. Most of
 19 them are Montgomery police officers, and
 20 there were a couple of state troopers that
 21 manned that position as well.
 22 But they were all on assignment,
 23 but it all went into the log and was

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1 recorded and kept so that if anything ever
 2 came up missing or if anything happened
 3 during that time, they would have record
 4 of everybody that came through.
 5 But I'm not sure how long they
 6 keep those records or anything else.
 7 Q. If you were going to try to get
 8 records who would you ask -- those records
 9 who would you ask?
 10 A. At the time I would have asked
 11 Officer James Lewis, but I'm not sure that
 12 he's there anymore. He is -- he had been
 13 at the back gate longer than almost
 14 anyone.
 15 Chris Hines worked there for a
 16 while until he became Mrs. Bentley's
 17 security detail. Chris Hines will be able
 18 to tell you a lot about the inner-workings
 19 of the back gate and how it works and who
 20 keeps records and everything else.
 21 Mike Jemison, who is now part of
 22 the governor's detail, also worked the
 23 back gate at the governor's mansion and

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1 would be able to tell you how it works and
 2 where it was stored and those things of
 3 that nature.
 4 Q. Did you ever see the visitor's
 5 log?
 6 A. Absolutely.
 7 Q. What does it look like?
 8 A. Almost like an Excel spreadsheet a
 9 little bit. A little bit more official
 10 than that.
 11 But it just has the name of the
 12 person, the date, what gate they entered,
 13 which we were blessed at the time I was at
 14 the mansion, the front gate didn't even
 15 work, so it was always the back gate.
 16 And then the time they entered and
 17 left the property. If it was a new person
 18 or somebody we didn't know, sometime it
 19 would even give the vehicle
 20 identification.
 21 But any time somebody came on or
 22 left the property they were required to
 23 announce it, so they would say, you know,

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1 Heather Hannah is on the grounds, Heather
 2 Hannah is off the grounds, you know, any
 3 time you came and left.
 4 Q. Announce it how?
 5 A. Over an intercom system that is in
 6 the governor's mansion and the Hill house
 7 and in the offices behind it.
 8 Q. Inside the governor's mansion are
 9 there any security portals? For example,
 10 do people have to badge in and out?
 11 A. The actual governor's mansion?
 12 No. Once you enter the confines of the
 13 mansion complex is what they call it, you
 14 kind of have access to any of those
 15 buildings.
 16 Now, we did practice going in
 17 lockdown and locking up the mansion, and,
 18 of course, it had its own alarm system and
 19 everything.
 20 But once you were on the
 21 governor's mansion property you,
 22 basically, could go wherever you wanted to
 23 go.

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1 Now, if it was a special guest of
 2 the First Lady, I usually greeted them in
 3 the parking lot before they even had a
 4 chance to walk up because they were
 5 required to park in the back and walk all
 6 the way up the driveway, so we could --
 7 and then some guests were even personally
 8 escorted by one of the security guys from
 9 the gate itself.
 10 Q. Do you know whether or not it's
 11 possible to alter visitor logs after the
 12 fact?
 13 A. In my experience with computers
 14 you can alter anything. I would hope that
 15 it wouldn't be. And the officers that I
 16 had the privilege of working with had some
 17 of the highest ethical codes that I had
 18 the privilege of meeting.
 19 And I respect them and would trust
 20 that they wouldn't, but, again, I'm not
 21 sure where those logs went once they were
 22 recorded, and anything that is on a
 23 computer ultimately can be changed.

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1 Q. Switching topics again.
 2 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 3 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge
 4 relating to Spencer Collier's termination?
 5 A. I do not. I was as surprised as
 6 anybody when I saw it because I had the
 7 privilege of knowing Spencer Collier when
 8 he and the governor were together in the
 9 House of Representatives when we were on
 10 the first campaign.
 11 That was the first time I met him.
 12 And when he came on to be a part of the
 13 governor's administration, I was really
 14 excited and relieved because not only his
 15 background and experience, but just
 16 because I felt like he knew the governor
 17 so well and I felt like they would work
 18 together in a great way.
 19 MR. DOSS: Just backing up a
 20 little bit, you mentioned that in your
 21 experience any computer record could be
 22 altered or changed?
 23 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh

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1 (affirmative), uh-huh (affirmative).
 2 MR. DOSS: Broadly speaking,
 3 are you aware of any state records
 4 pertaining to the governor and his
 5 relationship with Ms. Mason that have been
 6 doctored, altered, deleted, or impaired in
 7 any way?
 8 A. I did not personally alter
 9 anything in any way, but I do know that
 10 some of the features and things that we
 11 would see on the calendar one week after
 12 they happened would be very different in
 13 who went or, you know, what took place.
 14 Who would do it, I'm not sure.
 15 Linda Adams was the main one that edited,
 16 but she wasn't the only one with access,
 17 so it was always interesting to see how
 18 his schedule would evolve and what would
 19 change.
 20 Q. Do you have an example?
 21 A. The main ones would be like at the
 22 National Governors Association meeting.
 23 That's the main one that sticks out in my

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1 mind.
 2 Rebekah Mason was on the campaign
 3 at that time and was still allowed to come
 4 to the National Governors Association
 5 meeting with the staff.
 6 And there were certain meetings
 7 that she was not originally on the list to
 8 attend, and once we got there and once we
 9 returned she was suddenly on the list.
 10 And as far as like her travel
 11 plans were concerned, the travel plans
 12 Mrs. Bentley and I were aware that she had
 13 were different.
 14 Once we arrived she had, you know,
 15 she had flown in a different way, so just
 16 small things like that. But again, this
 17 was at the beginning when it all first
 18 started happening is when I played the
 19 biggest role I guess in the
 20 administration.
 21 MR. HALE: What you're
 22 saying is after the fact, a week or two
 23 weeks or whatever, if somebody would look

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1 back at the calendar, it would reflect
 2 something different than what actually
 3 occurred?
 4 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh
 5 (affirmative). Or if they would print out
 6 something or would look at it on the phone
 7 and we would get there and just, so.
 8 And I know the biggest
 9 complaint about them going to the Céline
 10 Dion concert was they arrived with one
 11 schedule. And once they got there a whole
 12 different book was brought out and went on
 13 a completely different schedule.
 14 But, again, that's what I
 15 was told from their security detail, not
 16 from what I witnessed my own self because
 17 I wasn't -- I was not invited to the
 18 Céline Dion concert.
 19 MR. DOSS: So just to
 20 clarify, were there instances where
 21 Ms. Mason was with the governor and
 22 originally she would appear on the
 23 calendar as a participant, but then after

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1 the fact the calendar event was changed so
 2 that it seemed as though she had not been
 3 present with the governor?
 4 THE WITNESS: Right. Or a
 5 lunch would be scheduled and it wouldn't
 6 have attendees on there, and then after it
 7 had taken place like her name would
 8 appear, things like that.
 9 MR. DOSS: So sometimes her
 10 name would appear, and other times her
 11 name would be removed?
 12 THE WITNESS: Right, just
 13 depending on what event it was. And part
 14 of that we believe is because Mrs. Bentley
 15 tried to put a restriction on the amount
 16 of time the governor and Rebekah were
 17 spending together.
 18 And we feel that they used
 19 the calendar to make Mrs. Bentley believe
 20 that they were spending less time
 21 together.
 22 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Who is "we" when
 23 you say that?

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1 A. Mrs. Bentley and I feel that way.
 2 She always was extremely concerned. When
 3 she first brought up her, I guess her
 4 concern to the governor about it she told
 5 him she didn't want him having anymore
 6 private meetings.
 7 And Mrs. Bentley and I sat down
 8 with several office employees, including
 9 Linda Adams, and Mrs. Bentley pleaded with
 10 them not to allow Rebekah and the governor
 11 in the office alone together.
 12 And then after the fact we would
 13 find out that they had spent plenty of
 14 alone time together, and Mrs. Bentley was
 15 upset about it and just felt like they
 16 were manipulating the calendar to make her
 17 believe what she needed to see.
 18 Q. When you say "they" and "them" who
 19 do you mean?
 20 A. Governor's office employees.
 21 So --
 22 Q. Who?
 23 A. -- for instance, like Mrs. Bentley

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1 and I are involved. She would talk to
 2 Linda Adams and to Wanda -- and I'm sorry,
 3 I don't remember Wanda's last name. She
 4 worked with the governor. Wanda Kelly.
 5 She was the governor's assistant
 6 and sat right outside his office for a
 7 short time.
 8 Mrs. Bentley relayed her concern
 9 to Zach on numerous occasions. Julie
 10 Lindsey she was paid for by PowerSouth,
 11 but worked as a governor's office
 12 employee.
 13 Mrs. Bentley expressed her concern
 14 to all of those women in the office, as
 15 well as Zach the aide, about the amount of
 16 time the governor and Rebekah were
 17 spending together.
 18 And they would initially
 19 sympathize with what Mrs. Bentley was
 20 saying and understand, but then somehow
 21 the calendar would change.
 22 MR. DOSS: PowerSouth? What
 23 is that?

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1 THE WITNESS: It's just like
 2 a power company in the state. I'm not
 3 sure. PowerSouth pays for Seth Hammett's
 4 salary and for Julie Lindsey's salary from
 5 my understanding.
 6 The governor needed
 7 additional help and needed additional
 8 employees but didn't have the state
 9 funding for it, and so they brought
 10 PowerSouth in.
 11 Heather Coleman was their
 12 lobbyist for a long time, and they helped
 13 finance certain office positions.
 14 MR. DOSS: Directly or
 15 through campaign accounts or --
 16 THE WITNESS: My
 17 understanding was directly, but I don't
 18 know. I wasn't paid by PowerSouth, so I
 19 can't be certain.
 20 But it was very general,
 21 open knowledge that both Julie Lindsey and
 22 now Seth Hammett were, basically, financed
 23 by PowerSouth.

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1 MR. WILLSON: One cleanup on
 2 the calendar point.
 3 THE WITNESS: Okay. Uh-huh
 4 (affirmative).
 5 MR. WILLSON: When you say
 6 that the calendar was changed, are you
 7 referring to the -- I'm thinking of
 8 Outlook?
 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 10 MR. WILLSON: Are you
 11 referring to invitees on a given calendar
 12 invitation, or in what ways would the
 13 calendar change?
 14 THE WITNESS: No, there's a
 15 note section on Outlook so you have to put
 16 like a subject of what the event is, where
 17 it is, the date and time it takes place,
 18 and then you can color code it.
 19 I mean, the governor's
 20 office uses its own color-coding system,
 21 but there's a note section underneath.
 22 And Linda would always put who, what,
 23 when, where and kind of re-summarize and

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1 then put additional notes in the note
 2 section of the calendar would be what
 3 would be altered.
 4 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Again, just so
 5 I'm clear, can you identify anybody you
 6 believed actually changed any of those
 7 calendar entries?
 8 A. I mean it could have been anybody
 9 with calendar access. I know that's not
 10 extremely helpful, but that's all I know.
 11 I hate to accuse any one person if I don't
 12 know for sure.
 13 MR. HALE: Did you say, did
 14 you say affirmatively Rebekah had access
 15 to the calendar?
 16 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes,
 17 Rebekah always had access to the
 18 calendars.
 19 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Are you aware of
 20 any expenditures of money caused or
 21 authorized by Governor Bentley with regard
 22 to Ms. Mason that you believe to be
 23 illegal?

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1 A. I know that, and I mean, I would
 2 have to check the receipts, but he would
 3 turn in that he paid for state employees
 4 to have lunch or dinner together at the
 5 National Governors Association meeting and
 6 Rebekah would be there when she was a
 7 campaign employee.
 8 So unless he specifically took her
 9 meal out or just decided he was going to
 10 eat the cost, that would be something the
 11 state had reimbursed him for which in my
 12 opinion is illegal.
 13 To me him using his state cell
 14 phone, state devices, state time to do a
 15 lot of campaign work with Rebekah, whether
 16 that became more personal than political
 17 I'm not sure, but to me spending time
 18 while you're supposed to be acting as the
 19 governor of Alabama and doing campaign
 20 stuff, and doing that within the confines
 21 of the governor's office at the Capitol to
 22 me is not okay and probably is considered
 23 illegal.

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1 So things like that are the ones
 2 that I would have the most experience for
 3 because, again, I chose not to review the
 4 financial documents and I was not privy to
 5 the financial documents that other people
 6 in the state such as Zach Lee and outside
 7 of the state such as Mike Echols and Paul
 8 Bentley had discussed and who were privy
 9 to that.
 10 Q. Do you have any understanding
 11 about the sources of Ms. Mason's salary?
 12 A. My understanding was that there
 13 was an account created for her, and it was
 14 funneled -- some of it was the governor's
 15 personal money, other was donations.
 16 But they funneled money through a
 17 501(c)(4) I believe through the campaign
 18 to her is the way she was paid as well as
 19 her husband.
 20 And I have also been told and
 21 people have complained to me about it that
 22 Jon Mason was getting paid to do some work
 23 for the University of Alabama while he was

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1 a state employee and they felt like that
 2 would be a conflict of interest as well.
 3 But, again, I didn't write a check
 4 to Jon Mason. I have not seen any
 5 payments from the University of Alabama to
 6 Jon Mason so I don't know.
 7 Q. Where did you get your
 8 understanding about the sources of funds
 9 for Ms. Mason's compensation?
 10 A. Zach Lee has mentioned it to me.
 11 Angi Smith mentioned to me, and, then, of
 12 course, just hearsay from Montgomery. I
 13 mean, there's just a lot of gossip that
 14 flies around, and I try to stay out of it
 15 as best as I can.
 16 But Collier Tynes had heard about
 17 that before she left the governor's
 18 office, and before Mrs. Bentley divorced
 19 the governor she was extremely concerned
 20 about it.
 21 So she and I had a couple of phone
 22 calls while she was still a state employee
 23 with her expressing her concern about that

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1 kind of activity because she wanted to
 2 make sure she wasn't, you know, doing
 3 anything and wanted to make sure she
 4 wasn't involved to get in trouble herself.
 5 MR. DOSS: Is Angi Smith
 6 still a state employee?
 7 THE WITNESS: She's not.
 8 She started her own consulting firm and
 9 works out of Prattville, and off the
 10 record.
 11 MR. SHARMAN: Okay.
 12 (Off the record.)
 13 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) I need to ask you
 14 several inelegant questions, okay --
 15 A. Okay.
 16 Q. -- but I have to given my job.
 17 A. I understand.
 18 Q. Did Governor Bentley and Ms. Mason
 19 ever have a physical sexual relationship?
 20 A. Yes, they did.
 21 Q. Okay. And what's your basis for
 22 that statement?
 23 A. Conversations that you can hear in

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1 the recording and some of the text
 2 messages that Mrs. Bentley told me were
 3 sent.
 4 But my personal knowledge comes
 5 directly from the voice of Governor Robert
 6 Bentley on the tape recordings that you
 7 will hear.
 8 Q. Anything besides the tape
 9 recordings and the text messages that
 10 Mrs. Bentley related to you?
 11 A. No. Thank goodness I never saw
 12 anything. There was some inappropriate
 13 touching if you ask me, but everybody has
 14 their own standard of what is and is not
 15 appropriate.
 16 MR. DOSS: The text
 17 messages, I think we've heard a little bit
 18 about.
 19 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh
 20 (affirmative).
 21 MR. DOSS: But I'm not sure
 22 we've actually heard the content of those
 23 text messages. As best as you can recall

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1 what were those text messages?
 2 THE WITNESS: A lot of them
 3 would just be, you know, I love you, I
 4 miss you. You know, I can't way to be
 5 with you. I love the way you feel, or I
 6 love the way you looked in this outfit, or
 7 the way you wear those pants, you know,
 8 things of that nature.
 9 MR. HALE: Tell him about
 10 the boxer short incident.
 11 THE WITNESS: Oh. I was
 12 sitting at dinner with Rebekah Mason and
 13 Wesley Helton one evening. We were in
 14 Georgetown. It was during the NGA,
 15 National Governors
 16 Association meeting.
 17 And Rebekah received a phone
 18 call from the governor and jumped up from
 19 the table and kind of giggled, and like
 20 it's the governor, he's calling me.
 21 And when she came back to
 22 the table she sat down and Wesley was like
 23 oh, no, did he forget something for

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1 tomorrow.
 2 And she said no, he heard
 3 somebody knock on his door and he called
 4 me to tell me that he answered it in his
 5 boxers thinking it was me, and it was just
 6 somebody there to turn down his bed and
 7 put down a chocolate and how disappointed
 8 he was.
 9 And she had had a couple of
 10 drinks at that point which I think is why
 11 she felt so free to relay that to us. I
 12 was really surprised she said that in
 13 front of me.
 14 And I said, eww, gross, you
 15 know, why would you want him to say that
 16 to you. And she was like oh, I thought it
 17 was really cute.
 18 And at that point I just
 19 kind of changed the subject because
 20 honestly I didn't care to hear anymore.
 21 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Anything else
 22 besides what you've already relayed that
 23 would lead you to believe that the

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1 governor and Ms. Mason had a physical
 2 sexual relationship?
 3 A. I mean other than the fact that
 4 they would intentionally find space to be
 5 alone any chance they got.
 6 I mean, if there wasn't something
 7 more than words going on, you don't really
 8 necessarily need the kind of privacy that
 9 they would look for.
 10 Such as there's one instance, and
 11 Mrs. Bentley I believe still has the text
 12 messages from Stan Stabler, but the text
 13 Mrs. Bentley notifying her that the
 14 governor and Rebekah had requested to be
 15 left alone at the Wynfield estate or
 16 Blount mansion.
 17 And he did not feel comfortable
 18 with it, but he, you know, had to do as
 19 demanded by the governor, and Rebekah and
 20 the governor were alone in that house
 21 together.
 22 Q. Do you believe Mrs. Bentley still
 23 has those text messages?

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1 A. I believe she does, but I'm not
 2 sure because I haven't seen what all she
 3 kept.
 4 MR. DOSS: Along those
 5 lines, I think in your June 3rd statement,
 6 correct me if I'm wrong, you said that
 7 Stan Stabler now denies having that --
 8 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh
 9 (affirmative). And he does the media. I
 10 mean, he came out once Spencer Collier,
 11 you know, kind of came out with his
 12 statement and said it wasn't true, which
 13 is -- it was surprising. I was really
 14 surprised.
 15 MR. WILLSON: You mentioned
 16 also in your statement that at one point
 17 Stan Stabler called you on the phone --
 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 19 MR. WILLSON: -- to report
 20 to you that Rebekah Mason and the governor
 21 were together?
 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, we had
 23 gone to the beach for something

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1 Mrs. Bentley was doing. And Rebekah and
 2 the governor were at the governor's
 3 mansion and Stan was just calling us to
 4 let us know.
 5 He, he had a -- like we all
 6 did, he had just a lot of respect for the
 7 governor and the First Lady and their
 8 marriage, and just how they had worked so
 9 hard to protect it and their sons for so
 10 long.
 11 And so when this started
 12 happening, there were just a lot of really
 13 concerned and surprised people. And
 14 before they realized their jobs would
 15 become an issue, I guess they wanted
 16 Mrs. Bentley to know because I guess they
 17 thought the more people that could give
 18 her information, the better she could stop
 19 it, and sadly we were unable to stop it.
 20 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Did Governor
 21 Bentley ever inappropriately attempt to
 22 touch you?
 23 A. No.

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1 Q. Did he in your knowledge attempt
 2 to inappropriately approach any other
 3 woman?
 4 A. Not to my knowledge.
 5 MR. HALE: He knows who your
 6 daddy and your uncles are, don't he?
 7 Q. (By Mr. Sharman) Are you aware of
 8 any other abuses of his office or
 9 authority by Governor Bentley other than
 10 what we've talked about today or that
 11 you've talked about in your June 3rd
 12 statement?
 13 A. Not to my knowledge.
 14 Q. Eventually people will read the
 15 discussion here we're having this
 16 afternoon.
 17 It's common in a divorce that work
 18 colleagues and social friends take one
 19 side or the other.
 20 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 21 Q. Commonly people aren't neutral.
 22 A. Right.
 23 Q. This afternoon have you been

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1 entirely truthful with everything you've
 2 told us?
 3 A. Yes, I have.
 4 Q. Given the closeness of your
 5 relationship to Mrs. Bentley, what would
 6 you say to persons who might claim that
 7 your testimony is clouded or influenced by
 8 that friendship?
 9 A. Mrs. Bentley and I do have a
 10 wonderful relationship, and I stood by her
 11 and will continue to.
 12 But Mrs. Bentley maintained that
 13 level of secrecy, she and I both did, and
 14 we did our best to protect the governor
 15 and his image and his feelings and tried
 16 to keep it completely within the circle
 17 and just urged him to end what we at the
 18 time thought was just a moral and, you
 19 know, just moral infidelity and just to
 20 renew strength in their marriage, and he
 21 refused.
 22 So we did everything we could in
 23 our power to prevent whatever may come

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1 from this investigation by confronting him
 2 as soon as we knew something was going on.
 3 And a lot of what I know came
 4 directly from Mrs. Bentley, but a lot of
 5 it came from personal experience and what
 6 I heard with my own two ears.
 7 So if they don't believe me, I'm
 8 afraid they're just jaded by their own
 9 personal preferences and opinions because
 10 I couldn't make anything like this up.
 11 Q. Based on your experiences, is it
 12 your view that Governor Bentley should be
 13 removed from office?
 14 A. Yes, it is. The governor
 15 committed to the people of the state of
 16 Alabama that he would be the best governor
 17 he could be and uphold our laws and uphold
 18 our ethics and just represent us as the
 19 people that we are, and I feel that he has
 20 failed to do so.
 21 MR. SHARMAN: Can we go off
 22 the record a second?
 23 (Recess was taken.)

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1 MR. SHARMAN: We've got a
 2 few more things. First, now that we're
 3 back on the record just to be clear, I am
 4 retaining Exhibit 4; that is to say, the
 5 original exhibit.
 6 And there will be a
 7 photograph attached to the transcript of
 8 Exhibit 4 to indicate its proper place
 9 with regard to the statement.
 10 EXAMINATION
 11 BY MR. DOSS:
 12 Q. Just a couple of follow-up
 13 questions.
 14 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 15 Q. On the timeline that was attached
 16 as Exhibit 1 to your June 3rd statement at
 17 the very end there are, it's a little over
 18 a page, there are a couple of notes that I
 19 just wanted to run through.
 20 A. Okay.
 21 Q. Matthew --
 22 MR. HALE: Do you need a
 23 copy to look at while he's reading them?

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1 THE WITNESS: No, if he says
 2 it, I'll know what they are. Thank you,
 3 though.
 4 Q. (By Mr. Doss) Matthew that
 5 summer?
 6 A. Matthew found out about the affair
 7 that summer. We did not tell him
 8 initially. Really because Mrs. Bentley
 9 didn't want any of her sons to find out.
 10 And when Paul knew Paul decided
 11 that none of the other sons should find
 12 out. But Matthew did because I believe a
 13 text message came -- a text message came
 14 through from the governor to Mrs. Bentley
 15 but intended for Rebekah.
 16 And Matthew got Mrs. Bentley's
 17 phone, and, of course, was extremely
 18 angry. And he made Mrs. Bentley kind of
 19 tell him everything that had been going
 20 on.
 21 So that was really the first time
 22 Matthew had heard about and kind of
 23 confronted his dad on his own.

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1 Q. Okay. Wesley taking food to
 2 lunch?
 3 A. Oh, any time the governor's
 4 calendar was marked private we learned
 5 that that was when he and Rebekah were
 6 having meetings.
 7 They wouldn't put Rebekah Mason on
 8 the calendar. It would just say private.
 9 And the governor would have Rebekah come
 10 in through that private elevator that you
 11 can access from the side of the Capitol
 12 from the parking lot and ride up into his
 13 office so that no one would see who was
 14 coming or going.
 15 And they would lock the door. And
 16 then Rebekah -- I mean then Wesley would
 17 bring in lunch depending on what Rebekah
 18 and the governor wanted and drop it off so
 19 that they could have a private lunch
 20 together.
 21 Q. And Wesley's last name is?
 22 A. Helton, H-e-l-t-o-n.
 23 Q. And I think we've already talked

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1 about this, but flight logs and attendees
 2 changing?
 3 A. Yes, we talked about that with
 4 like the calendar and everything changing.
 5 And Zach Lee is the first one that brought
 6 that to my attention.
 7 MR. WILLSON: Do you recall
 8 any specific occasions when as you
 9 described in your statement the governor
 10 and Ms. Mason or the governor or Ms. Mason
 11 would travel under the name of someone
 12 else?
 13 THE WITNESS: I don't know
 14 about them changing names. I do know that
 15 there was one time that they said that
 16 they were going to fly home.
 17 Zach Lee and Jennifer Ardis
 18 were already on the plane with Rebekah and
 19 the governor. And then Jennifer and Zach
 20 decided they were going to ride home
 21 another way, so just Rebekah and the
 22 governor were on the plane.
 23 But to my understanding, the

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1 flight logs were not altered to show that,
 2 but that would have been directly from
 3 Mrs. Bentley and Zach.
 4 Q. (By Mr. Doss) Second beach house?
 5 A. Oh, one of the conversations that
 6 Mrs. Bentley overheard, did not record,
 7 was the governor telling Rebekah Mason
 8 that the reason that he was building the
 9 second beach house was for her, so he
 10 would never have to be away from her,
 11 which is why Mrs. Bentley sold it
 12 immediately when she got it in the
 13 divorce.
 14 Q. Sweeping the mansion with Nance.
 15 I think we've discussed that already?
 16 A. That was because I bugged the
 17 office.
 18 Q. iPad cloud with Cleve?
 19 A. Yes, the iPad, cloud, iCloud is
 20 linked with the governor's iPhone and
 21 that's how we saw a lot of things.
 22 Q. Calendar password kept changing.
 23 I think we've discussed that.

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1 A. We did, uh-huh (affirmative).
 2 Q. Thumb password kept changing?
 3 A. The governor thought initially
 4 that Mrs. Bentley was accessing all of his
 5 text messages by looking at his own phone.
 6 And she did that once or twice
 7 because she was trying to see if there
 8 were any photos in there, like in his
 9 photo thing that she should be concerned
 10 about.
 11 And so he would just start
 12 changing that four pass code lock on the
 13 front of his iPhone so she couldn't access
 14 it anymore.
 15 Q. Calendar "holds". Does that
 16 cover --
 17 A. That covers like the privates or
 18 the dinners and lunches that they would
 19 have alone, or occasionally it would be
 20 like a four-hour meeting in the morning
 21 and it would just say "hold" on it.
 22 Q. iPad he was using was a gift from
 23 China, Copper Dragon?

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1 A. Yeah, Copper Dragon was the
 2 organization that was brought into South
 3 Alabama. It was -- and I guess because we
 4 opened up facilities for them in the state
 5 they gave the governor that iPad or that
 6 tablet to use.
 7 Q. And before I go further, these
 8 notes at the end were these --
 9 A. Some of them are quotes, I think.
 10 Q. Okay. And were these things that
 11 you noted, or were these things that
 12 Collier noted, or is it a collaboration?
 13 A. Those are my notes. Those are all
 14 things that I remember that Collier felt
 15 like was too long of a story, I guess, and
 16 so she just shortened them so that it
 17 would jog our memory.
 18 Q. Okay. Primary night only talking
 19 to Rebekah?
 20 A. Yes, the governor on primary night
 21 we rented or got him a suite upstairs in
 22 Bryant-Denny Stadium so the whole family
 23 could be together, but he wouldn't even go

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1 in there and be with his family. He just
 2 stood in the hall and talked to Rebekah
 3 the whole time.
 4 Q. Ray found out primary night?
 5 A. Ray Lewis supposedly he did not
 6 know that the affair was going on. He
 7 knew that there was some suspicious
 8 activity, but did not know about the
 9 affair. And he confronted me in the
 10 parking lot of Bryant-Denny Stadium that
 11 evening.
 12 Q. Stan would call FL any time R and
 13 G met.
 14 A. Oh, that's good, Collier. That is
 15 First Lady, so that would be Dianne
 16 Bentley. Stan Stabler would call
 17 Mrs. Bentley any time Governor Robert
 18 Bentley or Rebekah Mason got together.
 19 Q. Attempt to Mayo clinic summer
 20 2014?
 21 A. That would have been Collier's
 22 note, and I'm not sure what that was
 23 about.

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1 Q. Pastor in Georgia therapy for
 2 FLDB?
 3 A. FLDB is First Lady Dianne Bentley,
 4 and when we initially found out about the
 5 affair Mrs. Bentley chose to drive to
 6 Georgia to speak with someone in
 7 confidence, and that was just, again, her
 8 effort to protect the governor from
 9 everything.
 10 Q. And I think that was covered in --
 11 A. Yes --
 12 Q. -- your June 3rd statement?
 13 A. -- it was.
 14 Q. August 25th FLDB at the beach.
 15 A. Oh, that was one of the times Stan
 16 called and found -- and told Mrs. Bentley
 17 that the governor and Rebekah were
 18 together and alone and planning to spend
 19 the night I believe. And Mrs. Bentley
 20 immediately packed up and left the beach
 21 to come back to Montgomery.
 22 Q. August Spencer finds out?
 23 A. That's when Spencer Collier found

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1 out about the affair.
 2 Q. And that would -- would that have
 3 been around August 25th?
 4 A. Probably. Probably.
 5 Q. October domestic violence month?
 6 A. Yeah, October is domestic violence
 7 awareness month, and the governor just was
 8 really ugly to Mrs. Bentley about it.
 9 And I believe one of his quotes,
 10 which should be on that note page was, oh,
 11 ironic domestic violence is purple because
 12 that's how you beat a woman black and
 13 blue, or something, something really
 14 terrible like that.
 15 And Mrs. Bentley told him she felt
 16 like she was being a victim of, you know,
 17 domestic violence mentally and verbally.
 18 And he just laughed her off and said, you
 19 know, that's just your project.
 20 Q. Horrible election night?
 21 A. Election night Mrs. Bentley
 22 threatened not to come unless he said that
 23 Rebekah would not be hired on after, and

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1 he promised her that she wouldn't, and
 2 that Rebekah wouldn't be there.
 3 But, of course, Rebekah was there,
 4 and he had already offered her a job at
 5 that time.
 6 Q. November 10th shatter the violence
 7 -- shatter the silence?
 8 A. That was another domestic violence
 9 event that they did. That's Collier's
 10 note. I wasn't there, but I think the
 11 governor just didn't show up, but I'm not
 12 sure on that one.
 13 Q. Christmas parties?
 14 A. Mrs. Bentley did not come to any
 15 of the Christmas parties that Christmas
 16 because the governor and Rebekah were
 17 having an affair, so Rebekah helped
 18 co-host with the governor.
 19 Q. And that would have been
 20 December of 2014?
 21 A. Yes, uh-huh (affirmative).
 22 Q. SEC championship?
 23 A. I'm not sure about that. I know

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1 that there was like a discrepancy of who
 2 got to travel on the plane to the SEC
 3 championship football game.
 4 Q. Inauguration planning?
 5 A. Just Rebekah was just on the board
 6 for that and played a huge role in how it
 7 was going to come together and made all
 8 those decisions and tried to keep
 9 Mrs. Bentley out of it as much as she
 10 could.
 11 Q. Was she -- was Rebekah Mason a
 12 campaign employee at that point?
 13 A. At that point she was probably in
 14 the transition, so she may have been
 15 rolled over as the inauguration, but I
 16 think at that time she was just considered
 17 a communication consultant.
 18 Q. All right.
 19 A. Which is how they got around it.
 20 Q. Okay. And next point
 21 inauguration?
 22 A. Mrs. Bentley just said she wasn't
 23 going to come, and then the day of she

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1 drove up there to be a part of it to not
 2 embarrass the state because she still
 3 believed at that point --
 4 MR. HALE: Is that the time
 5 where there was the flap on where the
 6 children were going to sit?
 7 THE WITNESS: No. That was
 8 the State of the State Address.
 9 MR. HALE: Okay.
 10 Q. (By Mr. Doss) Senior adviser
 11 announcement. I'm assuming that's --
 12 A. That's her, uh-huh (affirmative).
 13 Q. And we've covered that?
 14 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 15 Q. Or at least you have in your
 16 statement?
 17 A. Yes.
 18 Q. I think you've also covered this
 19 one as well, but First Baptist Tuscaloosa
 20 confrontation with Bentley and Mason.
 21 Pastor got deep in gay marriage issue with
 22 him, afterwards pastor confronted Jon
 23 Mason?

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1 A. Yes, so Pastor McKee at First
 2 Baptist Tuscaloosa gave a big sermon, and
 3 it was pretty obvious that it was targeted
 4 at Rebekah and Jon and Governor Bentley.
 5 And the governor was really upset
 6 about it, but Pastor McKee kind of talked
 7 to Jon Mason about it.
 8 But then ultimately he ended up
 9 calling all four of them into the office,
 10 or three of them with Mrs. Bentley to sit
 11 down and just kind of say, okay, is this
 12 affair happening and made everybody admit
 13 to the fact that they knew.
 14 And then he asked the governor to
 15 no longer be a member of the church.
 16 Asked the Masons no longer to attend the
 17 church, and removed the governor from his
 18 position as deacon and Sunday school
 19 teacher.
 20 Q. When you say pastor confronted Jon
 21 Mason afterwards what does that mean?
 22 A. I'm not sure. That was Collier's
 23 and then Mrs. Bentley told Collier. From

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1 my recollection it was just the pastor
 2 came to Jon and tried to figure out if Jon
 3 knew about the affair or not.
 4 Q. NGA and nameplates?
 5 A. That was just about seating chart
 6 at the dinner. I went to the very first
 7 NGA that Rebekah attended, and Collier
 8 went to the second one.
 9 And they tried to do a seating
 10 chart so that the governor and Rebekah
 11 couldn't sit near each other because we
 12 tried that the first year and it didn't
 13 work, and Rebekah ended up sitting by the
 14 governor anyway.
 15 Q. I was used as the babysitter?
 16 A. That's Collier. Collier,
 17 basically, was told she was hired to keep
 18 Mrs. Bentley busy.
 19 Q. PowerSouth paid for our dinner?
 20 A. That's talking about the second
 21 NGA because we called the governor into
 22 question about paying for dinner for all
 23 the staff and for Rebekah and everyone the

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1 first NGA, and so he just got PowerSouth
 2 to pay for everyone the second time.
 3 Q. RCM riding around in trooper cars?
 4 A. That's Rebekah Mason. She would
 5 ride around with the state troopers and
 6 the governor just on her own even when she
 7 was a campaign employee.
 8 Q. Any other campaign employees
 9 receive that kind of treatment?
 10 A. We think that Zach Lee probably
 11 did, but, I mean, it was definitely
 12 Rebekah hands down.
 13 Q. Meredith Jones showing me pics?
 14 A. Okay, Meredith Jones was an intern
 15 for the campaign, and she worked under
 16 Rebekah and kind of helped facilitate
 17 social media and pictures.
 18 And she had-- and I do not if she
 19 still has them, she's in DC now --all
 20 sorts of pictures of the governor and
 21 Rebekah on her cell phone that she had
 22 captured during the time of the campaign.
 23 Q. What kind of pictures?

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1 A. I'm not sure. I never saw them.
 2 Collier said that they were just of like
 3 the governor and Rebekah being in really
 4 close proximity to one another and things
 5 like that.
 6 Q. National Day of Prayer round two,
 7 horrible disconnect?
 8 A. The governor refused to hold
 9 Mrs. Bentley's hand as they walked down
 10 the steps, and Mrs. Bentley tried to grab
 11 his and he just completely shook her off,
 12 and, you know, told her he didn't need
 13 her, and he didn't need a First Lady.
 14 Q. NGA 50 year anniversary, finding
 15 photos of their wedding, setting up
 16 dinner, changing his mind on posting?
 17 A. He just -- they were at an NGA
 18 event on their 50th wedding anniversary,
 19 and he was supposed to like have dinner
 20 with just Mrs. Bentley privately.
 21 And Rebekah called all upset that
 22 he was going to be able to -- or that he
 23 was going to spend time with Mrs. Bentley,

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1 and she wasn't going to get to talk to
 2 him.
 3 So he, basically, canceled dinner
 4 and cut it really short so that he could
 5 go talk to Rebekah and they texted the
 6 whole day and sent pictures back and forth
 7 the whole day.
 8 And Mrs. Bentley said he almost
 9 fell off a cliff because he was trying to
 10 take a selfie of himself.
 11 Q. Resigning, answering the phone in
 12 his office in front of Collier and
 13 Christian?
 14 A. Christian was a girl that he
 15 brought on to help with the events at the
 16 governor's mansion, but I'm not sure about
 17 the first part.
 18 Q. And then it looks like there's a
 19 series of quotes?
 20 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 21 Q. First is "no one cares about First
 22 Lady"?
 23 A. That's from the governor.

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1 Q. And what was the context of that
 2 statement?
 3 A. Mrs. Bentley was like what are you
 4 going to do, you know, if you don't stop
 5 this affair and I leave, what are you
 6 going to do? And he was like nobody cares
 7 about the First Lady. Nobody -- you're
 8 not important.
 9 Q. And that's the second quote, "you
 10 are not important"?
 11 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 12 Q. Third quote is "purple is the
 13 color of bruises, therefore domestic
 14 violence". Is that what you mentioned
 15 earlier?
 16 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 17 Q. Next quote, "everyone wants a
 18 piece of my throne". I think we've heard
 19 that earlier today?
 20 A. Yeah. We were sitting at Wings
 21 right outside the Capitol after the
 22 National Day of Prayer that was so
 23 terrible.

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1 And he wouldn't let anybody come
 2 to lunch with us because he said he wanted
 3 a special lunch with the mansion ladies,
 4 and so Collier and Mrs. Bentley and I had
 5 to go to lunch with him.
 6 And when we were sitting there
 7 some of Kay Ivey's staffers came up and
 8 spoke to him, and he's like everybody
 9 wants a piece of my throne. I'm so
 10 important, it's like a king, you know, and
 11 everyone is trying to steal it from me so,
 12 you know, just being kind of haughty.
 13 Q. So he said that just to the three
 14 of y'all?
 15 A. To us sitting at the table.
 16 Q. Not to Kay Ivey's staffers?
 17 A. No, thank goodness. I would have
 18 crawled under the table.
 19 Q. Next quote, "Molly doesn't know
 20 who you are"?
 21 A. He told that to Mrs. Bentley
 22 because Mrs. Bentley is just in love with
 23 her grandchildren. But Molly is Matthew

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1 and Katie, the youngest set of kids, it's
 2 their oldest daughter.
 3 And Molly had been born since
 4 Mrs. Bentley was the First Lady and they
 5 lived in Jackson, Mississippi, so we
 6 didn't get to see her very often.
 7 And Mrs. Bentley just said like,
 8 oh, something about Molly is growing up so
 9 fast, and the governor just I guess as a
 10 way to hurt Mrs. Bentley told her she
 11 doesn't even know who you are.
 12 Q. And were you there when he said
 13 that?
 14 A. I was -- I don't think for that
 15 specific time. I heard him say stuff like
 16 that to her, I mean. It wasn't uncommon,
 17 but I think that she just called me that
 18 night crying because she was so upset
 19 about it.
 20 Q. Okay. Next quote, "being governor
 21 is the most important thing that has ever
 22 happened to me"?
 23 A. Uh-huh (affirmative), yeah, he

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1 said that pretty consistently.
 2 Q. Next quote, "I loved you since the
 3 moment I saw you"?
 4 A. You will hear that in the
 5 recordings.
 6 Q. Okay.
 7 A. And that was sent in text messages
 8 as well.
 9 Q. Next quote, "you don't need to see
 10 my calendar"?
 11 A. Oh, that was the governor, and he
 12 said that to Mrs. Bentley and me on a
 13 regular basis.
 14 Q. Okay. So then a couple of more
 15 notes after that.
 16 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 17 Q. The first one, RCM would park in
 18 First Lady's slot and go up George Wallace
 19 electable to governor's office.
 20 A. Electable, that should have been
 21 elevator. I guess I should have read over
 22 her notes.
 23 Yes, so Mrs. Bentley had her own

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1 reserved parking spot at the Capitol, and
 2 usually we reserved it for the second
 3 security vehicle for the governor unless
 4 they knew Mrs. Bentley was specifically
 5 coming up there.
 6 And Rebekah got to the point where
 7 she would park her brown minivan in that
 8 spot on the top of the hill because she
 9 could just walk straight into the Capitol
 10 through that elevator which we already
 11 talked about.
 12 And the elevator was put in for
 13 Governor Wallace since he was in a
 14 wheelchair.
 15 MR. HALE: And it goes
 16 straight up to the governor's office?
 17 THE WITNESS: It does,
 18 uh-huh (affirmative).
 19 Q. (By Mr. Doss) And the next one,
 20 Clay Ryan's position because he knew it.
 21 I think we've talked about that?
 22 A. Yes, we did, uh-huh (affirmative).
 23 Q. And if I heard you correctly,

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1 that's kind of Montgomery gossip, or do
 2 you have any firsthand knowledge that Clay
 3 Ryan knew --
 4 A. No, we were all just really
 5 shocked because the governor went from not
 6 really caring for Clay to giving him --
 7 it's the vice chancellor position at the
 8 University of Alabama.
 9 Q. So beforehand the governor didn't
 10 really care for Clay Ryan?
 11 A. Yeah, he always complained about
 12 Clay being around, and I don't know if
 13 that was just because the governor liked
 14 to complain or if he didn't like him. I'm
 15 not sure. Because, I mean, he let him be
 16 a consultant so he must not have disliked
 17 him too much.
 18 Q. Next one, clung to the role of
 19 First Lady, only thing she had?
 20 A. Mrs. Bentley she just got to the
 21 point where she didn't know what else to
 22 do, so she would just bury herself,
 23 basically, into being First Lady.

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1 Q. The next one, personal office to
 2 be away from Mrs. Bentley downstairs.
 3 A. Yes. There was a study that had
 4 been used by governors prior that had kids
 5 that they just wanted to give the kids
 6 their own TV room because the living
 7 quarters of the mansion is just all
 8 upstairs, and there's like no personal
 9 space.
 10 So he told Mrs. Bentley he wanted
 11 her to create him an office so that he
 12 could work away from home, and so they
 13 used state funds and worked with Wayne
 14 Hoyt to create him an office.
 15 And that's where he ultimately
 16 would go down and have all of his
 17 conversations with Rebekah.
 18 Q. Next, redid Wynfield, governor's
 19 beach house, and second beach house?
 20 A. Yes, so the governor always was
 21 telling us not to spend money. In fact,
 22 he even cut the governor's mansion out of
 23 the budget the first year which was really

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1 awful as a mansion employee.
 2 But all of a sudden he became very
 3 interested in restoring the Wynfield
 4 estate and the governor's mansion beach
 5 house, and we couldn't really figure out
 6 why and we ultimately realized that it was
 7 because he could use those properties to
 8 have private meetings when he chose.
 9 Q. And the last one, Zach would ride
 10 in other trooper cars and leave them
 11 alone, quote, on the phone, end quote?
 12 A. Yes. And that's what we've talked
 13 about before, and I think Collier
 14 witnessed that personally.
 15 You would have to ask her, but, I
 16 mean, it was kind of a thing that the
 17 security detail always traveled with two,
 18 maybe three vehicles.
 19 And a lot of times the governor
 20 and Rebekah would be left alone in one and
 21 everyone else would follow.
 22 Q. And just a couple of additional
 23 questions. You provided the June 3rd

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1 statement.
 2 I think I understand you were
 3 interviewed by the Ethics Commission?
 4 A. Yes.
 5 Q. Have you provided a statement to
 6 anyone else before today?
 7 A. No.
 8 Q. Or have you been interviewed by
 9 anyone else about these matters before
 10 today?
 11 A. No.
 12 Q. Are there any topics that the
 13 Ethics Commission covered with you that we
 14 have not covered today or you haven't
 15 covered in your June 3rd statement?
 16 MR. HALE: I can't remember
 17 any. Let me think with her just a minute
 18 just to see if there's anything else that
 19 y'all would want to know.
 20 Q. (By Mr. Doss) To the best of your
 21 recollection.
 22 A. Yeah, I mean, the only real thing
 23 I can think of is just the State of the

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1 State and how the affair all got started
 2 was just that Rebekah was supposed to help
 3 the governor write a speech for the State
 4 of the State.
 5 And we just noticed they were
 6 spending more and more time together, and
 7 it was like privately like without
 8 security being present, without anyone
 9 else being there, and it was just kind of
 10 strange.
 11 And the governor had hernia
 12 surgery in October 2013 and Rebekah like
 13 came over to their personal home when
 14 Mrs. Bentley was away, and we knew she was
 15 -- they knew she was away, to like spend
 16 time with the governor.
 17 And then Rebekah threw a really
 18 big, I mean, I hate to say temper tantrum,
 19 but that's the best way to explain it
 20 because Mrs. Bentley wanted her son John
 21 Mark to sit beside her during the State of
 22 the State Address and Rebekah didn't want
 23 him there.

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1 So Mrs. Bentley told me to go move
 2 him, so I moved John Mark to where
 3 Mrs. Bentley wanted him to because she was
 4 my boss.
 5 And we came back downstairs and
 6 Rebekah was just screaming. She screamed
 7 at Mrs. Bentley. She screamed at me
 8 because she said we messed up her speech
 9 and her night, and she called the governor
 10 while -- we would have dessert after the
 11 State of the State, it's just kind of what
 12 we did the first year.
 13 The church brought us an apple
 14 pie, and so we ate apple pie. So anyway,
 15 it was after that John Mark had gone back
 16 to be with his parents, and the governor
 17 got a phone call from Rebekah.
 18 And she was really upset, and the
 19 governor instead of telling Rebekah like,
 20 hey, it's my wife and my son, if they want
 21 to sit on the front row, they can.
 22 Instead he scolded Mrs. Bentley and said
 23 John Mark would have been fine to sit

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1 behind you, but other than that --
 2 MR. HALE: Is John Mark the
 3 special needs child?
 4 THE WITNESS: No, that's
 5 Luke. John Mark is the oldest. He and
 6 Paul were the two adopted sons. And then
 7 Luke and Matthew are the two biological
 8 children. And all of them but Matthew
 9 live in Tuscaloosa.
 10 Q. (By Mr. Doss) The CD that you
 11 helped create --
 12 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).
 13 Q. -- did you provide a copy of that
 14 to anyone else?
 15 A. Just to my attorney. I'm sorry, I
 16 was just making sure. Yes, just to my
 17 attorney.
 18 Q. I think we've heard --
 19 A. And Mrs. Bentley obviously.
 20 Q. Right. I guess we've heard maybe
 21 it's Stan Stabler or maybe it was -- I may
 22 be getting my names mixed up. Spencer
 23 Collier had said that he had heard the

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1 recording?
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. I mean, I guess what I'm getting
 4 at did the recordings get played for
 5 people within the administration?
 6 A. Mrs. Bentley and Paul chose to --
 7 actually I think it was Melissa because I
 8 don't think Paul could stomach listening
 9 to the recordings.
 10 Mrs. Bentley and Paul and Melissa
 11 decided that in order to get the security
 12 detail involved that they had to believe
 13 that an affair was going on and the
 14 governor was denying it.
 15 So what they chose to do was take
 16 certain excerpts from the tapes that
 17 Mrs. Bentley had in her possession and
 18 take those excerpts and give them to the
 19 security detail so that they would believe
 20 Mrs. Bentley that the affair was actually
 21 taking place, and Mrs. Bentley told me
 22 that she did that.
 23 And so she gave Ray Lewis a tape

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1 and he and Spencer Collier had it in their
 2 possession. And Mrs. Bentley feels,
 3 because I asked her the day it came out in
 4 the Yellowhammer, where did they get the
 5 tapes. Did you give them the tapes.
 6 And she said no, but she wouldn't
 7 listen to it. And I said well, everything
 8 wasn't there, so what happened. And she
 9 goes oh, no, well, we gave some excerpts
 10 to Ray and Spencer. Do you think it was
 11 them?
 12 And I told her, I was like I don't
 13 know, but at least I know there's another
 14 tape out there because at that time I was
 15 not aware that she had made one.
 16 Q. So the administration if they had
 17 a copy at all, it would have been these
 18 excerpts?
 19 A. Uh-huh (affirmative). To my
 20 understanding.
 21 MR. HALE: Has anything
 22 changed about Mrs. Bentley's willingness
 23 to comply with the subpoena?

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1 THE WITNESS: I think
 2 Mrs. Bentley will comply to any subpoena
 3 that she's presented with. She wants to
 4 be a good steward of the state and to the
 5 citizens as best as she can.
 6 She just -- it's a little
 7 bit easier when you're subpoenaed I think
 8 than just having to turn in your family.
 9 MR. DOSS: Did y'all --
 10 MR. SHARMAN: Let's go off
 11 the record.
 12 (Off the record.)
 13 Q. (By Mr. Doss) Are there any other
 14 topics that we haven't covered today or
 15 that weren't covered in your June 3rd
 16 statement that you think we should know
 17 about for purposes of this investigation?
 18 A. Not that I have firsthand
 19 knowledge of, no.
 20 MR. SHARMAN: We appreciate
 21 your time, and, again, you're not under a
 22 legal obligation to do so, but if you
 23 would keep the contents of our discussion

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1 confidential, at least until the end of
 2 our investigation, we would certainly
 3 appreciate it.
 4 MR. HALE: My respectful
 5 advice is to tell no one other than those
 6 that you know will not say anything like
 7 your parents.
 8 THE WITNESS: I think it's
 9 best for my mom not to know.
 10 MR. SHARMAN: All right.
 11 Thank you very much.
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 13 [Proceedings concluded at 5:30 p.m.]
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1 CERTIFICATE
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3 STATE OF ALABAMA)
4 TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)
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6 I hereby certify that the above and
7 foregoing proceeding was taken down by me
8 in stenotype, and the questions and
9 answers thereto were produced in
10 transcript form by computer-aided
11 transcript under my supervision, and that
12 the foregoing represents a true and
13 correct transcript of the proceedings
14 occurring on said date at said time.
15 I further certify that I am neither of
16 counsel nor of kin to the parties to the
17 action, nor am I in anywise interested in
18 the results of said cause.
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20 /s/ Nancy W. Pannell
21 NANCY W. PANNELL
22 COURT REPORTER AND COMMISSIONER
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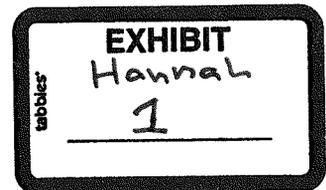
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HEATHER HANNAH,

Before being duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. HALE:

Q. Heather, I really appreciate you coming forward to do the right thing. And we need to establish just for the record who you are. If you will give me your name and birth date and Social Security.

A. Okay. Heather Rebekah Hannah. And my birthday is July 7, 1988 and my social is [REDACTED].

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I grew up in Albertville, Alabama.

Q. All right. Heather, we are here today just to talk to you about your participation and your employment in not only Governor Bentley's campaign to be elected Governor, but then becoming involved in the administration. And you have prepared a timeline.

A. Uh-huh.

Q. I have gotten it and we have attached

1 it as an Exhibit. I would like to ask you to
2 start from the very beginning. And my
3 understanding generally is that you met him
4 first in college; was it at church?

5 A. I met him through a guy named David
6 Ferguson. He was working as the campaign manager
7 for, at that time, Doctor Robert Bentley. And he
8 approached me in a club room at an Alabama
9 football game to come on board the campaign and
10 kind of help with events and fundraising. And a
11 couple of weeks after that I agreed for an
12 interview. And so the first time I met the
13 Bentley's was right at the end of the fall of my
14 senior year.

15 Q. What year we talking about?

16 A. 2005. It would have been going -- no,
17 not 2005, 2009 because I would be going into my
18 senior year of college, so 2010. I walked to the
19 front door of the Bentley's house, and I will
20 never forget it, Ms. Bentley came rushing around
21 to the front door, she was brushing off her
22 pants because she had just pulled cookies out of
23 the oven, and was like, what are you doing,

1 nobody comes to the front door? That was the
2 very first time I met the Governor. He was
3 sitting at the dining room table reading the
4 paper and kind of discussed the plans of their
5 campaign and what he wanted to accomplish. And
6 at that time really emphasized to me how
7 important their faith was and how they didn't
8 want to lose that moving forward, which
9 immediately endeared me to them, because I felt
10 a kindred spirit. So I agreed. And from that
11 point on, so starting in January of 2010 I
12 joined the campaign and worked -- they called me
13 full time, I said part time because I was still
14 in school, but on fundraising and event
15 coordinating. So I would finish class about
16 halfway through the day and then I would go over
17 to the Bentley's residence, which is 11
18 Ridgeland. It was 11 Ridgeland at the time.
19 And I would get with the other campaign
20 staffers, there were only four or of us at the
21 time, and we would sit around the dining room
22 table and handle whatever business we might need
23 to do. So whether it was going through e-mail

1 requests or we got an office set up so that we
2 didn't have to keep overtaking Ms. Bentley's
3 kitchen, you know, kind of every step along the
4 way. Then we worked for the rest of my senior
5 year. And I remember on graduation day we had a
6 debate and then, you know, we went into the
7 primary. We knew that if he won the primary
8 election, we had a pretty good chance of being
9 elected. So he got in the run-off, as I am sure
10 everybody remembers, with Bradley Byrnes. And
11 at that time Rebekah Mason wasn't on the
12 campaign. It was myself, Angi Smith, at the
13 time, Stalnaker now, Zach Lee, Taylor Vice,
14 Wesley Helton.

15 Q. Was Zach Lee from Birmingham?

16 A. He is from Guntersville.

17 Q. Did any of those campaign workers,
18 other than yourself, go on to be employed by the
19 administration?

20 A. We all did.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. So we won the primary, very exciting,
23 knew we had to go into a run-off. That that was

1 a pretty, you know, intense month. And so we
2 did work in our campaign headquarters part of
3 the time and then part of the time at the
4 Bentley's house, kind of depending on the hours
5 and what we were prepping to do. When we won the
6 run-off the Governor felt like it was necessary
7 to bring in some other people, maybe with a
8 little bit more experience, not a bunch of
9 college kids that hadn't really done anything.
10 And we got him on social media, which they say
11 he probably wouldn't have won the race without.
12 He wanted somebody that had that exposure to the
13 news. So he told us he was going to start
14 interviewing somebody to help me with that role,
15 because I had kind of taken on the role of the
16 press at the time.

17 Q. Role of what?

18 A. Working with the press. So myself
19 and Angi Smith, at the time, we would work with
20 the campaign on, like, talking to the press, and
21 if they needed to speak with the Governor, I
22 would just kind of schedule it and we would let
23 him go. But he decided at that point, he was

1 like, you know, I really need somebody that has
2 either been a member of the press before or was
3 working with the press at that time to kind of
4 help him, you know, formulate things. And too,
5 all of our roles were getting bigger. Like
6 fundraising for me was about to take off and
7 events. So he brought in Rebekah Mason to be
8 interviewed. The reason he knew her is because
9 she was in his Sunday School class at church.
10 And she and her husband --

11 Q. Was he the teacher and she the
12 student or were they --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Or were they co members of the class?

15 A. No. He was the teacher, Sunday School
16 teacher.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. And Rebekah and her husband, John,
19 were the same age as some of the Bentley sons,
20 so they had kind of known each other for a while
21 and the Mason children were in class with some
22 of the Bentley grandchildren. So he felt very
23 comfortable with her, despite the fact that the

1 very first time he confronted her about running
2 for governor, and I will never forget because he
3 was so angry, they were in the elevator at
4 church and she told him he didn't have a chance
5 and that he -- she hoped and wished that he
6 wouldn't embarrass the City of Tuscaloosa. So
7 when he --

8 MR. SIDES: Wait a minute, who said
9 that?

10 THE WITNESS: Rebekah Mason.

11 MR. SIDES: Told the Governor that?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, but this was
13 before she came on with the campaign. So when he
14 decided to interview her we were all really
15 surprised because she kind of had a negative
16 opinion of him doing it. And honestly were we
17 probably a little disappointed also because we
18 had believed in him the whole time and here he
19 was bringing in somebody that only believed now
20 that she knew for sure he would become governor.

21 MR. SIDES: And this was in the
22 elevator where?

23 THE WITNESS: At church, First

1 Baptist Tuscaloosa.

2 MR. SIDES: Okay.

3 A. Uh-huh. So she came on after the run
4 off, so very late July of 2010, and started
5 helping us with the campaign and worked, you
6 know, with all of us. So we worked through the
7 campaign, everything was pretty normal. He was
8 elected to be Governor, obviously. And at that
9 time the Governor started handing out offers for
10 our various positions that we would take. And
11 he offered her to be the communication director
12 for the Governor's Office and she accepted, but
13 with the stipulation that her husband would have
14 to have a job also, because their whole family
15 would have to be able to move to Montgomery.

16 Q. Who made that stipulation, Rebekah?

17 A. Rebekah, uh-huh. So the Governor gave
18 John Mason the director of Faith Based and
19 Community Initiatives Position.

20 Q. What was that?

21 A. It is a Cabinet position and Faith
22 Based and Community Initiative is one of the
23 State run organizations that kind of coordinates

1 with volunteers that come into Alabama and helps
2 assign them out to different projects that we
3 see a need or churches that do that too.

4 Q. Did that cabinet position exist
5 before the Bentley administration?

6 A. It did. I do not remember who was in
7 it prior.

8 Q. I don't remember hearing about it.

9 A. It is not a very large department.
10 It could be extremely impactful and great, but,
11 you know, peoples friends tend to get in there.

12 Q. Where does the money come from that
13 funds that?

14 A. It is State funded.

15 Q. Entirely?

16 A. Uh-huh. As far as I know. I know
17 that sometimes churches and different groups
18 like that will funnel money to it, but the State
19 is not supposed to make any profit off of it.
20 If they funnel money to it, they are supposed to
21 assign it out to a charitable organization in
22 the State. So I know Ms. Bentley, when I worked
23 with them, we used it to help like the domestic

1 violence shelters and to get people that were
2 coming in for construction to come in and help
3 do, like, maintenance on some of the domestic
4 violence safe houses and things like that.

5 Q. Did Doctor Bentley hold any position
6 at First Baptist Church like deacon?

7 A. He was a deacon and a Sunday School
8 teacher.

9 Q. Did he have anything to do with the
10 church finances?

11 A. Not that I am aware of.

12 Q. Do you know whether or not he ever
13 directed any of the First Baptist Church Money
14 into this cabinet position?

15 A. Not that I know of.

16 Q. Okay. Go ahead.

17 A. So he assigned her that and then
18 the -- do I need to say what everybody else got?
19 They talked to me about coming down and I told
20 them I wasn't interested in the politics, which
21 is how I ended up getting to work with
22 Ms. Bentley. And initially they assigned me to
23 be her executive assistant and then my job

1 eventually grew into more, just once we
2 understood everything that the role required.

3 Q. Did you have -- other than the fact
4 of Governor as your boss and Ms. Bentley as your
5 responsibility, did anybody else have
6 supervisory authority over you?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did Rebekah Mason?

9 A. No, not at any point.

10 Q. All right.

11 A. I was kind of on -- we said I was on
12 my own island, because I worked at the
13 Governor's Mansion and everybody else worked at
14 the capitol, so Ms. Bentley in my first roles,
15 we would work out of the Winfield Estate, which
16 is estate property, and during the transition
17 period when the Riley's were moving out of the
18 Governor's mansion, she and I had been assigned
19 a security detail at that point and our security
20 detail would pick Ms. Bentley and me up in
21 Tuscaloosa and bring us to Montgomery when the
22 Governor would be working with his transition
23 team in Montgomery also. So we would work out of

1 Winfield. And helped her interview our initial
2 staff people and kind of decide what structure
3 we wanted the Governor's Mansion to take place.
4 I mean, really you walk in the Governor's
5 Mansion, it is completely empty when an
6 administration takes over and so you really get
7 to decide every aspect of it. So for the first
8 couple of months that is what Ms. Bentley and I
9 worked on. Very limited interactions with
10 Rebekah Mason and the team at that point, other
11 than, you know, when we would get together for
12 our staff meetings. And everybody was just
13 trying to figure out their role at that point
14 and kind of what their expectations would be.
15 So it was just planning the inauguration. That
16 was the biggest thing on Rebekah's plate because
17 trying coordinate the media outlet for that.

18 Q. Did you have a specific job duty
19 outlined?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you have a job description?

22 A. Huh-uh.

23 Q. What was --

1 A. Ms. Bentley and I wrote my job
2 description once I started.

3 Q. Is that in writing somewhere?

4 A. It is.

5 Q. Do you have it?

6 A. I think I can find it, I kept -- I
7 think I kept that on a jump drive, but it has to
8 be filed with the State archives. I had to turn
9 it in Cheryl Fonden in the Capitol, who kind of
10 helps manage all the records for the Governor's
11 Administration.

12 Q. What were the terms of your
13 compensation in terms of salary, benefits and
14 any other?

15 A. And I do have those letters.

16 Q. Perks?

17 A. There weren't really terms. He
18 stated what my title was going to be, what my
19 salary would be and that I would work at the
20 request of the -- he and the First Lady
21 basically. So it was very general. He kind of
22 told Ms. Bentley, because she was -- she is very
23 shy and, you know, never really had the desire

1 to be First Lady in the first place. She said
2 she liked her quiet life of being a grandmother
3 in Tuscaloosa, but she did it because she said
4 if you feel like God is calling you then I can't
5 stand in your way because I said I would be your
6 wife and I would work with you. And so when --

7 Q. But you were provided a salary, what
8 was your salary?

9 A. Starting off I think it was 48
10 thousand.

11 Q. And you had insurance?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Benefits, any State benefits?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Like any other State employee?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Any additional benefits beyond those?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Just like a regular employee?

20 A. Uh-huh, uh-huh.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And if I received any other kind of
23 benefit, I guess, it would just be the privilege

1 of working at the Governor's Mansion, so any
2 time we had events and things like that, we
3 would eat there. I mean, that was about the
4 extent of it.

5 Q. Once you are in this role, what is
6 your relationship with the Bentley's as far as
7 any personal communication or interactions?

8 A. It was extremely personal the whole
9 time. I mean, you work around anybodies kitchen
10 or dining room table for as long as I did, you
11 know, with such a small group of people, you
12 know everything about each other. They knew who
13 I was dating and the Governor was always really
14 interested in everything we had going on, like
15 he would ask about your family, ask about your
16 boyfriend or girlfriend, or he would tease Zach,
17 his assistant at the time, always about how long
18 he had dated his girlfriend and that they
19 weren't married yet. Because he would always
20 tell us, like, being married is the greatest
21 thing, y'all need to get married. And then as
22 far as Ms. Bentley, I mean, she and I were
23 together 24/7. I mean, unless it was time to go

1 to bed and -- I mean, we were together,
2 especially the first couple of months.

3 Q. She treats you --

4 A. Like a daughter.

5 Q. -- as much like a daughter as
6 anything?

7 A. Uh-huh. And she always told me, she
8 is like, you are like the daughter I never had,
9 because they have four boys. So I mean, we went
10 shopping together and I would go buy her things
11 that she didn't want to buy in front of her male
12 security team. And, you know, everything about
13 her granddaughters, I was a part of, I taught
14 how to text message so that she could keep in
15 touch, Facetime, that kind of stuff. Very
16 intimate personal details.

17 Q. Did she confide in you personal
18 things?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Along the way?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. All right. We will get to those.

23 Tell us when the -- tell us when the first hint

1 of any friction or trouble arose, that you were
2 aware of.

3 A. So Summer of 2013ish it was like the
4 Governor, I remember very vividly the Governor
5 walked into the kitchen in the mansion after
6 work one day. And it was like he flipped his
7 switch. He was kind of angry and it was the
8 first time we had kind of seen him that way and
9 he was very short with Ms. Bentley and kind of
10 short with me. And like I said, I am always in
11 their house, I am always there, that was my job,
12 and we were putting things away and I just
13 remember thinking, oh my goodness, like, come on
14 Governor, don't let the power go to your head.
15 We had been working together a couple of years
16 and I was really proud of what he was aiming to
17 do. And then he got it in his head that I
18 needed to get an intern, because he did not like
19 how close Ms. Bentley and I were getting, which
20 I thought was strange, but also tried to
21 convince myself that maybe partially it was to
22 help me and to, like, alleviate some of things
23 that I had to do, because I worked a lot. And I

1 was thinking, well, maybe he is just, you know,
2 considering my personal life. So we got a
3 recommendation from the Republican crew here in
4 Alabama and they recommended Collier Tynes who
5 is from Birmingham, she is from Mountain Brook.
6 And she was working, kind of helping them with
7 fundraising and her dream had always been to be
8 the First Lady's assistant, which I think is
9 hilarious. She loved politics and so they were
10 really pushing Collier hard. The Governor was
11 really pushing it on me, and so Ms. Bentley and
12 I talked about it and we agreed that we could
13 find her a role. So Collier started in September
14 2013, it is in the outline.

15 Q. What did he tell you were the reasons
16 he thought you needed an intern?

17 A. He just said, you know, y'all need an
18 intern, we always take interns at the Capitol,
19 it is just like our duty, you know, let people
20 have a part of our lives. And, you know, we felt
21 like it was a little different at the Governor's
22 Mansion because it was very personal.

23 Q. Excuse me, just one second.

1 A. No, you are fine.

2 (Short break.)

3 Q. All right. Let's go back. I hate to
4 rush you.

5 A. You are fine. So, Collier and I kind
6 of laughed, because her first introduction and,
7 like, view into the Bentley relationship was in
8 the kitchen, for whatever reason we always
9 congregated in the ugliest kitchen in
10 Montgomery, but Collier remembers him walking in
11 the back door and just screaming at the top of
12 his lungs, baby, I am home. And I remember him
13 doing that fairly often. He was always very,
14 like, cheesy romantic with Ms. Bentley. Like,
15 he would grab her up in the kitchen and, like,
16 sing and dance her around. And would always
17 tell, you know, the guys, if you ever get as
18 lucky as me to marry a woman like her. Like,
19 very sweet endearing, but that had kind of
20 started to fade, I felt like, and so I was kind
21 of excited when I saw it again. I was, like,
22 well maybe he has gotten through whatever was
23 stressing him out. And he came in and shouted

1 it, and Collier just thought it was the greatest
2 thing. She was like how wonderful the Governor
3 and First Lady would feel this way.

4 Q. When you said a moment ago that there
5 was this point in 2013 where all the sudden he
6 was very short and you said I hope the power
7 hasn't gone to his head, did you ever find out
8 the source of his discontent?

9 A. Ms. Bentley and I talked about it and
10 at that point there was a lot of economic
11 decisions that he was having to make, and I
12 remember a lot of people, like, coming in from
13 Hyundai and having negotiations and they were
14 trying to decide whether or not they were going
15 to put plants in Alabama. And when I asked
16 Ms. Bentley, because I wanted to kind of check
17 on her, because I mean, at the end of day she
18 was my responsibility, she was just like, oh, he
19 has got so much going on at the Capitol,
20 Heather, you know, every morning I wake up for
21 him and I pray. And she had a sticky note in her
22 devotional book and it was numbered and she
23 would say, first I will pray for Robert and, you

1 know, that God would protect his health, that
2 God would protect his mind and that God would
3 give him the wisdom to know how to handle his
4 problems. And she said and sometimes when he has
5 special problems I write it in pencil. You could
6 see, like, indentions on the paper. So she never
7 really specifically said what, but I mean, she
8 said just like a bunch of economic decisions
9 were going on. And too, at that time, Judge
10 Malone, his original Chief of Staff had already
11 left and he brought in David Perry to be his
12 Chief of Staff. And he and David Perry did not
13 see eye to eye on anything. David Perry was
14 fairly liberal, he was a democrat, Governor
15 Bentley knew that when he hired him, which is
16 why he hired him because he thought it could
17 bring perspective and really it brought in some
18 dissension among the staff and between the two
19 of them. So we kind of chalked it up as a
20 combination of all those factors just weighing
21 on him at the time.

22 Q. At that point were you suspicious at
23 all of any impropriety of his relationship with

1 Rebekah Mason?

2 A. No.

3 Q. How was she treating you younger
4 women?

5 A. She was never nice to me. Once she
6 got hired, she would tolerate me in staff
7 meetings because she knew I had been there since
8 the beginning, but she would always request that
9 the First Lady's representation not be present
10 for Governor staff meetings. And I always
11 thought it was strange. And I always -- my
12 decision always got trumped because I said, you
13 know, if I am not here on behalf of the First
14 Lady, one, I don't know what your schedule is,
15 two, we don't know how to make our decisions
16 that can complement what y'all are doing and,
17 three, you don't know what we are doing so we
18 can all work together. Because I really
19 believed that if we could work together as a
20 team, and we kind of represented the heart of
21 Alabama and they did the business side, that
22 that is where we were going to be the most
23 successful. So I got to stay in the meetings

1 until about 2013, toward the end of 2013,
2 because we would go over the Governor schedule,
3 where he was going to be and a lot of times,
4 like, they would be like, okay, these are all
5 the requests that came in, this is what he is
6 going to do, this is what he is not going to do,
7 this is where Ms. Bentley would be helpful, this
8 is where, you know, she can stay home and that
9 way I could make my decisions as to what cities
10 we needed to be in, because we were traveling
11 also. But certainly whenever his schedule
12 allowed for them to travel together, we wanted
13 to make that possible.

14 So then the Fall of 2013 is when I
15 started getting suspicious because I got asked
16 to not come to staff meetings anymore.

17 Q. By who?

18 A. The Governor requested that I not be
19 there, which we thought was strange. And
20 Ms. Bentley told me, she was like, Heather, it
21 is just because we are doing our own thing and
22 we are so established in what we are doing, and
23 they know what they are doing and if they need

1 us they will rope us in. Well, I didn't believe
2 her, but I --

3 Q. Why did you not believe her?

4 A. Because Ms. Bentley would do and
5 say -- she is very --

6 Q. Subordinate?

7 A. She is. And she says she is
8 submissive like requested in the Bible and I
9 always felt like she just -- that was just her
10 generation, that she was not willing to stand up
11 for anything, even if she thought it was wrong,
12 she just always kept quiet and kept to herself.
13 And I guess my parents raised me to be a little
14 too strong and independent. So I didn't really
15 believe her and it was fine and we were busy
16 enough, so I kind of, you know, took it as -- I
17 was, like, maybe it is a blessing that I don't
18 have to be at the Governor's office at 7:30
19 every week and, you know, go over this. So then
20 though Ms. Bentley started expressing concerns
21 to me, she was like, Heather, you know, I am so
22 mad, I had the worst weekend. And I was, like,
23 well, why Ms. Bentley? Because they would

1 always go to Tuscaloosa if Alabama was playing
2 at home, because one of their sons, Luke, who
3 has some special needs loves going to sporting
4 events and Alabama football games was, like, his
5 thing to do with his parents. And so the
6 Bentley's kept their same seats that they have
7 always had in Tide Pride. Security had to figure
8 out how to keep them safe, but, so every home
9 Alabama football game, the Bentley's were there
10 with Luke. And Ms. Bentley started getting angry
11 because they would come home and that was like
12 their family time when they were going to catch
13 up with everybody, she so missed being with her
14 family, and Rebekah started texting the Governor
15 on the weekends. And it is one thing, like,
16 that they would text some during the week,
17 because usually it was like, hey, we need to put
18 out a statement about, you know, whatever was
19 going on. And, you know, do you approve this,
20 and it would be like yes or no. But then it
21 started to get to be about other stuff.

22 Q. Before we get there, let me ask you
23 this, were all staff members issued State

1 phones?

2 A. Yes, uh-huh.

3 Q. Did anybody maintain their personal
4 phones in addition to those?

5 A. Yes, some of us did. I did, because
6 I didn't want the State to be able to read all
7 my text messages, personal ones.

8 Q. When the texts started coming from
9 Rebekah to the Governor, was it on a State phone
10 or private phone?

11 A. The Governor had his State phone. He
12 was only allowed to use his State phone at that
13 point. And as far on her end, I am not sure. As
14 far as I know, she only had a State phone, but I
15 don't know -- I mean, I am not confident, but I
16 do know it was the Governor's State issued
17 phone.

18 Q. Are you aware of when he first
19 started buying those disposable flip phones?

20 A. Yes, it was after Ms. Bentley and I
21 confronted him.

22 Q. Okay. We will get to that. Go ahead.

23 A. So we -- so the whole time Rebekah

1 and John are working, initially they get an
2 apartment to live in Montgomery, then she
3 decides that it is just too much to ask that of
4 her children, so they decide that they are going
5 to commute back and forth from Tuscaloosa. And
6 so they are commuting and they are, you know,
7 trying to keep all that coordinated, so that
8 became her reason to have to talk to the
9 Governor after hours a little bit. And then she
10 got to the point where she didn't like her
11 role and thought her role wasn't as defined and
12 she wanted to be more of a consultant so she
13 didn't have to be in Montgomery every day. And
14 so then he, like, made an arrangement that she
15 would only have to come a couple days a week and
16 still, you know, maintain her salary and she
17 could just work from home to be with her kids.

18 Q. Do you know how she was being paid?

19 A. She was being paid from the State
20 originally, uh-huh.

21 Q. Do you know when that changed?

22 A. When she joined the campaign for the
23 second election, which was, I guess, 2014, like

1 Spring of 2014.

2 Q. Do you know where the money was
3 coming from that was paying her then?

4 A. From various groups. I mean,
5 different groups were giving him money and all,
6 which were reported, and then some of it was
7 coming from him personally.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. So Rebekah was texting him all the
10 time. She would, like, create emergencies is
11 what stuck out to me. Like, she would all the
12 sudden decide that something was this huge deal
13 and it would really be nothing. She would be
14 like, oh, Senator so in so is going to push a
15 law through this time. You know, just really
16 create reasons to talk to him. And it just
17 started becoming more and more frequent,
18 frequent enough to bother Ms. Bentley to say
19 something to me.

20 Q. What was that?

21 A. If she wouldn't -- well, if she had
22 never, you know, told me about the text messages
23 on the weekend I wouldn't have known. But

1 Ms. Bentley would come down to my office on
2 Mondays --

3 Q. Wait, how did she know about the
4 texts?

5 A. She would see them, uh-huh. Because I
6 mean, they just -- she -- upstairs in their
7 living room, it was the sofa here and then his
8 chair and the TV, and he always sat right here,
9 but would leave his phone on this table.

10 Ms. Bentley always sat right here and left her
11 phone on the table. So any time one of them
12 would buzz, you know, they both would look and
13 she always saw her name. At the beginning
14 Ms. Bentley would ask him, like, what does she
15 want or what does she need, why is she texting
16 us on the weekends and he would tell her and it
17 just bothered her, I think, that Rebekah was
18 infringing on their personal time, which is
19 fair. And so Monday morning I would get with
20 Ms. Bentley and we would be going over what we
21 had to do for the week and kind of going through
22 requests, and at that point I kind of knew what
23 she wanted to do and not, so I kind of knew how

1 to filter it and she would not take it. I
2 remember her sitting in my chair in her office
3 with my arms crossed and she is like I am so
4 mad, I am so mad, I don't know why she keeps
5 texting him on the weekend. So that was kind of
6 my first notice. And at that time Collier was
7 working with us. And Collier was like, what is
8 going on? And I told her nothing. I was like,
9 nothing, nothing, I was like, you know,
10 Ms. Bentley is just having a hard time, you
11 know, she misses her grandkids. Because I
12 wasn't -- I thought it was suspicious, but, you
13 know, nothing more than that. Then October 2013,
14 the Governor got hernia surgery, and there are
15 news articles about it, we put one of them on
16 here. And so Rebekah was tasked to help him
17 write that years State of the State address,
18 because at that point he decided that she knew
19 everything and he was just like, you know, I
20 can't write anything without her, she is
21 wonderful. So he had hernia surgery and
22 Ms. Bentley was like, I am going to go home, I
23 am going to, you know, go home with Robert and

1 everything else. So she went home to Tuscaloosa
2 and had gone to the grocery store. When she
3 pulled back in her driveway, Rebekah's brown
4 mini van was there and she was furious. So she
5 called me and she is, like, what is going on,
6 look at the Governor's schedule, he is not
7 supposed to have any meetings, why is Rebekah at
8 my house? And I was, like, I don't know,
9 Ms. Bentley, go on in there. And so she went in
10 and they both kind of, like, jumped up. And
11 they, like, kind of sat back and Ms. Bentley
12 thought it was weird. And what sticks out in my
13 mind, she goes, and Robert had on his ugly
14 yellow hospital socks, why would he want her
15 over there. And that kind of was a punch in my
16 gut, because I was, like, okay, Ms. Bentley left
17 to go to the grocery store and she came over.
18 And to me you just don't do that. You are
19 married, they are married. So that is when I
20 started really paying attention to anything
21 Ms. Bentley said because I couldn't figure out
22 why Rebekah was there. And then quickly after
23 Ms. Bentley got there, they were like, oh, we

1 were just working on their speech, but Rebekah
2 excused herself and left. So then Ms. Bentley
3 said -- you know, she confronts him at their
4 house. She didn't understand why Rebekah had to
5 be there when she wasn't there, you know, he was
6 supposed to be getting better, y'all get plenty
7 of time to work on the speech at the Capitol,
8 why are you working on it at home, all that kind
9 of stuff. He got really mad and decided that
10 Ms. Bentley was not busy enough. So he decided
11 he was going to offer Collier a full time job
12 because I wasn't keeping her busy enough. And so
13 he calls Collier Tynes in and is trying to
14 figure out a way -- at one of our events, trying
15 to figure out a way to bring her on full time,
16 trying to figure out what salary she would
17 require.

18 MR. SIDES: Let me interrupt you
19 there just for a second. The event you just
20 described, was that in Tuscaloosa or Montgomery?

21 THE WITNESS: It was in Tuscaloosa,
22 uh-huh.

23 MR. SIDES: Is that different from

1 this event that you are talking about in October
2 2013 in your timeline that you walked in on them
3 upstairs?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. Rebekah was at
5 the mansion and she was helping him with a
6 speech and I walked in and they were working on
7 it and then Ms. Bentley had already walked in on
8 them -- and that was post his surgery. And then
9 Ms. Bentley walked in on them at their house as
10 well.

11 MR. SIDES: So two separate events?

12 THE WITNESS: It was.

13 MR. SIDES: Okay. Thank you.

14 A. And I just -- they didn't work at the
15 mansion very often, so it was just strange, but
16 he was tired, so that is what they chalked it up
17 as. Let's see, Collier started asking me a bunch
18 of questions -- uh-huh.

19 Q. Let me clarify one thing, in this
20 incident in October 2013 when you walked in on
21 them upstairs and they jumped, what did it
22 appear to you was going on and how close were
23 they to one another?

1 A. They are, like, kind of leaned in.
2 And it looked like they were probably, like,
3 discussing something, but to me -- and maybe I
4 caught them off -- by surprise, I don't know,
5 but they both, like, kind of sat back like this
6 really quickly. And to me that is just, I don't
7 know, you know, not normal.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Just -- and I probably made that
10 assumption more from just knowing the Governor
11 and how he had been with Ms. Bentley the whole
12 time. Collier started really drilling me with
13 questions about their relationship at that
14 point, and she had only been there for a couple
15 of months and she was really worried. She is
16 like, well, why does the Governor not think she
17 is busy, why is the Governor saying we are not
18 doing enough, you know, and asking me all these
19 questions. I would try to put her off because I
20 wasn't confident of anything at that point. I
21 was mad at him because I thought he was being
22 inappropriate, but by no means did I think
23 anything was going on. So Collier was offered a

1 job, decided that she was going to work for the
2 State parks and get started. And so she kind of
3 came in. I talked to the Chief of Staff, because
4 Collier wasn't really confident in what she
5 wanted to do, she really wanted to, like, more
6 impact policy and she didn't, and that is kind
7 of all in there. The whole time, though, the
8 Governor is coming home and just telling
9 Ms. Bentley, like, she is not doing enough, she
10 is not being a good First Lady. And, you know,
11 I need to get you more involved, I need you to
12 really make a difference. And Ms. Bentley is
13 just kind of losing her self esteem and slash
14 is mad at him, because she does not want to work
15 with the State park, she wanted to really
16 promote domestic violence and foster care, which
17 is what we have been doing.

18 Q. Did you say slash?

19 A. State parks and she worked with
20 foster care and adoption. During that time the
21 Governor starts having all these private
22 meetings pop up on his calendar. We couldn't
23 figure out what all the private meetings were

1 about. So Ms. Bentley was upset and I called and
2 asked his scheduler, I was like, hey, what are
3 these private meetings, is a dignitary coming
4 in? Because anytime a dignitary came I had to
5 bring State silver and china up for them to
6 serve coffee out of. I was like, do I need to
7 bring anything? And she would tell me, oh, no,
8 the Governor is just working on his speech with
9 Rebekah. And I would be like, well, why is it
10 private, why doesn't it say Rebekah? Then I
11 lost my calendar privileges, I could no longer
12 see the Governor's calendar.

13 Q. Who put that in place?

14 A. The Governor, it was a mandate from
15 him. But I mean, the security was the one that
16 had the to actually pull it, but I mean, it was
17 her his request. Because they just didn't want
18 me to see how often it was, but at that time I
19 still had enough friends at the Capitol that
20 would tell me what was going on. They would be
21 like, well, the Governor met with Rebekah again
22 today or the Governor is, you know, in his
23 office with Rebekah.

1 Q. Are those friend also witnesses you
2 know that are going to be approached by these
3 various agencies?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Can you give me some of those names?

6 A. Yes, Zach Lee, Wesley Helton.

7 Q. What is his last name?

8 A. H-E-L-T-O-N.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Linda Adams. Wanda Kelley, she was
11 his assistant at that time, and then Julie
12 Lindsey. They all worked at the Governor's
13 office.

14 Q. How many of those had been original
15 campaign workers back at Tuscaloosa?

16 A. Zach and Wesley were original
17 campaign workers. And then Angi Smith was not
18 working directly in the Governor's office, but
19 she was on the Governor staff and she would
20 call, you know, with various things that she
21 would see also. But she got moved out that
22 Spring.

23 Q. Were they expressing to you any

1 suspicion of theirs independent of yours?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And --

4 A. Because I wasn't -- at that time
5 Ms. Bentley was making me promise, like, please
6 don't say anything to anybody, so I hadn't said
7 a word to a soul and I would just kind of
8 listen. And I mean, they would call me in -- I
9 remember Linda Adams, the scheduler
10 specifically, she called me one day on her way
11 home from work, and she was like, are you by
12 yourself? She was, like, I am just mad. I
13 don't understand why the Governor and Rebekah
14 have to go in the office and shut the door, you
15 know, and they whisper and we can't hear them.
16 Wanda tried to knock -- Wanda sat right outside
17 the Governor's office, Wanda tried to knock on
18 the door and the Governor yelled at her and told
19 her she needed to take lunch and not to bother
20 her when he was with Rebekah. And they were just
21 mad because they felt like they were being
22 disrespected and Rebekah was just disrespecting
23 them. So I kind of just put it away in my brain

1 and left it alone. Wesley, he said that he was
2 feeling uncomfortable because the Governor
3 starting asking him to pick up lunch for them.
4 And Zach Lee had commented about it too, like,
5 that Wesley would, like, bring in lunch just for
6 the Governor and Rebekah and he would kind of
7 drop it off and leave. So just different little
8 things like that started happening in the
9 Governor's office.

10 Q. In addition to the phone calls that
11 you had, was there also texts and e-mails?

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. That contained this particular
14 subject of suspicion?

15 A. Oh, between me and anybody else?

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you know of anybody else -- nobody
19 would send you anything, oh my gosh, he is in
20 there behind closed doors with RM again?

21 A. No, they would send it to me on a
22 text, but usually to my personal phone, not, you
23 know -- or Linda would call me, because she felt

1 like calling me would be safer than putting it
2 in writing.

3 Q. Because, Heather, as this
4 investigation goes forward, if it does not die
5 of its own weight and the Governor resign, it is
6 very likely that one or more of these agencies
7 are going to get your past records.

8 A. Right.

9 Q. And the topic that -- they will get
10 the whole list of all your texts and all that
11 stuff. And if you can work with us ahead of
12 time, go ahead and get those, then we need to be
13 forewarned about anything that may be in there.
14 Because there are people send a zillion texts
15 just around the world at any moment.

16 A. Right.

17 Q. So that is --

18 A. Yeah, the guys probably would text
19 me. I don't ever remember getting an e-mail
20 about it ever, just because we knew our e-mails
21 were so closely monitored.

22 Q. Got it. Okay. Are we up into '14
23 yet?

1 MR. SIDES: Stop here just a second.
2 Let's go off.

3 (Whereupon, an off the record
4 discussion is held.)

5 Q. Have you talked with Ms. Bentley
6 since all of this broke?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And is she supportive of you, is
9 she --

10 A. She told me that I needed to protect
11 myself. She is afraid and upset and embarrassed
12 and -- just doesn't want anything to happen to
13 me. Part of the reason I left was at her urging,
14 because she didn't want to do anything anymore.
15 She said that she knew she was going to have to
16 leave and that I needed to find something else
17 before I wasn't able to anymore.

18 Q. You said you believe that the lawyers
19 representing Spencer Collier were going to
20 contact you?

21 A. That's because Angi Smith who worked
22 with us at the time, who still works in -- she
23 lives in Prattville, works in Montgomery as a

1 political consultant, she was just called by
2 them and I am on their list that they presented.
3 They said can you confirm that these people
4 have, you know, knowledge about the events, so.

5 Q. What about on the other side, have
6 you heard or do you think that the lawyers for
7 the Governor would be contacting you?

8 A. The Governor is accusing me of
9 recording all of his private conversations, so I
10 would not be surprised.

11 Q. The Governor -- say that again.

12 A. He is accusing me of recording all of
13 his private conversations and illegally
14 accessing his e-mail, which I didn't do, but --

15 Q. How did you learn about that?

16 A. I mean, everybody in Montgomery is
17 talking about it. Clay Scofield is a Senator, he
18 is from Guntersville, and he called me the other
19 day just to kind of touch base with me and ask
20 me how I was doing, I am like, I am fine, you
21 know, working, doing my normal job. I didn't
22 even register that he was talking about the
23 Governor. He is like the Governor is talking

1 about you. And then Ms. Bentley called and told
2 me that -- she had warned me a couple of times
3 like right after I left that the Governor was
4 angry with me and the Governor, you know, was,
5 you know, blaming me for everything that
6 happened and -- but, I mean, I just took it as a
7 --

8 MR. SIDES: But that has not been
9 reported in the news, I don't think, that he has
10 said that you recorded his conversations and
11 accessed his e-mails?

12 THE WITNESS: No.

13 Q. Who is he saying this to?

14 A. Just various people that he works
15 with in Montgomery. And he mentioned it to one
16 of the reporters that called, I believe it was
17 the New York Times, and I don't know if it was
18 the Governor directly, they wouldn't tell me
19 specifically who it was, and so I would assume
20 it was one of his staff people, but they said we
21 were told you were responsible for the
22 recordings. And I said I can't confirm or deny
23 anything, if you -- you know, I am not making a

1 comment to your article. I am sorry, you will
2 have to find your information elsewhere and kind
3 of got off the phone as quickly as I could.

4 MR. SIDES: Now Joe is representing
5 the Governor, right?

6 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

7 MR. SIDES: Who is representing --

8 THE WITNESS: I am really
9 disappointed he is doing that, too.

10 MR. HALE: Joe Espy?

11 THE WITNESS: Joe Espy, yes.

12 MR. SIDES: Who is representing
13 Rebekah?

14 THE WITNESS: Somebody Gray.

15 MR. SIDES: Oh, yeah, Bill Gray out of
16 Tuscaloosa. Well, Tom has probably already told
17 you this, but when you get out of here, if you
18 continue to get inquiries from New York Times or
19 whoever, just have them call --

20 THE WITNESS: Right, which is why I
21 was like, all right, I finally got -- I do need
22 to go sit down so I can say contact my attorney.

23 MR. SIDES: Did you prepare this

1 timeline?

2 THE WITNESS: Collier and I both did.
3 We sat down and did it shortly after I left
4 because she didn't want to -- she didn't want us
5 to forget anything because she was convinced
6 that something was going to come of it and so
7 some of it are her notes that she remembers and
8 a lot of it is from me.

9 MR. SIDES: And other than her and
10 us, anybody else have a copy of this?

11 THE WITNESS: No. And there
12 aren't -- and her lawyer has her copy, and I was
13 intending to leave mine with y'all.

14 MR. SIDES: Who is her lawyer?

15 THE WITNESS: Oh my goodness, I do
16 not remember, but I can find out though.

17 MR. SIDES: Where is he or she?

18 THE WITNESS: In Birmingham.

19 MR. SIDES: Yeah, we probably need to
20 find out who that is.

21 THE WITNESS: I can find out.

22 MR. SIDES: Sounds like, correct me
23 if I am wrong, but it sounds like you and

1 Collier are going to be -- what is Collier's
2 last name?

3 THE WITNESS: T-Y-N-E-S.

4 MR. HALE: Is her father Ingram?

5 THE WITNESS: He is. Collier and I,
6 in Montgomery were, the only two that supported
7 Ms. Bentley because we directly worked for her,
8 most of the other people we worked with ended up
9 taking the Governor's side for fear of losing
10 their jobs. So any time the attacks have come,
11 they have been directed at me first and her
12 second.

13 MR. SIDES: But you two were sort of
14 the same bucket, so to speak?

15 THE WITNESS: We are very much so.
16 She wasn't privies to as quite as much because
17 Ms. Bentley didn't know her as well, but, yeah,
18 we are very much in the same situation.

19 MR. SIDES: She didn't come in until
20 the second administration, right?

21 THE WITNESS: She came on halfway
22 through the first. Right at the 2014.

23 BY MR. HALE:

1 Q. What forms the basis of the
2 accusation that you recorded all this private
3 conversations and pirated his e-mails?

4 A. Because Ms. Bentley, I confronted her
5 after inauguration, after all the events that
6 happened at inauguration -- not inauguration,
7 State of the State in 2014, and I told her I
8 needed to talk to her privately. And so I went
9 upstairs with her in her private quarters,
10 because I didn't want anybody else that was at
11 the Governor's mansion to hear. And I told her
12 that I had reason to suspect that the Governor
13 was having an affair with Rebekah. And she cried
14 and told me there was no way. And I told her,
15 you know, very specifically things that stuck
16 out in my mind, and a lot of them are written
17 down here, how she treated Ms. Bentley at the
18 State of the State, all the text messages, you
19 know, their suspicious behavior, those kind of
20 things. And Ms. Bentley pulled out her journal.
21 She has got journals of everything. And she
22 said, oh my goodness, well, he didn't kiss me
23 that night, or he wouldn't hug me that night, or

1 he wouldn't talk to me before we went to bed.
2 Very, you know -- like everything correlated
3 with events that we had. And so she told me --

4 MR. SIDES: By the way, who is her
5 lawyer?

6 THE WITNESS: Whoever her divorce
7 attorney was.

8 MR. HALE: What did I do with those
9 things?

10 MR. SIDES: Her divorce lawyer is --

11 THE WITNESS: I am pretty sure that
12 is her lawyer.

13 MR. HALE: Lisa Woods represented him
14 and Steve Wright over at Najjar represented her.

15 MR. SIDES: Steve, that is all he
16 does is divorce.

17 THE WITNESS: I am not sure who their
18 family attorney is. I know she gets a lot of
19 advice from Mike Echols, who is their
20 accountant.

21 MR. HALE: How about Cooper Shattuck?

22 THE WITNESS: She feels like he is
23 too loyal to the Governor.

1 MR. HALE: Cooper used to be at Rosen
2 Harwood and was going into the seminary until
3 the Governor got elected and the Governor
4 persuaded him to come work for him down there.

5 BY MR. HALE:

6 Q. So let's get to the point. You were
7 about to say she denied --

8 A. She just couldn't believe it. She
9 said the only way I could believe that, Heather,
10 would be if I heard it with my own ears.

11 Q. All right. Take this slow and tell
12 everything about how it led up to these phone
13 calls being recorded.

14 A. Okay. So she decided that the best
15 way to do it would be to order a tape recorder
16 or some kind of recording device online. I
17 begged her not to because I told her that we
18 didn't want to draw any suspicion to this until
19 she was ready to confront the Governor, because
20 I told her that I truly believed that he was a
21 good person and that he loved her and that we
22 needed, you know, just -- she needed to handle
23 this on a personal level. And I said, I am

1 seeing how his actions are affecting you and I
2 feel like I had to say something.

3 Q. Were you worried if she purchased it
4 online that that might be found out?

5 A. Uh-huh, and too and everything got
6 shipped to the mansion and if it got shipped to
7 the mansion they would have to open it to make
8 sure it wasn't a bomb. And then they would
9 wonder why she had a recording device and her
10 security would talk to his security, I just --
11 it is just not smart. And I also didn't want her
12 to ship it to my house, she would send some of
13 her packages, like personal products to my house
14 for me to bring it in so it wouldn't be
15 searched. I certainly didn't want that being
16 sent to my house. So I said Ms. Bentley, you
17 know, there are other ways to do it, like maybe
18 you can catch him. She is like, no, I am not
19 going to catch him. I said, well, you have
20 already seen a lot of his text messages, maybe
21 you will. So she couldn't figure out what to do.
22 Then a couple weeks after she and I had talked,
23 she started noticing things herself. And so she

1 came to me and she goes, I found out what I can
2 do and I need your help. And I said, okay,
3 Ms. Bentley, what do you need to do? She said,
4 there is a voice record on my phone and I can't
5 find it, but I know it is there and I want you
6 to show me. So I showed her how to use voice
7 record on her cell phone.

8 MR. SIDES: Now I want to be clear
9 about this, did she learn about what was going
10 on between the Governor and Rebekah, did she
11 learn about all that from you? Are you the one
12 who said I think he is having an affair?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, I am the one that
14 said something. And but at that time she knew
15 something was wrong. I just think mentally,
16 they had been married for 48 years --

17 MR. SIDES: Was -- during all this, I
18 am curious, was anybody advising you about what
19 to tell her or what to do?

20 THE WITNESS: No.

21 MR. SIDES: Were you talking to your
22 mom or dad about it?

23 THE WITNESS: No. I kept it to

1 myself, which was why I eventually had to say
2 something to her, because I -- it was eating me
3 alive.

4 MR. SIDES: Were you guarded in
5 the -- in the conversations that you had about
6 it with folks like Wesley and the others?

7 THE WITNESS: I never made any
8 comment to Wesley. I don't -- I did not at the
9 time and I do not to this day trust Zach and
10 Wesley, because I felt like every decision they
11 made was for their own political gain or
12 position. And so if they would comment to me I
13 would be, like, oh really, that is weird, well,
14 what did you bring them and try to kind of make
15 it light and then --

16 MR. SIDES: Are they still part of
17 the crowd down there?

18 THE WITNESS: They are. In fact, Zach
19 called me after it came out and I didn't answer.
20 And then he sent me a text message talking
21 about how he knew I did not trust him and that I
22 did not want to speak with him, but he was my
23 friend and he was here for me, but there was

1 nothing he could do and he couldn't leave now.
2 So I think he kind of realized that he was just
3 in too deep, because at the beginning early on
4 Zach confronted the Governor about it too. And
5 that -- Zach and I had not spoken about it, and
6 he confronted the Governor independently with
7 some financial documents.

8 MR. HALE: About what?

9 THE WITNESS: About his behavior and
10 actions with Rebekah and things that he was
11 concerned on, because Zach became very involved
12 in the campaign, but from the State side and
13 Rebekah was on the campaign side and he was just
14 concerned with the way they were handling some
15 of the activities.

16 MR. SIDES: And his position was?

17 THE WITNESS: He was the Governor's
18 assistant for a long time and then did
19 appointments for a little while, he has just
20 always held some kind of a close position to the
21 Governor within the State side and still there.
22 Now he works for small government, they created
23 a position for him.

1 MR. HALE: What were some of the
2 concerns that they saw in the financial
3 documents, did they tell you?

4 THE WITNESS: Zach never spoke to me
5 directly about it. The reason I know about those
6 is because Paul Bentley, the Governor's second
7 son.

8 MR. HALE: John Paul?

9 THE WITNESS: No, just Paul. There is
10 John Mark and Paul.

11 MR. HALE: John Mark.

12 THE WITNESS: John Mark didn't know
13 for a long time, Paul was the first son to find
14 out. Paul asked me if I had seen them and I
15 said no. He asked me if I, you know, had any
16 financial documents myself and I said absolutely
17 No. He told me to keep it that way for my own
18 safety, because he was going to confront his
19 dad. I said, that is fine, I don't want anything
20 to do with the money, so.

21 MR. SIDES: And it doesn't matter at
22 all, but I guess it is just something I am
23 curious, you seem to be right there in the thick

1 of things.

2 THE WITNESS: I was sadly.

3 MR. SIDES: Who started this thing,
4 did the Governor start it or did Rebekah start
5 it?

6 THE WITNESS: My opinion, Rebekah. I
7 think that she saw a way to advance herself and
8 her family, and the Governor is extremely easy
9 to be flattered. I think he kind of saw an
10 opening. And as far as like who initiated -- I
11 think she initiated the first flirtations and
12 tried to kind of push it and then I think it
13 just morphed into what it is.

14 MR. SIDES: Go off a second.

15 (Off the record.)

16 MR. HALE: Let's go back on.

17 Q. All right. You get Ms. Bentley set up
18 on voice recorder on her phone, did she have
19 like an Apple phone, iPhone?

20 A. She does, she had an iPhone.

21 Q. So take it from there.

22 A. So she said, okay, I am going to
23 record him. I am like, well, how? She is like,

1 I don't know, I am going to try to catch him
2 when he is talking to her upstairs. Because at
3 this point she was angry because he would come
4 home and then go downstairs or go to a different
5 room and shut the door and talk on the phone.
6 She did not like it, because they used to, like,
7 get home, go on a walk, they would walk a couple
8 laps around the circle, and then they would go
9 to dinner and they would talk, and they would
10 watch Dancing with the Stars or whatever they
11 would watch on TV. And she missed it. So she
12 tried to do it a couple of times upstairs and
13 she would either get nervous or whatever, it
14 never worked out, because she would come to me
15 the next day when I would get to work and she
16 would tell me it didn't work or I did it wrong
17 or just be real flustered. I am, like,
18 Ms. Bentley, please be careful. Don't you think
19 you should just talk to him? No, I am going to
20 record him. I am like, okay. So then they decide
21 they are going to go to the beach for the
22 weekend and that is when that was taken. Then
23 she came back and was, like, Heather, I need you

1 to do something for me. And I was like,
2 Ms. Bentley, you know I would do anything for
3 you, what is going on? I shouldn't have said
4 that. She said, I need you to get this off my
5 phone. I was like, what is it? She said, I
6 want it on a CD and she goes, and I want it
7 today. And I was like, Ms. Bentley, what is it?
8 So she hands me the phone and walks out of the
9 office crying. So I press play and I start
10 listening a little and I have to pause it, I am
11 like, I cannot do this on a State computer. And
12 I was like, are you sure we need to do this at
13 all? She goes, well it can't be on my phone, I
14 am afraid I will delete it, I have got to have
15 it, I need to talk to Robert and I want him to
16 know that I know. So it was --

17 Q. Did she tell you how she got it?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. How?

20 A. She left it on -- she wasn't very
21 nice about him, but she was mad at him and she
22 had every right to be, she said he is so dumb --

23 MR. SIDES: Sound like she is right.

1 THE WITNESS: She is.

2 A. She left her purse sitting on the
3 sofa and left her phone on the very top surface
4 of her purse on record and she told him she was
5 going for a walk on the beach. She goes, I will
6 be back. And he was like, okay. And he told
7 her, you can hear it on the recording, Dianne,
8 it is cold out there, get a jacket. And she
9 just left it playing. And she said I had my
10 watch on -- I was like, you never leave your
11 phone. She is, like, he wasn't paying attention
12 to me. So she had her watch on and she said she
13 knew she needed to be gone 20 to 30 minutes and
14 she felt like she could catch him and she did.

15 Q. What day was this?

16 A. I don't remember the day, I just
17 remember it was like some time early Spring,
18 like maybe March 2014.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. It is in here.

21 MR. SIDES: Of 2016?

22 A. 2014.

23 Q. Did her children or any one of them

1 know what she was trying to do?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Were you --

4 A. Ms. Bentley and I were the only two
5 discussing it, having conversations about it
6 from the time I confronted her in January until
7 these recordings were made, because until these
8 recordings were made she -- part of her still
9 was trying to hold on to the fact that he was
10 not having an affair.

11 Q. She was in continuing denial?

12 A. Uh-huh, even though at this point she
13 had already seen -- what kind of gave her the
14 courage, I think, to do the recording, she had
15 seen a couple of text messages between Rebekah
16 and the Governor. Like, he would get in the
17 shower and she would grab his phone and, like,
18 look through his text messages and --

19 Q. What did she tell you she found?

20 A. Oh, like I love you baby. And they
21 used this, like, red rose emoji, they would send
22 that back and forth. And it would just be like
23 I miss you so much when you are away. Then she

1 would see phone calls that lasted for like an
2 hour and a half, two hours. She screen shotted
3 some of them and sent them to herself and then
4 would get really paranoid that he would find it
5 and things like that. So that became an issue.
6 And then, because he is not aware of how
7 technology works, he started leaving his iPad at
8 the Governor's mansion because he said he didn't
9 know how to work it and he didn't like it and
10 Ms. Bentley could use it, because she had a
11 quilting app, she loved to quilt, on it, and he
12 goes you can just have it, Dianne. And I was,
13 like, oh good, this will be perfect, like, we
14 can you use it for some of your speeches, you
15 can give a speech from it, which of course she
16 did not like either, because they didn't like
17 technology. And he forgot that your Apple iPhone
18 is also linked to any other Apple device that
19 you have and so every text message, phone call,
20 e-mail, we could see on the iPad that he gave
21 his wife to use.

22 Q. And did you see any of those?

23 A. Yes.

1 Q. Were any of them --

2 A. She would show me.

3 Q. -- what you would call an
4 inappropriate or outright sexual nature?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. Do you have any examples of them?

7 A. I never wrote them down or took
8 pictures, Ms. Bentley has them all.

9 Q. Can you remember generally or any
10 specifics with specificity what any of them
11 said?

12 A. Well, you will hear some of it in the
13 tape. He would make comments about her breast
14 and, you know, how he would miss them and miss
15 the shape of her body and liked the way her, you
16 know, different body parts looked in the
17 different clothes she was wearing.

18 MR. SIDES: The disc that you have
19 got that has the recording on it, is that the
20 same recording that we have all heard through
21 the news the past few months?

22 THE WITNESS: Not all of it is on
23 there, but, uh-huh.

1 MR. SIDES: Not all of it is on the
2 disc?

3 THE WITNESS: No, not all of it is on
4 the news, but, yes, it is the same one.

5 MR. SIDES: But this is just the
6 recording that she made at the beach?

7 THE WITNESS: And there is a second
8 one on it too. There is two tracks.

9 MR. HALE: Can we go ahead and listen
10 to them?

11 THE WITNESS: And the reason I have a
12 copy is because --

13 MR. SIDES: Say it again.

14 THE WITNESS: The reason I have a
15 copy is just because at that point I was kind of
16 afraid that something -- because he started
17 getting really suspicious and angry at me and I
18 wanted to be able to say, you know what, you are
19 having an affair, don't -- you know, you
20 didn't -- because he was telling me I needed to
21 find a new job and this and that, and I did it
22 only as protection for myself and for her,
23 because she -- even though she is better at

1 technology and everything than he is, you know,
2 I was afraid that he would take it and destroy
3 it or give it to Rebekah for whatever reason and
4 then, like, her evidence would be completely
5 gone.

6 (Playing recording.)

7 MR. HALE: And what we are about to
8 listen to is a copy of the recording that
9 Ms. Bentley made of the Governor.

10 THE WITNESS: Yeah, at the beach.

11 (Playing recording.)

12 BY MR. HALE:

13 Q. You were starting to say a moment ago
14 --

15 A. So we knew that the Governor and
16 Rebekah were texting and we confirmed it there,
17 and Ms. Bentley was convinced it was an
18 emotional affair, I was convinced it was
19 physical. That obviously confirmed that it was
20 physical. The way Ms. Bentley finally ended up
21 having to tell her children, which was almost a
22 relief to me, because I wasn't the only one that
23 knew anymore, Ms. Bentley and Melissa, who is

1 her daughter-in-law who is married to Paul, were
2 going shopping for a chandelier, because
3 Ms. Bentley's house flooded and so she was home
4 dealing with that, and Ms. Bentley was sitting
5 in the car and got a text message from Doctor
6 Bentley or Governor Bentley and it said, I love
7 you, Rebekah, with that red rose emoji that he
8 always used. And Ms. Bentley collapsed in front
9 of Melissa. And a Melissa immediately took
10 Ms. Bentley's phone and looked at it and was
11 like, we are going home, called her husband, and
12 that was the first time Ms. Bentley talked to
13 them about it.

14 Q. Did she play this recording?

15 A. She did.

16 Q. Did she still have it on her phone?

17 A. No, it was on the disc, because at
18 that point Ms. Bentley had already brought it
19 home and locked it in their safety deposit box.

20 Q. And it is still there, to your
21 knowledge?

22 A. To my knowledge. So Paul couldn't
23 list to it, because the first time he said

1 "baby" to Rebekah he said his skin crawled. And
2 Melissa listened to the rest of it with
3 Ms. Bentley.

4 Q. Were you there?

5 A. I was not, huh-uh. Melissa called me
6 and asked me to come shortly after, so I drove
7 to Tuscaloosa and they sat me down and thanked
8 me, first of all, for being a confident and
9 support system for Ms. Bentley. Second of all,
10 told me I couldn't say anything to anybody else,
11 which I already knew, and asked me what else I
12 might know. And I mean, Ms. Bentley had
13 journals of everything she had the text messages
14 and stuff, so she could tell them more than I
15 could. And so I more sat there for Ms. Bentley's
16 moral support and listened and cried, and I
17 don't know, a little bit of everything else. And
18 then it just kept progressing from that point,
19 honestly. He tried to move me to the campaign
20 and he told me --

21 Q. Wait, let me stop real quick.

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. After Ms. Bentley met with her

1 children and daughter-in-law --

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. -- at what point after that did they
4 confront him with it?

5 A. Paul immediately drove to Montgomery
6 to confront the Governor and he denied it. And
7 Ms. Bentley had already confronted him and he
8 denied it. And so they decided as a family unit
9 that they would let the Governor hear the tape
10 so he couldn't deny it anymore. So they played
11 it for him.

12 Q. Do you know when and how that
13 happened?

14 A. That was like April or May of 2014.
15 And how it happened was Paul made his dad sit
16 down upstairs in the mansion and listen to it.

17 MR. SIDES: Is Paul sort of like the
18 leader of the children?

19 THE WITNESS: He is definitely the
20 leader of the children. At that point, John
21 Mark, the oldest son, did not know. Luke did
22 not find out until it came out in the news,
23 because like I said earlier, he is special

1 needs. And Matthew was the second son to find
2 out. He is their second biological child. He
3 is a Doctor in Mississippi. And probably a
4 couple months after Paul found out, Matthew
5 starting getting suspicious about stuff that was
6 going on on Twitter and asked Ms. Bentley about
7 it and she told him.

8 MR. SIDES: Where does Paul live?

9 THE WITNESS: He lives in Tuscaloosa.

10 MR. SIDES: What does he do?

11 THE WITNESS: He owns his own
12 company, Warrior Oil.

13 MR. SIDES: When he played the tape
14 for the Governor, what did he say?

15 THE WITNESS: The Governor got quiet
16 and said he wasn't going to stop and that he
17 finally found somebody that made him happy. And
18 then Paul confronted Rebekah and did not play
19 her the tapes, because he didn't want to
20 implicate his mom, and instead he took his phone
21 and his recorder and put it on the dashboard and
22 said we are going to have a conversation and it
23 is going to be on the record and you are going

1 to tell me what you are doing with my dad. And
2 she admitted that they were having an affair and
3 that she was getting money and --

4 MR. SIDES: She was getting money?

5 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

6 MR. SIDES: From him?

7 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. And that she
8 wasn't sorry and -- but that she would stop if
9 Paul made her. Like a couple things like that. I
10 didn't get to hear the full recording. So I
11 heard part of it and Ms. Bentley told me about
12 part of it. Then Paul took that to his dad when
13 they were at the beach in May and the Governor
14 kind of shook his head and said she just lied to
15 you, she doesn't mean it, she loves me. And not
16 all of that is probably in here. Collier -- some
17 things I never have discussed with Collier
18 because, one, to keep her safe and, two, because
19 I wouldn't betray Ms. Bentley's trust. And she
20 didn't want everybody to know.

21 BY MR. HALE:

22 Q. Heather, I am going to mark as
23 Exhibit 1 to this sworn statement a document

1 that you have provided me titled timeline. And
2 I am going to number each page in the lower
3 right-hand corner with the numeric number one,
4 two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, it is
5 nine pages. And the copy I am providing you is
6 from the original that you provided to me. And
7 can you formally identify what this is?

8 (Exhibit 1 was marked for
9 identification.)

10 A. Yes, it is a timeline that was
11 compiled by Collier Tynes and myself so that we
12 maintained records of what we experienced and
13 witnessed so that when and if we were confronted
14 with this moving forward we would have, I guess
15 our own proof and evidence that we had.

16 Q. Does she have an identical copy of
17 this?

18 A. She does.

19 Q. And is it a collaborative product?

20 A. It is.

21 Q. That combines elements and things and
22 facts that each of you, some separately,
23 individually and some collectively, that y'all

1 have combined into one document?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And if you wouldn't mind, just
4 flipping through and making sure I've numbered
5 it correctly and if you would just initial each
6 page and on the last page if you would sign it
7 and date it today.

8 A. (Complies.)

9 Q. Is Collier aware that you are now
10 being represented by counsel?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. All right. And did you tell us
13 earlier that she has a lawyer?

14 A. She does.

15 Q. And you don't remember his name?

16 A. Her parents requested that she get an
17 attorney soon after she left the Governor's
18 office.

19 MR. SIDES: And she has already been
20 of interviewed by who?

21 THE WITNESS: The FBI.

22 MR. SIDES: Did she talk to you about
23 that interview?

1 THE WITNESS: Some, not in full.

2 MR. SIDES: What did she tell you
3 about it?

4 THE WITNESS: She told me they were
5 extremely pushy, very short. Asked her some
6 questions that she admitted that she was not
7 privied to and she told them that I was the one
8 that had the personal experience with it. She
9 said that they asked some about the recordings,
10 but told her that it was the least of their
11 worries that Ms. Bentley would record her
12 husband's conversation, they had bigger fish to
13 fry. And then she said that they just asked her
14 specific questions about, you know, where she
15 saw things, you know, what she saw. Collier saw
16 photos of the Governor and Rebekah from one of
17 the campaign staffers during the affair. She was
18 a student at Auburn and Collier had graduated
19 from Auburn, so they had previous relationship
20 and the girl showed Collier some pictures that
21 Collier described as disturbing, but depicting
22 the Governor and Rebekah in their interactions
23 together. She said they just kind of went over

1 the timeline of when everything happened and
2 specifically asked her if she had ever spoken to
3 Spencer Collier about anything and then
4 dismissed her.

5 MR. HALE: Did she indicate to you
6 that any of the pictures that she spoke of
7 showing the Governor and Rebekah Mason's
8 interactions were of a physical nature?

9 THE WITNESS: They were.

10 MR. HALE: Were any of them of an
11 intimate nature?

12 THE WITNESS: Collier said that there
13 was just a lot of touching in the pictures is
14 all she said to me. I didn't ask her a lot of
15 details about it. However, I know if I did she
16 would be more than happy to tell me. When we
17 talked about it, she just said they were a lot
18 of really close proximity, a lot of touching, a
19 lot of, like, gazing into each others eyes,
20 which had her upset.

21 MR. HALE: Did she tell you how the
22 pictures were obtained?

23 THE WITNESS: They were taken on a

1 cell phone by a girl named Meredith, I don't
2 know her last name, who worked on the campaign
3 just as intern, the second campaign.

4 MR. HALE: Was Collier represented by
5 her counsel during the FBI interview?

6 THE WITNESS: She has not -- wait,
7 was Collier represented?

8 MR. HALE: Was her lawyer there?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, sorry, yes, he
10 was.

11 MR. HALE: Do you know if she signed
12 a cooperation agreement and even potentially an
13 immunity agreement before discussing anything
14 with the FBI or Department of Justice?

15 THE WITNESS: Not that I am aware of
16 but she didn't tell me.

17 MR. SIDES: Go back to the interview,
18 I mean, did she tell you, was it accusatorial in
19 nature or were they just wanting to find out
20 what she knew?

21 THE WITNESS: She just felt like they
22 are with really pushing her for whatever
23 information.

1 MR. SIDES: Did she feel like she was
2 accused of doing something wrong?

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 MR. SIDES: Where did the interview
5 take place?

6 THE WITNESS: Downtown.

7 MR. SIDES: Here in Birmingham?

8 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

9 MR. SIDES: Did she tell you the
10 names of the FBI guys that were interviewing
11 her?

12 THE WITNESS: No, she did not. But I
13 mean, I could ask her and she would tell me if
14 she remembered.

15 MR. HALE: Do you know when that took
16 place?

17 THE WITNESS: Last week.

18 MR. HALE: They would have provided
19 her with not only their badges but also a card.

20 THE WITNESS: I am sure she --

21 MR. SIDES: We need to find out who
22 the lawyer is and just talk to the lawyer.

23 THE WITNESS: I can certainly do that

1 when she responds. They had an event this
2 morning at Gateway so I am sure she will text me
3 back and I will pass that along to you as soon
4 as --

5 BY MR. HALE:

6 Q. With regard to your continued
7 employment after all of this broke, did you
8 begin to experience any kind of pressure to
9 resign, quit your job or --

10 A. Yes, the Governor, he said stuff to
11 me on a regular basis, whether it was you need
12 to leave and find something better to do or if
13 you say anything to anyone about this, you will
14 never work in the State of Alabama again.

15 MR. SIDES: He knew that you knew
16 that the gig was up?

17 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. Because he
18 didn't -- he told Ms. Bentley that there was no
19 way she was smart enough to figure out how to
20 make a recording without me, so he was convinced
21 that I was the one that did it. And he
22 confronted me in the kitchen of course, of the
23 mansion, right in front of the wall of

1 refrigerators. He confronted me one night, he
2 came in and put his finger in my face and was
3 like you will never work in the State of Alabama
4 again if you tell anybody about this. I said,
5 you know, what you are choosing to do is wrong
6 and as long as you know that, you are the one
7 that has to sleep at night.

8 MR. SIDES: When was it that he said
9 this to?

10 THE WITNESS: In the Spring of 2014,
11 so after he found out Ms. Bentley knew, so
12 probably in May.

13 Q. Did thereafter you have conversations
14 or a confrontation of any kind with Rebekah
15 Mason?

16 A. Rebekah, the whole time, would tell
17 the Governor she wanted me gone, but never said
18 anything to me directly. She did confront a
19 couple of other staff members, Wanda Kelley was
20 dismissed from the Governor's service, Angi
21 Smith, now Stalnaker, was dismissed from the
22 Governor's office and asked to find something
23 else because of Rebekah. But because

1 Ms. Bentley had final say over my position she
2 wasn't really able to do anything to me.

3 Q. Why did Rebekah oversee their
4 terminations or resignations?

5 A. Because at that time whatever Rebekah
6 said the Governor did, regardless of whether or
7 not it was her area.

8 Q. Did she have legitimate reasons, to
9 your knowledge, for terminating one or more or
10 all of them?

11 A. She felt like they would compromise
12 the Governor and her relationship. And at that
13 time she was working on the campaign so she
14 wasn't even a State employee yet, she had his
15 ear for everything. That was the main complaint
16 of most of the staffers in Montgomery.

17 Q. Besides the -- well, let me stop
18 this, with this confrontation you had with the
19 Governor in the kitchen of the mansion, down
20 there where he stuck his finger in your face,
21 did he intimidate you?

22 A. No, I am not intimidated by the
23 Governor.

1 Q. But did you -- did you interpret it
2 as an effort to intimidate you?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Was he angry?

5 A. He was.

6 Q. Was he speaking in a tone that was
7 substantially different from otherwise normal?

8 A. Yes, he raised his voice and was
9 extremely firm in his speech and his gestures.

10 Q. How close did he approach yelling at
11 you?

12 A. I mean, it was -- he wanted to make
13 sure I understood the point without letting
14 people that would be -- his security detail that
15 were sitting outside the mansion -- he spoke
16 loud enough that I would get the point and
17 Ms. Bentley heard upstairs but security detail
18 outside didn't react, so.

19 Q. Were there any other discrete actions
20 taken by him or anyone else to attempt to
21 separate you from Ms. Bentley?

22 A. Yes. He tried to -- he hired Collier
23 in hopes that I could be moved to the campaign,

1 because he knew that if I was moved to the
2 campaign that I could be fired without cause.
3 State employees, you know, have to have a little
4 bit more reason. So he tried to move me to
5 campaign and I refused to go.

6 Q. Can you elaborate on it, how did he
7 do that?

8 A. He told me, he is like, you are not
9 being beneficial to my wife anymore, y'all have
10 too much of a personal relationship, it is
11 interfering with, you know, her work that she is
12 supposed to be doing as First Lady, you need to
13 move to campaign where you can be better served.
14 Or I need people on the campaign, you know, that
15 have been there before that can lead, guide and
16 direct those that are there now. And I said,
17 well, you know, how would I be guaranteed that I
18 could move back to my job with Ms. Bentley? And
19 he was like, well, there would be no guarantee.

20 Q. Did he outright order you to take up
21 responsibilities in the campaign?

22 A. No, he just told me that is where I
23 needed to be. And I said, well, what does

1 Ms. Bentley think? That was always my response
2 to him, because I knew that if he had really
3 talked to Ms. Bentley he wouldn't be having that
4 conversation and he would usually kind of back
5 off at that point.

6 Q. Did you report any of those
7 conversations with him to her?

8 A. I did.

9 Q. And what was her response?

10 A. She would just shake her head or she
11 talked to him about it like once or twice when
12 he first started really trying to push me to go
13 on the campaign and he -- because he had Zach
14 Lee call me and Heath Garrett was the campaign
15 manager for the second campaign, and he had
16 Heath call me and try to get me to go to lunch
17 to work on the campaign. And I told him
18 Ms. Bentley about it and she said, Robert,
19 Heather is not going anywhere, she is my only
20 friend in Montgomery and she is staying with me.
21 And that kind of ended it.

22 Q. At what point, if at all, do you
23 think that we should approach Ms. Bentley's

1 attorney? Do you think -- let me say -- add a
2 little bit to it, will she be supportive of you
3 even now?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Have you had any conversations with
6 her privately since you left the office?

7 A. Uh-huh, numerous.

8 Q. Good. Even post divorce?

9 A. Uh-huh, we have had -- we had --

10 Q. Have you seen her?

11 A. The three of us at Christmas, we did
12 a Christmas lunch with all of us and gave
13 presents and I took her --

14 MR. SIDES: Who is the three of you?

15 A. Collier, myself and Ms. Bentley. And
16 then since that, when I am in Tuscaloosa
17 traveling for work now I will call her and if
18 she is home, you know, see her. And she will
19 still text me when she needs something, like she
20 just gave a speech to the foster children at
21 Gateway a couple weeks ago and it was all in the
22 paper and AL.com and I wrote her speech, so I
23 mean, we still --

1 Q. Did she ever show you the pen I made
2 her?

3 A. Yes, yes, she was so tickled.

4 Q. I have the sweetest note back there
5 in her handwriting that I got shortly after
6 that.

7 A. She is so precious. She is struggling
8 right now to find her purpose, because she had
9 so much to do when she was in Montgomery when
10 she was First Lady. In one respect she feels
11 like she had to give it all up prematurely, and
12 then in other respect, she knows it was the only
13 decision she could make. So Collier and I are
14 both trying to find ways that she can still feel
15 like she is serving others but --

16 Q. Are her family still supportive of
17 your relationship with her?

18 A. Extremely.

19 Q. So there is no issue with any of
20 them?

21 A. No, huh-uh.

22 MR. SIDES: You know, I read in the
23 news that the overall thing that he is being

1 investigated for is ethics violations. But are
2 you aware of anything more specific than that?

3 THE WITNESS: Just using State funds
4 and allocations and buildings to serve his and
5 Rebekah's relationship. I know Ms. Bentley would
6 go out of town to their beach house occasionally
7 and the Governor would have Rebekah over to the
8 stay at the mansion.

9 MR. HALE: Overnight?

10 THE WITNESS: She was asked to leave
11 the mansion, she stayed at Winfield Estate
12 overnight. And interestingly enough, Stan
13 Stabler, who denies it all, is the one that
14 called -- he called me and he called Ms. Bentley
15 the night Rebekah and the Governor were hanging
16 out at Winfield because he thought it was very
17 suspicious and inappropriate and he called to
18 bring it to our attention. And Ms. Bentley left
19 the beach the very next morning and came home
20 because of it and now he denies it.

21 MR. HALE: Do you have personal
22 knowledge of any use of public and State fund or
23 otherwise public monies to promote or protect

1 their relationship?

2 THE WITNESS: I mean, they would fly
3 on the plane and the flight logs will say, you
4 know, Jennifer Artiss and Zach Lee were on it
5 and I know that they would get off the plane and
6 ride with security home for whatever reason, you
7 know, kind of last minute so the Bentley's could
8 fly on the airplane -- or so that Governor
9 Bentley and Rebekah could fly on the airplane
10 together.

11 MR. HALE: Alone?

12 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. And I know that
13 there were always multiple cars taken for the
14 security detail and a lot of times Rebekah and
15 the Governor would occupy one car and the other
16 staffers would be in another one or provide
17 their own transportation.

18 MR. HALE: Can the back of those
19 Suburbans be made individually private where the
20 occupants are separated completely from the
21 driver?

22 THE WITNESS: No.

23 MR. SIDES: You say that -- you say

1 that Rebekah confessed to Paul?

2 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

3 MR. SIDES: That Bentley was paying
4 her money?

5 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

6 MR. SIDES: Do you have an
7 understanding of where that money was coming
8 from?

9 THE WITNESS: I do not. I was told by
10 Paul that it was a combination of his personal
11 money and other donations that had come in that
12 he was funneling to her.

13 MR. SIDES: How does Paul know that?

14 THE WITNESS: Because Paul was on the
15 campaign side with all the money and Mike Echols
16 is the Bentley's accountant, and Mike Echols
17 started seeing some areas of concern and
18 confronted Paul about it also. So Mike Echols,
19 Paul Bryant, Jr. and Paul Bentley collectively
20 have also spoken with the Governor about some of
21 his financial decisions that he was making.

22 MR. SIDES: The --

23 MR. HALE: Wait, what do you mean by

1 that?

2 THE WITNESS: That is all I know.
3 That is all Ms. Bentley told me. She just said
4 that the reason that they finally convinced
5 Ms. Bentley to divorce him is because they were
6 watching money dwindle and Paul told his mom
7 that the Governor was doing some questionable
8 things, maybe even some things that were
9 considered illegal and that she didn't need to
10 be associated with it because they didn't want
11 her to lose everything.

12 MR. SIDES: What was the money being
13 paid for? Was it to -- was Bentley paying
14 Rebekah the money to have the affair or was he
15 paying her money for some other reasons?

16 THE WITNESS: He said it was her
17 salary for doing such a good job, but the
18 amounts that she was making, I mean, over
19 \$100,000 dollars just seems a little exorbitant
20 compared to what everybody else was making.

21 MR. HALE: All right, let --

22 MR. SIDES: One more thing, excuse
23 me, do you have an understanding as to how that

1 money was paid, in what form?

2 THE WITNESS: My understanding that
3 it was just by check. But from who, it would
4 have to be from the campaign, because
5 technically she was a campaign employee at that
6 time.

7 MR. SIDES: So it wouldn't be checks
8 written by the Governor to her?

9 THE WITNESS: Initially the first
10 campaign he wrote her checks personally, but I
11 think the second time, Al Agricola was the
12 election attorney and also managed the campaign
13 as the attorney and I think he advised that
14 everything come through the campaign.

15 MR. HALE: Heather, let me finish
16 this document.

17 THE WITNESS: Sorry, I need to sign
18 this one.

19 BY MR. HALE:

20 Q. If you will just sign it and date it
21 today at 11:07 a.m., June 3rd.

22 A. (Complies.)

23 Q. Okay. Just for purposes of the sworn

1 statement I will offer and attach Exhibit 1.
2 Specifically do you have any personal knowledge
3 that Governor Bentley misused any State funds,
4 other than what you have already told us?

5 A. Not to my knowledge.

6 Q. Are there any other witnesses you
7 believe that know as much or more than you do,
8 maybe besides Collier Tynes?

9 A. I believe that Zach Lee knows every
10 aspect of what happened, maybe less of the
11 personal side, but more of the business side,
12 because he was the Governor's aide, he road with
13 he and Rebekah, he is the one that initially
14 confronted the Governor about some of the
15 financial, you know, questions that he had, but
16 I also know that Zach is also terrified now to
17 lose his job and not be able to find another
18 one.

19 MR. SIDES: What is his position now?

20 THE WITNESS: The Governor made him a
21 job, he is like the director of small
22 governments or something like that, but he sort
23 of works with City Mayors and City Council.

1 MR. SIDES: Do you know, is he
2 lawyered up?

3 THE WITNESS: I am not sure.

4 MR. HALE: What personal knowledge do
5 you have about the Governor buying into these
6 disposable flip phones?

7 THE WITNESS: He starting do that
8 when he realized Ms. Bentley was reading his
9 text messages. Initially he started changing his
10 pass codes every so often so that she wouldn't
11 know what his code was.

12 MR. SIDES: Learned some technology,
13 did he?

14 THE WITNESS: Really quickly, because
15 Ms. Bentley -- I was like why did you tell him
16 that that is how you were getting all this
17 information, we had it easy. But then it turned
18 into him just by buying disposable phones that
19 she didn't know about.

20 MR. HALE: Did you ever see any of
21 the disposable phones?

22 THE WITNESS: I saw maybe one or two,
23 but that was about it.

1 MR. HALE: Do you have personal
2 knowledge of how he paid for them?

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 MR. HALE: Have you gotten hearsay
5 information about how he paid for them?

6 THE WITNESS: I was told that he
7 would send staffers to get them for him and he
8 would pay them back in cash.

9 MR. SIDES: It came out, I think, in
10 some news report that -- and maybe he paid it
11 back late, but wasn't there a check for like a
12 thousand dollars and he said here is the proof
13 that I paid for them, but there was some
14 distance in time between when they were bought
15 and when he said, you know, here is the money.

16 MR. HALE: Well, specifically what I
17 was curious about is whether or not they were
18 paid with State issued debit or charge cards?

19 MR. SIDES: At the time of purchase?

20 MR. HALE: Yes, sir.

21 THE WITNESS: Cheryl Fonden has
22 records of everything that is purchases with
23 State money, so does Wayne Hoyt. Then Cleve

1 Hightower is the man in charge of IT who was
2 tasked with, you know, changing the Governor's
3 pass codes and e-mails and stuff on a regular
4 basis.

5 MR. HALE: Do you know whether or not
6 Zach Lee has been interviewed by anyone?

7 THE WITNESS: I am not sure. I
8 haven't spoken with Zach.

9 MR. HALE: You said early, early on
10 that the Governor was accusing you of either
11 tapping or taping his personal phone calls and
12 invading or otherwise improperly accessing his
13 e-mail.

14 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

15 MR. HALE: Did you ever access his
16 e-mail improperly?

17 THE WITNESS: No. Anytime I saw
18 anything in his e-mail was because Ms. Bentley
19 would call me upstairs and say, hey, look at
20 this and would show me something she had seen on
21 his iPad between he and Rebekah.

22 MR. HALE: Is there anything else
23 that you are aware of that you personally might

1 think will become problematic?

2 THE WITNESS: For me or just in
3 general?

4 MR. HALE: Well, number one, in
5 general, but more specifically and more
6 importantly, for you?

7 THE WITNESS: I don't think so,
8 because I really, I mean, as best as I could at
9 the age that I was when I was going through all
10 of this, tried to make decisions that would be
11 either keep me uninvolved or out of it, so most
12 of my knowledge is personal about the two of
13 them and their relationship and how the affair
14 developed so.

15 MR. HALE: Was there ever a point
16 after all of this or very close in time when all
17 of this broke that the Governor insisted that
18 everybody, including you, sign a confidentiality
19 agreement?

20 THE WITNESS: I was told by his
21 security detail once they started doing sweeps
22 of the mansion every couple weeks, which was
23 because he thought I was recording all of his

1 conversations, that I was to sign a
2 confidentiality agreement, and I said no.

3 MR. HALE: Do you remember who with
4 the security detail told you that?

5 THE WITNESS: I believe it was Ray
6 Lewis, who was working for the Governor's
7 security at the time, said that the Governor
8 requested that everyone sign a confidentiality
9 agreement. And I was like, I am not going to. I
10 was like I have -- I was like, I don't know
11 anything. I am not signing anything.

12 BY MR. HALE:

13 Q. Let me show you what I just marked as
14 Exhibit 2, Heather.

15 (Exhibit 2 was marked for
16 identification.)

17 Q. Take just a minute and look at that
18 and tell me if you recognize that document and
19 if you can, can you tell me what it is, can you
20 identify it?

21 A. Yes, I do recognize it. It is the
22 confidentiality agreement for the Office of the
23 Governor talking about any information you hear,

1 anything you see, any property that you use that
2 belongs to the State, talks about your records
3 and when you have to turn them in and things
4 like that. This one happens to be signed by Seth
5 Hammond.

6 Q. When the security detail approached
7 you, did they actually show you a
8 confidentiality agreement that they needed you
9 to sign?

10 A. He had a folder in his hand, but I
11 didn't look it over because I knew I wasn't
12 going to sign it.

13 Q. So you don't know if this is --

14 A. I don't know.

15 Q. Okay. Just for the record, let me
16 identify that as a document that has already
17 been produced publicly anyway and attach it as
18 Exhibit 2.

19 MR. SIDES: That was right, though,
20 on the verge of you leaving, right?

21 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh, I left the
22 summer after we confronted him.

23 BY MR. HALE:

1 Q. Do you know what the term
2 constructive discharge means?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you feel like you were pressured
5 into resigning?

6 A. No. Well, maybe in a way, but not
7 intentionally, because it would be Ms. Bentley.
8 She just lost her desire to do anything and was
9 telling me that she was going to divorce him and
10 that I wouldn't have a job. And I felt a little
11 trapped and afraid and that -- I thought this
12 would come out way before it has and was afraid
13 that I would not be able to find another job or
14 would be stuck working in the State government,
15 which I didn't want to do. But at no time do --
16 in fact, if anything, the Governor telling me to
17 leave, you know, gave me that renewed strength
18 to just stay, because I knew that, you know, we
19 were being a light in whatever darkness he was
20 bringing.

21 Q. He tried pretty darn hard to get rid
22 of you?

23 A. He did. When he came to my going away

1 party. He is like, well, maybe I wish you the
2 best. And I looked him in the eye and I said, I
3 want you to know, Governor, that I have lost all
4 respect for you and I never thought that would
5 happen. And I said, I am praying for you that
6 you will repent and turn away from this, but
7 until that day you do not have my respect. Which
8 was probably wrong, but --

9 Q. What did he say?

10 A. Because he was like real in my face
11 and like had my hands, and he just let me go and
12 turned around and walked out. But I figured it
13 was my only chance to tell him how I really felt
14 without making a seen, because my parents were
15 there that day and I knew he wouldn't do
16 anything to me in front of me my dad.

17 MR. SIDES: What is your relationship
18 like -- what was it like when you worked with
19 there with Spencer Collier?

20 THE WITNESS: Spencer Collier and I
21 just had a working relationship, very
22 professional. He and I talked on a decently
23 regular basis because there were all the time

1 threats coming in about the Governor and First
2 Lady and I was obviously made aware of all the
3 ones that related to the residence and
4 Ms. Bentley. Spencer -- oh, I met him though for
5 the first time when he was still working in
6 congress because he and the Bentley's were such
7 good friends and they had a working
8 relationship. And then when he came on we were
9 excited because he was one of the people we
10 really liked, so.

11 BY MR. HALE:

12 Q. He started my list, and at what
13 point -- at what point did Spencer become aware
14 of these audio tapes that you had helped
15 Ms. Bentley facilitate and what was your
16 role in that?

17 A. I am not sure when Spencer became
18 aware of it. It was my understanding that the
19 tapes were brought to the attention of Ray Lewis
20 who was the head of the Governor's security
21 detail.

22 Q. By who?

23 A. By Paul Bentley, uh-huh.

1 Q. Okay.

2 A. And because Paul thought that if Ray,
3 from a security standpoint knew, could prohibit
4 the Governor and Rebekah from being alone, which
5 would help end the affair was the hope. And
6 since Spencer Collier was technically over Ray
7 as the security advisor and I -- it was my
8 understanding that Ray is the one that brought
9 the tapes to Spencer. But the rumors were
10 already flying around at that time.

11 Q. Did you have -- ever have anything to
12 do with meetings or were you present when any
13 meetings took place between the Governor and
14 Mike Hubbard?

15 A. No.

16 Q. How about the Governor and Dale
17 Marsh?

18 A. I was never sitting in any of those
19 meetings. I would see them on our calendar and
20 know they were taking place, but I never sat in
21 on any of them.

22 Q. Were you ever in any meetings with
23 any of the other business people, Will Brooke,

1 Mr. Rain or any of those others that are
2 involved in Mike Hubbard?

3 A. The only time I was ever in a, quote
4 unquote, meeting with Mr. Rain was he came over
5 to the Governor's mansion for dinner and any
6 time we had a dinner I was required to stay, but
7 I didn't sit at the table with them, I just kind
8 of helped facilitate.

9 Q. Heather, going forward, again, as I
10 said, if this does not die of its own weight
11 and/or the Governor resign or indicted on what
12 has already come out, it may become very
13 complicated and involved and I hope you know you
14 got mine and Terry's phone lines and you got my
15 cell phone that you are going to call us any
16 time you get that contact. I have already got
17 the notice that you got from the Ethics
18 Commission. I will send a letter of
19 representation to them.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. We will try to find out who the
22 agents are, because we know many of the FBI
23 agents.

1 A. Right. I will try to find out for
2 you.

3 Q. But I also am going to give you a
4 handful of cards to carry with you just as a
5 don't talk to me.

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Please call here. And I will
8 hopefully get a handful of Mr. Sides too so you
9 are going to be covered on both sides in case
10 either one of us is unavailable.

11 Is there anything else -- I know
12 there is a heck of a lot more detail in this
13 outline.

14 A. Well, just because we wanted to kind
15 of have it all on paper just so, like I said, we
16 were covered. And the last page kind of has a
17 couple of quotes from him that stuck out that
18 both of us had recorded, just that really shows
19 his change. But and then my biggest concern now
20 is some of the people that are in positions of
21 power, Clay Ryan sticks out in my mind, he was
22 from Maynard Cooper.

23 Q. Who?

1 A. Clay Ryan. He now works for the
2 University of Alabama in some role. He was
3 awarded his position because of everything he
4 was privied to with the relationship with
5 Rebekah and the Governor, so.

6 MR. SIDES: One person we haven't
7 mentioned here today is Rebekah's husband.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes. John, I would not
9 consider him to be a strong person and we tried
10 to believe that he just didn't know for a long
11 time and maybe was just oblivious or maybe even
12 that he believed the best of his wife, just like
13 Ms. Bentley believed of the Governor. But he
14 was confronted along with Rebekah by the pastor
15 of First Baptist Church. He brought them in and
16 basically asked for a confession and admittance
17 by Rebekah of the affair, and the Governor and
18 First Lady were there also. And at that time,
19 the Governor and Rebekah both admitted the
20 affair and the Pastor asked if they would
21 repent, make a public confession and they said
22 no and they were dismissed from the church. The
23 Governor was removed from his position of deacon

1 and Sunday School teacher. And the pastor said
2 if they were going to live in open sin with no
3 repentance that he couldn't have them there.

4 MR. SIDES: So this was a meeting
5 that the pastor had with the two Bentley's and
6 Rebekah and John Mason?

7 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh.

8 MR. SIDES: Tough crowd, isn't it?
9 And your understanding of what happened in that
10 meeting, I assume, comes from Ms. Bentley?

11 THE WITNESS: A. it does.

12 MR. SIDES: And she tells you that in
13 the meeting that both Rebekah and the Governor
14 admitted to the affair?

15 THE WITNESS: Because she said that
16 she -- she had spoken with the pastor -- she had
17 been getting counseling from another pastor in
18 Georgia, but it became kind of difficult for her
19 to get there --

20 MR. SIDES: Who?

21 THE WITNESS: Ms. Bentley. And she
22 knew that she probably needed to, you know,
23 confide in her own pastor. And too, the Mason's

1 sat in front of them at church every Sunday and
2 Ms. Bentley said she was so distracted she
3 couldn't get anything from the message because
4 she knew that is all the Governor was thinking
5 about, so she finally confronted her pastor and
6 the pastor said, well, you know, we have heard
7 the rumors and we are going to put an end to it
8 and he goes, you know -- because he goes, I
9 cannot have that in my church if we truly want
10 to grow and follow the Lord. And so Ms. Bentley
11 told me they were going to go to a meeting at
12 the church and called me after.

13 MR. SIDES: Who is the pastor?

14 THE WITNESS: Same one there now,
15 McKinney or --

16 MR. SIDES: Well, do you think that
17 John Mason learned about it when everybody else
18 did?

19 THE WITNESS: No, I think he knew
20 before. I think he knew they were being
21 financially benefited, because, I mean, he was
22 making over \$100,000 dollars in his cabinet
23 position, so I think he was content with it. And

1 the way he and Rebekah got together in the first
2 place is she was married and they started having
3 relations on the side and she got a divorce.

4 MR. HALE: They were married to other
5 people?

6 THE WITNESS: He wasn't, she was.

7 MR. HALE: Heather, we have a DVD
8 that is in the unit up there, I am going to put
9 it out. There is one also --

10 THE WITNESS: This is just a band,
11 and I don't have any CDs left anymore, but I
12 couldn't figure out how to hide a recorded disc
13 without putting it in with another one.

14 MR. HALE: Let's get that disc out
15 and let's mark it too, Terry, if you know how to
16 reject it.

17 THE WITNESS: I wanted to be able to
18 lock that up and nobody to be suspicious of it,
19 so I figured if you put it in a band --

20 MR. HALE: Can I put a label on the
21 front of this?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, you can.

23 MR. HALE: And Heather, I have got

1 this DVD that you have provided us. It is a
2 Memorex that I have marked as Exhibit 3.

3 (Exhibit 3 was marked for
4 identification.)

5 MR. HALE: Can you identify that just
6 for the record; is this what it is?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, that is a CD that
8 was burned from the cell phone recording that
9 Dianne Bentley made at their beach house in the
10 early Spring of 2014.

11 MR. HALE: And how many recordings
12 are on here?

13 THE WITNESS: There are two separate
14 recordings on that.

15 MR. HALE: Okay. I will just offer
16 those too.

17 Number one, I got to applaud you for
18 your bravery and for your integrity. And for
19 some of us older people, it does give us a
20 glimmer of hope that all is not lost when you
21 got a younger generation that sticks to values
22 like that. And you know I mean that sincerely.?

23 THE WITNESS: I do.

1 MR. HALE: I have known you and your
2 family for a long, long time and as I told you
3 even before we got in here, that I would protect
4 you to the best of my abilities like you are my
5 own daughter.

6 THE WITNESS: I appreciate that.

7 MR. HALE: So it may become
8 complicated, but what I would expect might be
9 one of several strategies is that we will agree
10 to give one comprehensive interview to one
11 agency, and my preference certainly be that it
12 would be maybe to somebody not associated with
13 the State, I thought about -- I know General
14 Strange personally, I've met with him a number
15 of times, in fact recently in the last six
16 months, but it may be better, after Terry and I
17 talk through it and analyze it, that we will
18 probably agree to give one interview only to the
19 Department of Justice.

20 THE WITNESS: Okay.

21 MR. HALE: And not through the FBI. I
22 have dealt with the FBI way too many times and
23 they are very, very pushy, they are very

1 manipulative, they want to get dirt, and in the
2 process they will make you feel dirty. It
3 doesn't work that way in my shop. So if you got
4 anything else, let me know. If you think of
5 anything else after you get out of here that we
6 would want to know, either let Terry or myself
7 know.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 MR. HALE: We will quickly get back
10 together.

11 MR. SIDES: We need the name for
12 Collier's lawyer.

13 THE WITNESS: I will, as soon as she
14 responds to me, I will let y'all know.

15 MR. HALE: Terry, you got anything
16 else?

17 MR. SIDES: No.

18 MR. HALE: As of my watch, it is
19 11:26 a.m. June 3rd, we are going to conclude
20 this sworn statement.

21 (The statement concluded at
22 11:26 a.m.)

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TIMELINE

EXHIBIT

September 2013

- Collier started her internship at the Alabama Governor's Mansion
- Met Governor Bentley in the Mansion Kitchen. "Dianne, baby, I'm home!"
- Ms. Bentley would complain about RCM texting on the weekends with "emergencies" or about the football games.
- RCM would stay at the guest house because she lived in Tuscaloosa.

October 2013

- Governor had hernia surgery October 15, 2013 <http://yellowhammernews.com/statepolitics/gov-bentley-undergoes-outpatient-surgery/>
 - Rebekah was at the Mansion "helping him with a speech"
 - Heather walked in on them upstairs, and they jumped. First time Heather thought something looked suspicious.
- Collier noticed red flags about Governor and Ms. Bentley's marriage. He would get jealous of Ms. Bentley's success, but would make comments about how she needs to do more. Nothing was ever enough.
- Governor tells his cabinet that Dianne is not busy enough, and she needs projects. Looking back, this was his attempt to get her out of the house.
- Governor talks to Collier about joining staff at the cabinet/staff cookout at Winfield. At first was asking Collier to join the policy team, but Collier made it clear she only wanted to be with the First Lady.

November 2013

- Governor is insistent that the First Lady work with Gunter Guy promoting State Parks and John Cooper fixing state rest stops.
- Governor now says that Collier will be working out of the Tourism Department as the First Lady's liaison. I said no deal. Heather convinces David Perry (Governor's chief of staff at the time) that this will not work. I then interview to be the First Lady's Initiative Coordinator, working out of the Mansion and joining the Governor and First Lady's staff.
- Ms. Bentley is very irritated with Governor for making her do projects she is not interested in. Often makes comments about him telling her she's not "important enough" or "not doing enough."
- Ms. Bentley makes comments wondering why he has so much "speech prep time" with RCM.

January 2014

- Collier moves to Montgomery on January 13, 2014, to start her position as First Lady's Initiatives Coordinator.
- Governor's State of the State is January 14, 2014.
 - Chris Hines (Ms. Bentley's state trooper), drives Ms. Bentley, Heather Hannah, and Collier to the Capitol for the State of the State address.
 - About 15 minutes before the speech, Heather and Collier are outside the old house chamber in the Capitol. Ms. Bentley comes up to them, fuming. Collier had never seen the First Lady so upset before.
 - "Rebekah did not save a seat for John Mark (the Bentley's oldest son). Instead she is making me sit by that man I don't know that's part of his speech. She said she would take note for next year."
 - Heather and Collier rushed to the seats to rearrange and go against Rebekah's orders.
 - After the State of the State, Ms. Bentley told the Governor about what Rebekah said and did. He stuck up for Rebekah instead of his wife.
- This episode was the tipping point for Heather, and she confronted the First Lady about her suspicions after the State of the State in January of 2014.
 - Since October, Heather had been documenting everything she saw that made her believe Governor was cheating on the First Lady.

- He was leaving the Mansion earlier and arriving home later.
- She noticed makeup on his shirt when he got home one day, and he went straight downstairs to the laundry room instead of his usual retreat upstairs.
- Rebekah all of the sudden became the most powerful and influential person on staff... especially after she was listed as Yellowhammer's top 50 people of power and influence in Alabama.
- Heather and Collier would hear used-to-be insider staff (Zach and Angi) complain that they were "on the outside" now.
- Ms. Bentley admitted to Heather that she was noticing and journaling his unusual behavior. He had not told her "I love you" or been any way intimate with her.
- Ms. Bentley and Heather kept their suspicions to themselves for the time being.

February 2014

- Heather and Collier design/send/post a Valentines card of Governor and Ms. Bentley with the 1 Corinthians Bible verse on it as an effort to promote healthy relationships and Christian marriage.
<https://www.facebook.com/216813265006167/photos/pb.216813265006167.-2207520000.1462046818./703744749646347/?type=3&theater>
 - Collier designed, printed, posted and hand-addressed the envelopes. When she asked Heather if she should send one to Rebekah (now a campaign staffer), Heather's response was "Please address it to Mr. and Mrs. Jon Mason and Family." The rest of the addresses were not as formal (ex. Zach and Kelley + Home Address)
 - Ms. Bentley would tell us that the campaign didn't like us posting images of the two of them, but she refused to stop us. She also told us that the Governor complained about us sending a Valentines card, asking "Who did this?!"
 - Note, Collier is still oblivious at this point that there is an affair, but is noticing the red flags in their marriage.
- Ms. Bentley confronted the Governor in February, but he denied the affair.
- National Governor's Association Winter Meeting, Washington, D.C.
 - Heather attended with the First Lady, which was highly unusual. Governor also trying to set up Heather and his aide de camp, Wesley Helton.
 - Rebekah was on the campaign staff, but attended NGA and traveled in state trooper vehicles. She flew up with Jennifer Ardis on a commercial flight.
 - The first night the Governor, First Lady, Jim Byard, and staff went to dinner at the Old Ebbitt.
 - Rebekah wore pleather leggings, stiletto shoes, and a top that would not be appropriate to dine with the Governor and First Lady much less represent the state as a staffer.
 - The group sat at a big table, however Governor and Rebekah sat across from each other.
 - Ms. Bentley saw them texting under the table and read a few of the texts. Things like "I can't take my eyes off of you," and how Rebekah looked that night were what they were talking about.
 - After dinner, Governor suggested Heather and Wesley go stroll around the White House. In my opinion, it was in the Governor's interest for Wesley to become as close to Heather as possible. The rest of the group went with them (Jennifer Ardis, Rebekah, Jim Byard).
 - Rebekah continued to talk about how she was trying to convince Governor to run for president. All talked about how he would be perfect for the job and discussed their White House aspirations. Rebekah stated "the only thing stopping us is that stingy/annoying Dianne Bentley." Made comments about how Ms. Bentley brings Governor down. The rest of the group joined into the conversation, because Rebekah was who they needed to be "in with" to be successful in the administration. Heather defended the First Lady.
 - The group ends up at a bar in DC. Rebekah becomes intoxicated. Governor calls Rebekah during this time, and she squeals about how "Guvner is calling me!!" and walks out. She comes back and announces that Governor told her "I heard a knock on the door, and I thought it was you. I opened it in my boxers so you could be surprised and it was hotel

staff!”

- Heather reports all of this to Ms. Bentley, and Ms. Bentley realizes he lied to her about who he was talking to on the phone while she was in the shower.
- Heather confronts Wesley about it, and he instructs her to stay out of it/keep doing her job.
- Governor and Rebekah send each other selfies before the State Dinner at the White House.
- First Lady and Heather return, and Collier asks about the trip. Needless to say it was not a positive response. Ms. Bentley looks especially depressed.
- Collier believes that NGA was what motivated Ms. Bentley to make the recording at the beach.

March 2014

- Collier creates and introduces “Mrs. Bentley’s Bucket List” to the First Lady as her state park campaign. Ms. Bentley never looks thrilled about it, but knows she “has to do it” because her husband told her to.
- March 29, 2014, Mrs. Bentley kicks off the bucket list at the Bob Baumhower Shrimpfest event at Gulf State Park.
 - Heather and Collier stayed in a nice cabin at Gulf State Park. The Governor and First Lady came by to see it.
 - Governor was in a foul mood when they came by. Ms. Bentley was showing us photos of their newborn granddaughter, Molly. Whenever she talked about her grandchildren, she was always happiest. Governor told her, “Molly doesn’t know who you are. She won’t remember you next time you see her. You have only seen her once or twice.” Mrs. Bentley was deeply hurt by the comment.
 - Collier, Heather and security were very uncomfortable as they watched Governor say such horrible things to a happy grandmother. Governor and Ms. Bentley left with security shortly.
 - Heather told Collier for the first time what was going on between Governor and Rebekah. Collier was in complete shock.
 - Later that night Collier and Heather went to see the Bentley’s second beach house, across the street from their original beach-side house.
 - Governor knew he needed to make up from earlier that afternoon, and he talked politics with Collier and toured both Heather/Collier around the new house that Ms. Bentley worked so hard on.
 - Side Note: Ms. Bentley suspected Rebekah of using the second beach house after keys went missing and she found towels still the drier.
 - Ms. Bentley was in a horrible mood before the Bob Baumhower event and for some reason needed encouragement from Heather getting out of the car. It made more sense to Collier why she was not cooperating with the state parks initiative, because she knew it was an effort to get Ms. Bentley out of Governor’s business at this point.
- Melissa and Paul Bentley learned of the affair in March after Ms. Bentley received a text message from Governor saying “I love you Rebekah” with a red rose emoji. Throughout the rest of this story, Ms. Bentley would receive accidental texts from Governor often.
 - Side Note: the next year Collier saw a text pop up on Ms. Bentley’s phone that said “I love you, baby” with the red rose emoji. Because of the red rose and unusual sign of affection, Collier knew the text was not meant for her.

April 2014

- Mrs. Bentley continued her tour of the state parks, and it was “surprisingly successful.” The state was able to see her fun side, and people were constantly talking about how much better her social media/press was than the Governor’s. This drove Governor crazy.
- Mrs. Bentley got Governor to take a photo of them on the swing of their beach house. She got Collier/Heather to post it. It received so many likes/shares, and it made Rebekah very upset (hence, second recording). This was when Mrs. Bentley learned the more she got out, the more upset she would make Rebekah.

- Collier posts a cover photo of Governor and Mrs. Bentley hugging from their first primary election night. Governor gets very upset over it and asks who posts it.

May 2014

- Collier is pretty sure the campaign website is launched at this point. The only photo featured of Mrs. Bentley is very unflattering/unedited. Ms. Bentley complained to the campaign, but no one seemed to care.
- Ms. Bentley often complained that the campaign/Governors staff would never invite her to events, even obvious "First Lady" type events. Collier encouraged her that "She is the First Lady and if she wants to show up at an event, she shows up!" Thus Mrs. Bentley takes it upon herself to go to the National Day of Prayer event without being formally asked by Governor.
- National Day of Prayer
 - Chris Hines takes Ms. Bentley, Heather and Collier to the Governor's office before the event.
 - They all notice the door now has a lock, Wanda's desk has been moved, and Ms. Bentley's photo has been moved from his desk to the outside office.
 - Ms. Bentley looks heartbroken.
 - Heather stays in his office and Collier follows the Governor and First Lady to the Capitol steps where the event is taking place. Before they opened the door to walk down the steps, Mrs. Bentley grabs his hand. Governor shakes Ms. Bentley's hand off and says, "Don't hold my hand/we don't hold hands!"
 - Collier notices that the Governor reads his script word for word, never going off the cuff. He used to be extremely difficult for his communications staff to control/stick to script. He read his entire speech word for word, and there was an obvious disconnect between what he was saying about the importance of prayer life and what he actually practiced.
- Zach Lee comes over from the campaign to meet with the First Lady.
 - Ms. Bentley expresses to him how saddened she is that she's not being used. He says things like "you can come to whatever you want!"
 - Collier asked Zach if there was a campaign calendar she could keep on her personal phone in order to know what events Ms. Bentley needed to keep on her schedule. Zach lied and said there was not a campaign calendar.
- The Governors Staff goes to the Montgomery Biscuits game on May 22, 2014. The Governor would not sit with Mrs. Bentley and would go talk to Rebekah/stand near her the entire time.
 - Heather confronts Zach about the situation for the first time. Collier overhears Zach talk about how upsetting it is for him.
 - Heather drives Collier home afterwards and tells what Zach disclosed. Governor had been calling Rebekah "baby" in meetings and going to lunch with her. Rebekah's intern, Meredith, told Zach's wife that she thought she'd seen something that she didn't want to see (Governor and Rebekah touching each other inappropriately under the table).
- Heather informs Collier that she is resigning (her last day would be the primary election) and Collier will be taking over.
- May 29, Ms. Bentley, Heather and Collier spend the night in a cabin at Joe Wheeler State Park to complete one of the items on "Mrs. Bentley's Bucket List."
 - Ms. Bentley was anxious the entire trip, while the Governor was spending the night at another event in Huntsville.
 - Heather was talking to Zach Lee to see if he could make sure Rebekah wouldn't spend the night with Governor.

June 2014

- Primary Election Celebration, June 3, 2014, The Zone, Tuscaloosa, AL
 - Heather Hannah's last day working for the Bentley Administration.
 - Collier and Heather planned and set up the event on their personal time due to the campaign's disorganized state. During setup, Ray Lewis confronted Heather about it for the first time in the loading zone of the stadium.

- Room for family only, and Governor would not spend much time with them.
- Rebekah would avoid speaking to Collier and Heather, vice versa. The rest of the staff/campaign staff would try to straddle both sides of the fence.
- Mrs. Bentley ends bucket list campaign zip lining at Gulf State Park, June 24, 2014
 - Front page of AL.com, USA Today. Governor had not made national news since the tornadoes.
 - The campaign shared the footage of Ms. Bentley zip lining, and it received more likes and shares than any other photo they had posted thus far. This drove Governor and Rebekah crazy.
 - Collier goes to lunch with Governor and Mrs. Bentley afterwards. He was disengaged in the conversation and unenthused with her news coverage.

July 2014

- Collier finds out about a photo session for the campaign through Rebekah's intern, Meredith Jones. Inquires whether Mrs. Bentley is needed.
 - Rebekah lies and says "Oh I thought I called Collier about it. I am so sorry!"
 - Rebekah keeps changing the time when Ms. Bentley should arrive to the photo shoot.
 - Chris Hines, Ms. Bentley and Collier arrive to the photo shoot, and it is extremely awkward. Governor's new aid de camp, Jake Jacobs, is there and takes a horrible photo of the Bentleys, then posts it on twitter with Rebekah's permission.
 - Finally it's time for the Governor and Ms. Bentley to take photos together, where the photographer asks them to walk along the sidewalk. Ms. Bentley asks him if it's ok for her to hold his hand, and he replies that "we never hold hands." Ms. Bentley says, "Oh, I didn't know that after being married to you for 49 years." Rebekah is watching the entire time.
 - Rebekah, other staff and the Governor go to Dream Land to "take more photos" and have lunch. It's clear that Ms. Bentley is not invited. Collier, Chris and Ms. Bentley drive back in silence.
- Collier believes this was July 2014 when Matthew Bentley (youngest Bentley son) found out.
 - At first Matthew thought it was delusion and tried to set up a physical/mental exam for him at a hospital out of state.
 - Matthew came to the Mansion to do an intervention with the Governor. He told the guards to not announce his arrival, because he was there to surprise his dad. Collier was warned by Chris beforehand that Matthew was arriving to do this.
- The Governor and Rebekah go to lunch often (Acapulcos was their usual spot).
- The Governor continues to be weird about his calendar and who has access to it.
 - He keeps asking Ms. Bentley "why do you have my calendar?" and telling her that his day was none of her business.
 - The administration kept arranging changes to the calendar password, but they didn't know to hide it from his own wife/wife's staff.
 - Ms. Bentley would ask Collier "what are all these 'holds' on his calendar."

August 2014

- Melissa Bentley convinces Ms. Bentley that she needs to have a getaway to the beach with her best friend Jeannine the last week of August.
 - On the evening of August 25, Collier was off the grounds and Rebekah came to the Mansion. The guards notified Ms. Bentley of her arrival. Devastated, Ms. Bentley came straight back to Montgomery the next day.
- Spencer and Stan allegedly find out at the Greenville campaign event.
- Collier believes Blake Hardwich signed on to the Governors staff at this point. Shortly after she initiated non-disclosure agreements for the staff. Collier signed one thinking it was required.

October 2014

- Ms. Bentley kicked off her domestic violence awareness month campaign and Governor would make fun of her work. "Purple's the color of bruises, that's why everything's purple this month."
- October 1, 2014, DV candlelight vigil in front of the Capitol.

- October 9, 2014, DV luncheon.
- Though everyone else told Ms. Bentley how good of a job she was doing, the only person she cared about did not. It was like pulling teeth to get Governor to cooperate and attend events.

November 2014

- The day before election day, Rebekah coordinated a statewide tour. Collier did not attend the tour, but she heard from Chris Hines, Zach Lee, Angi Stalnaker and Ms. Bentley how horrible it was.
 - Rebekah and Governor flirting on the plane in front of Ms. Bentley.
 - Rebekah whipping off mustard from the Governor's face at lunch.
- Election Night
 - Because the day before was such a bad experience, Collier got the ladies on the Governor's staff (not the campaign) to sign a card for Ms. Bentley.
 - Rumor that "the tapes" had been released to a reporter. Spencer Collier ran around the majority of the night talking to the Governor, troopers, and confronting Linda Adams/Heather Hannah about releasing the tape.
 - The Governor, First Lady and family were in the president's suite. Collier visited to check on the family, very tense and upset. Rebekah had been walking in and out of the suite.
 - Rebekah wore a scantily clad suit with stiletto heels.
 - The Governor and First Family finally came out for his victory speech. Ms. Bentley looked horrible.
- November 10, Shatter the Silence event
 - Ms. Bentley spoke to college students about dating violence. At first Governor refused to go to the event, and then "he decided" that it would be good press for him to go.
 - Collier, Chris Hines, Mike Jemison and Daron Blake were the staff/security that attended the event.
 - Because it was shortly after the election, Governor decided to land the ALEA helicopter in his backyard, "because he could." The troopers and Collier were hesitant to go inside the house with the two of them alone.
 - At the event Governor would not stand with Mrs. Bentley and made light of domestic violence as an issue.
 - After the event, Governor, First Lady and Collier rode back to their home (11 Ridgeland) in silence.
 - The next day Ms. Bentley called and informed Collier she would be moving out of the Mansion and not returning the Turkey Pardoning, any of the Christmas parties, and possibly inauguration.
 - The ground rules were as long as Rebekah stays, Ms. Bentley goes, and vice versa.
 - This was the first time Mrs. Bentley actually talked to Collier directly about the affair.
 - Ms. Bentley instructed Collier to make sure Governor did not make the excuse that she was sick, but to instead simply say, "The First Lady is in Tuscaloosa."
- Turkey Pardon without the First Lady, guests still brought blankets for her initiative, "Blankets for a Blessing."
- Stan Stabler would have to coordinate the First Lady's security with Chris Hines and Collier Tynes now that she was staying in Tuscaloosa.
 - At first Mansion security was used to guard her 24 hours a day, but it was too many people with too much comp time.
 - Then they started primarily using Chris Hines and Mike Jemison. Both troopers comp time was through the roof.

December 2014

- Collier hosted or co-hosted the Christmas parties with the Governor.
 - Guests still brought toys for domestic violence victims' children. Everyone asked about the First Lady and thought it was strange she did not attend.
 - Governor would see me in the kitchen and look over the Christmas party schedule on the refrigerator. "Is Dianne coming back tomorrow?" I would have to say, "no sir, she's not." "Do you know when she's coming back?" "I don't know when she's coming back." He knew the ground rules, but he thought Collier didn't know anything.

- Stan Stabler began talking to Collier more about the situation.
 - The first time was outside the Mansion during one of the Christmas Open House tours. Stan complained to Collier that Governor had the audacity to blame security on spreading the affair rumors. Stan was worried for his job, but also flirting with the idea of retirement.
- SEC Championship, December 6, 2014
 - The Governor and Ms. Bentley were watching the game at their house in Tuscaloosa. Ms. Bentley convinces him to take a selfie with her and sends it to Collier to post on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
 - Less than one hour later, Rebekah calls him in complete tears. Ms. Bentley described it as “going absolutely crazy,” and Governor was trying to calm Rebekah down in front of Ms. Bentley.
 - After Governor got off the phone, he said, “You did that on purpose didn’t you Dianne?” Ms. Bentley nodded and laughed. Governor laughed with her.
 - Ms. Bentley instructed Collier to post as many photos of them as possible on social media in order to drive Rebekah crazy. She was convinced this would continue making Governor see just how crazy Rebekah was.
- Inauguration Planning
 - Rebekah at first claimed she was in charge of inauguration planning, but Governor would tell Ms. Bentley that she had nothing to do with it.
 - Rebekah called Collier one day, but Collier did not answer. Rebekah left a voicemail instructing the First Lady what she should wear to Inauguration. Collier never returned phone calls or texts from Rebekah that point forward.
 - Collier reported this to the First Lady, and Governor was busted. Governor had to tell Rebekah she could not be a part of the planning process so his wife would go to Inauguration.
 - Word got out that the First Lady would possibly be a no show to Inauguration.
 - Clay Ryan called Collier claiming he was “handling the family side of things” and to “keep him in the loop.” He made the statement that “we’re going to be really good friends by the end of this.” Collier reported this to Ms. Bentley, and she instructed me that I was to handle communication with the family.
 - R.B. Walker called Collier to check and see if there was anything the Inauguration Team could do to make the experience good for the First Lady.
 - Julie Lindsey, Governor’s confidential assistant paid by PowerSouth, having to go through Collier regarding the family’s private lunch after the ceremony. Ms. Bentley instructed Collier to tell her they wanted Chappy’s cold sandwiches, because she didn’t know if the family would be there. Collier was not to tell Julie that was *why* she wanted cold sandwiches.
 - Angi Stalnaker was told by Alabama Power that she would be handling relations with the First Lady and her staff. Angi met with Collier to discuss all inauguration details.
 - During Collier’s meetings with Angi, they referred to two Inauguration Plans.
 - Plan A: The First Lady and family were attending.
 - Plan B: The First Lady and family were not attending.
 - Collier instructed Angi and the rest of the Inauguration planning team that the safest plan would be to plan without the First Family attending.
 - Collier instructed the Inauguration Planning staff that the First Lady did not want a single event in her honor.

January 2015

- Seth Hammit and Blake Hardwich continued to tell Collier that there were no plans for Rebekah to be on staff following inauguration. Seth told Ms. Bentley it was in her interest to not say anything to Robert about Rebekah, because he needed to keep his job.
- In one of Stan and Collier’s office chats, Stan informed Collier that “Governor is getting himself in serious trouble over Rebekah. He is creating a 501(c)4...” Collier can’t remember if this was the same time Stan and Collier discussed the reason why he created it was to pay her.

Ray found out primary night
Stan would call fl any time r and g met
Attempt to mayo clinic summer 2014
Pastor in Georgia therapy for FLDB
August 25 FLDB at the beach
August spencer finds out
October domestic violence month
Horrible election night
November 10 shatter the silence
Christmas parties
SEC championship
Inauguration planning
Inauguration
Senior advisor announcement
First baptist Tuscaloosa confrontation with Bentley and Mason. Pastor got deep in gay marriage issue with him afterwards, pastor confronted Jon mason
NGA and name plates
I was used as the babysitter
Power south paid for our dinner
Rcm riding around in trooper cars then
Meredith jones showing me pics
National Day of Prayer round two, HORRIBLE, disconnect
NGA 50 year anniversary, finding photos of their wedding, setting up dinner, changing his mind on posting
Resigning, answering the phone in his office in front of Collier and Christian

"No one cares about First Lady"
"You're not important"
"Purple is the color of bruises therefore domestic violence"
"Everyone wants a piece of my throne"
"Molly doesn't know who you are"
"Being governor is most important thing that has ever happened to me"
"I loved you since the moment I saw you"
"You don't need to see my calendar"
"

Rcm Would park in First Lady's slot and go up George Wallace electable to Governor's office

Clay Ryan's position because he knew it

Clung to the role of First Lady. Only thing she had.

Personal office to be away from Mrs Bentley downstairs

Redid Winfield, Governor's beach house and second beach house

Zach would ride in other trooper cars and leaven them alone "on the phone"


June 3, 2016
11:07 AM

- The Friday before Inauguration, Ms. Bentley told Collier she and the family would attend.
 - Collier went to the Capitol for an Inauguration staff meeting, where she informed Jennifer Ardis and Seth Hammit.
 - Jennifer asked what she could do to make it best for the First Lady. Collier said, "Keep her away from her." Jennifer replied, "I don't think I can do that." Collier said, "Trust me, Plan C where the family shows up and leaves in the middle of it is much worse."
 - Collier informs security and Angi of the First Lady's decision. They coordinate for each family to have their own assigned trooper and vehicle, and the family could attend/leave any event they wanted.
 - Collier coordinates the family's inauguration passes, schedule, announcement, seating, housing arrangements, etc.
- Inauguration, January 19, 2015
 - Difficulty getting family to cooperate/get out of the car initially. Matthew refused to attend. It was extremely difficult on Collier's conscious to be with the granddaughters, who were clueless about the situation.
 - Ms. Bentley went everywhere that day with a "stand by your man" mentality. She wanted to put the best First Lady face possible, so that Rebekah would know "who is the real First Lady." However, Ms. Bentley still looked empty and exhausted.
 - It was Angi's job to keep Rebekah away from Governor at all times, because Angi was leaving the Governor's office. Everyone else was too fearful to cross Rebekah, because it would mean losing their job. No one was to give Rebekah an all access pass.
 - Rebekah sat front row center with her husband and children during the inauguration ceremony. She wore a white skirt suit.
 - At the ball, Rebekah wore a velvet, fitted dress with a plunge neckline that had bedazzles around her cleavage. The dress was "backless" with the mesh/nude ice skater material so that there could be bedazzles all over her back. It was the talk of the party.
 - Later that night when the Bentleys returned to the Mansion, Governor told Ms. Bentley how thankful he was that she attended Inauguration. He showed remorse for the affair and confirmed to her that Rebekah would not be very involved from this point forward.
- Senior Staff Meeting, January 20, 2015
 - The morning after Governor "made up" with Ms. Bentley, he announced Rebekah as senior political advisor.
 - Collier found out about this while eating lunch with Zach Lee and Clay Scofield. Zach informed Collier that Governor said "Rebekah would have her hand in everything and give her advice from a PR/political perspective. We are to listen to everything she says."
 - Collier called Ms. Bentley immediately after the conversation with Zach to inform her of what she heard. Ms. Bentley was devastated and had to make a decision about returning.

Matthew that summer

Wesley taking food to lunch

Flight logs and attendees changing

Second beach house

Sweeping the Mansion with Nance

iPad cloud with Cleve

Calendar password kept changing

Phone password kept changing

Calendar "holds"

iPad he was using was a gift from China, copper dragon

Primary night only talking to Rebekah

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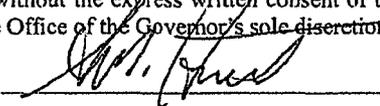
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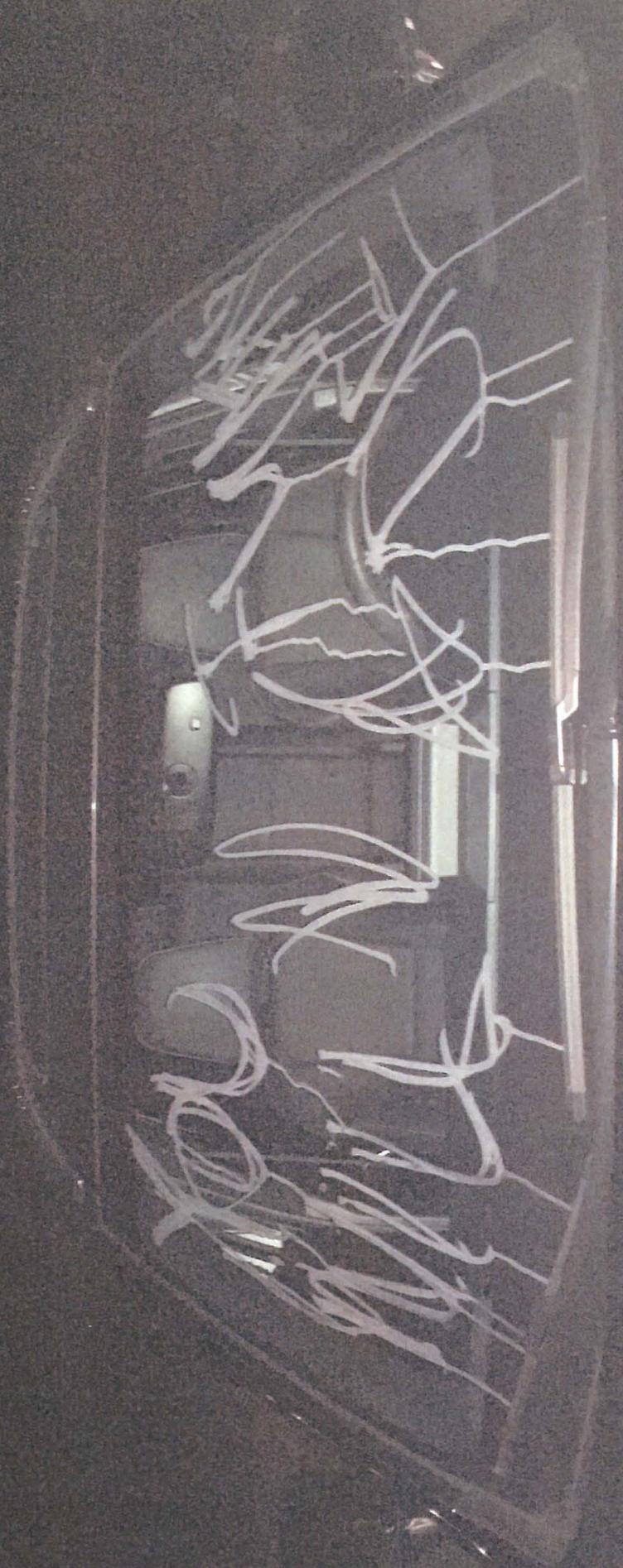
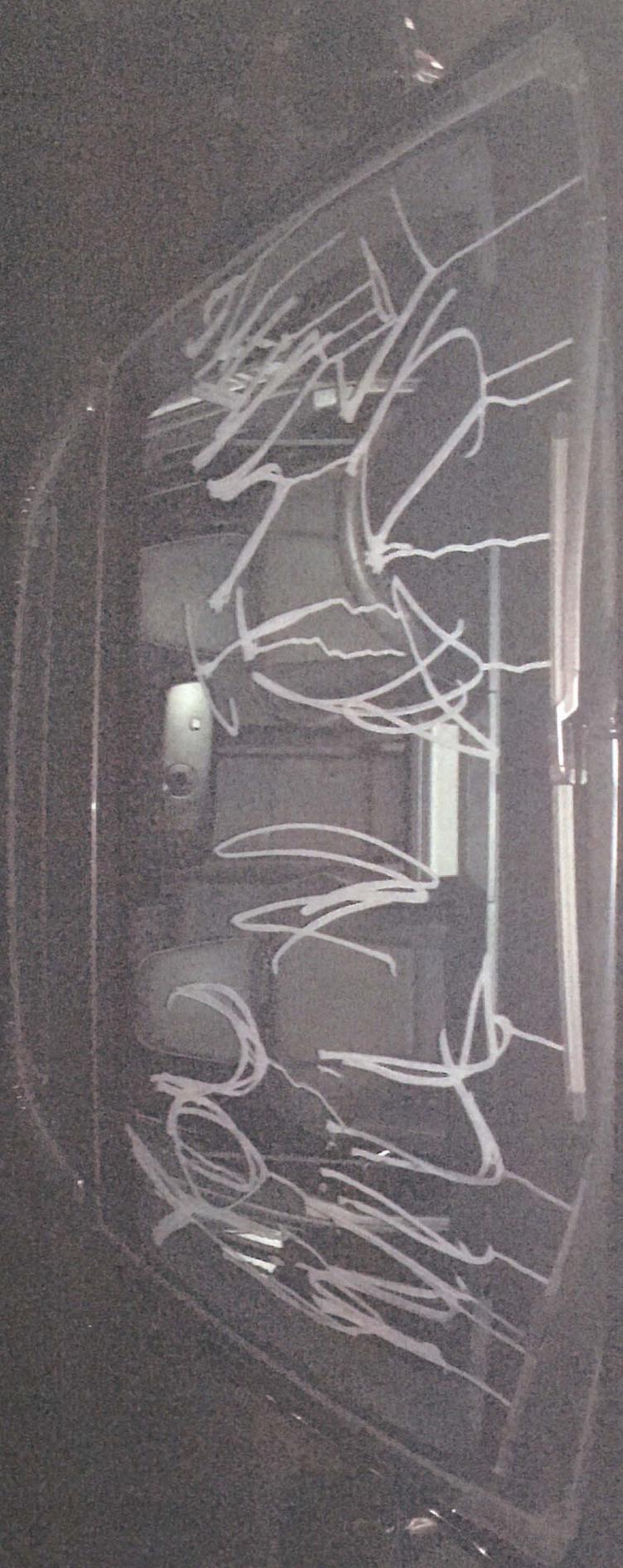


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Well, I was so afraid I wasn't -- this
just worked out perfect because I was so
afraid I wasn't going to have a chance to
talk to you before you -- well, I'm sorry,
baby

You know, you know, it's
just -- you know how it is I know We
do, we do I do and you do and it's just
-- we do It is a -- we really work hard,
baby We really do

Hey, I love you I know you
do Hey, I -- hey, listen, sweetheart, I
want you to have a good time, okay? Okay
Well, hey, look, baby, you've been getting
up early for me for a long time Bless
your heart

I -- I love -- I'd love for
you to come see me You know, I've been
thinking about -- I've been thinking
about, you know, I think I'm going to
rearrange the office when -- if Wanda
retires She's not going to retire
She's just going to work part time, but,

GOVERNOR BENTLEY: Baby,
you're going to freeze Hey, Dianne?
(Knocks on door) You're going to freeze
Okay Don't you need a coat?

(First conversation)
Am I too late, baby? Well,
we just got home Just got home, and
Dianne's gone for a walk on the beach and
so that worked out perfect
It is Just to be able to
talk to you just for a few minutes It's
a beau -- beautiful, beautiful day Cold
It's cold, though It is here, the wind's
blowing Yeah
Is it really? Um, hey, hey,
just stay there just a minute I'm fixing
to come up there and sit on the back porch
with you Can, can I sit by you and can
you put your head on my shoulder? Ill
put my arm around you I know you hadn't

What songs have you been
listening to? Oh, okay Just listening

you know, I think that would be a good
time to do it

I think -- that's right
Right Right Well, I -- and I don't
want them right there I mean, honestly I
really don't And it doesn't have
anything to do with you and me Well, a
lot of it does, but really and truly, I
don't think somebody needs to be right
there listening to every word that is said
in that office, I just really don't

That's right That's right
Well, I'm going to -- what, baby? I do
you, too, baby, I do In fact, I just --
I miss you I wish I was with you right
now You know, it is It is scary, and I
almost -- I kind of -- did you start
worrying about us a little bit?

You know, you know, the
other thing, too, baby, is, you know, we
are so much alike We are We are Oh,
I know I know that, I know that
Well, I love you, and -- I

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do And I -- you know, I just -- I worry about it sometimes, I love you so much, I worry about -- I worry about loving you so much I do I do

You know, I feel like all the time, all the time I'm thinking how can, how can, how can I come back How, how can I, how can I call her How can I text her How can I get in contact with her How can we, how can we do this

And, you know, and knowing that -- (inaudible) constantly I know that I know Well, we do, and, you know, it's just -- while ago, while ago I text you and I said, I'm sorry I have not been able to call

I said something along the lines of how much time or something like that -- I'm sorry, that I've had -- it went to Zach, so -- well, no, he said -- he text me back

He said did you get the videos And he said -- he said you sent

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right now so I better quit

Yeah You were thinking about it -- yeah, I could tell you were thinking about -- I could tell you were thinking about it last night I changed -- I changed the subject, didn't I?

I know I know I know, baby It's okay Everything's going to be fine We're going to be all right I know, I know I know it is, I know I know Hey, I love you I love touching you I do -- hey, I do, I do love putting my hands (inaudible) I do I do I do love it

But -- but baby, let me tell you what we're going to have to do, we're going to have to start locking the door We're going to do -- if we're going to do -- if we're going to do what we did the other day, we're going to have to start locking the door

I -- you know, it is You know what, it is kind of scary, if

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it to the wrong person Did you get the videos

And I text him back and I said, I said, yeah, I did, Zach I said thanks I said I didn't mean to send this to you I had some people I needed to call So, so, I mean, it was fine I mean, he couldn't -- because he couldn't -- well, I know

He couldn't tell who I was sending it to, and it didn't say, hey, baby, I love you so much and I'd like to spend the rest of my life with you, you know

You kissed me I love that You know, I do love that That -- when -- you know what? When I stand behind you and I, and I put my arms around you, and I put my hands on your breasts and I put my hands on you, and just, and pull you in real close, hey, I love that, too Put my hands under you That did you in I know I know I'm thinking about it

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somebody opened that door

It is a beautiful day I mean, it is -- it is It's a, it's a little cool down here because the wind's blowing, but it is a beautiful day

Hey, hey, listen, let me call you and let me look at you Can I? Hey, I've got about -- I've got about -- I've got about five minutes, okay? All right Hang up All right, bye (Conversation ends)

(Second conversation)
GOVERNOR BENTLEY: Where are you? Oh, there you are

WOMAN: I'm right here
GOVERNOR BENTLEY: Hey I can, I can Can you see me? Well, that's your favorite shirt Hey, you look -- hey, you look beautiful

Hey, hey, listen, listen to me, take your earring off and let me kiss your ear Oh, shoot Let me, let me kiss

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-- let me kiss that left ear, okay?

Can I whisper -- can I
whisper something in that ear? Hey, I
love, I love you Hey, you look great
Do you want to -- hey, it is Do you want
to see something that's pretty? It is;
isn't it? But you going -- huh? I know

I wish I could hold you real
tight right now I think you look
beautiful right now Our phone is
breaking up; isn't it? I -- yeah, I lost
you Now, I got you back I got you
back I got you back I did, I did, and
it's good And they came this morning, in
fact

See, I thought I was going
to stay here this afternoon to wait on
them, but they came this morning Bless
his heart, this, this little boy from
Elrod Yeah I know

He came this morning before
I had my clothes on He just got to see
my boxer shorts No, he -- hey, hey,

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not be able to talk tomorrow, but who
knows, you know Uh, I probably will,
but, but I'll be thinking about you

You could feel my hand It
-- what's that song? The magic moment
(Inaudible) I know, sweetheart, I know
I know Well, is it -- is it -- is it
bothering you? Okay Okay Hey,
sweetheart, (inaudible) I do I do I
know We have a, we have a good time
together, we do

Well, baby, our conversation
is coming to an end Well, I'm talking
about in the next three or four minutes,
but before -- but before it does please
have a good time and, listen, don't worry
We will be in contact, okay?

It is And it really is
right now Listen, this is going --
Matthew and Katie are going to be here
This is going to be a good weekend I
mean, it's really been good It's been
good

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you've seen those Listen, he didn't see
my boxer shorts I did actually put my
pants on before I went to the door Yeah,
it was

Matthew and Katie and Molly
are coming Yeah Hey, I'm, I'm going to
call you back on the phone, okay?
(Conversation ends)

(Third conversation)
GOVERNOR BENTLEY: Hey,
baby Yeah, they're coming tonight, and I
know, I haven't -- bless her heart, I
haven't seen little Molly but three times
since she was born, so I'm looking forward
to seeing her

I think they're going to
stay till Monday Matthew is going to
help me put the beds and stuff together
tomorrow in the new house so we'll --
we'll spend a little time together

I've always wanted you You
can text me any time you want to We may

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So we're -- you just --
everything's fine, and anyway, one more
time let me tell you I love you, baby.
Okay? I do. And have a good time and
just think about -- if you're thinking of
me, you know that I'm thinking of you,
okay?

All right, baby. Well, I'm
going to have to go. I love you, baby.
We'll stay in contact, okay? All right,
bye-bye, sweetheart. (Conversation ends.)

(End of recording.)

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AUDIO FILE RECORDING
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TRANSCRIBED BY: Nancy Pannell, CCR
TRANSCRIBED DATE: 3/24/17

to call you (inaudible) That's what I
was fussing about because everybody's
around and I have security guards
everywhere I go, and, oh, Lord, you just
don't know, it will drive you crazy
You got folks in there with
you? I'm sorry, baby I'm just telling
you the frustration I've had all day long
What's wrong, sugar?
No, I'm not mad at you I'm
just telling you -- well, sweetheart, it's
not your fault It would be this way It
doesn't have anything to do with you and I
texting This is just life
This is -- you know, and
everybody says -- I told you about it
Wanda text me and says I hope, I hope
you're enjoying your time out of the
office (Inaudible) Anyway, y'all had a
good day? Have you had a good day?
Sweetheart, you, you seem
mad Do you miss me? I told you it was
not you, okay? Well, I have had a million

GOVERNOR BENTLEY: Hey,
baby I have been surrounded by people
all day long, and they're all about -- and
then I've been called by AP and folks from
Montgomery
I get texts from everybody
in the world from Montgomery, and you know
what? They said I sure do hope you're
having a good time at the beach I
started to say y'all are crazy as hell
You're not, baby You're
not I'm sorry How you doing? No, I'm
not talking about you I'm talking about
(inaudible) calls me 15 times, Bill
O'Connor calls me and going all over the
whole county trying to find Franklin, and
I ain't paying \$1500 for a piece of
furniture, you know Well, I mean,
Dianne's not trying to do that anyway
Anyway, y'all are going to
the play in a few minutes Right No,
no, I'm not -- well, baby, I'm not
(inaudible) I'm just trying to find time

folks calling me, you know, it's just
amazing When I leave this life well, I
know you're on vacation, but I'm the only
one that's calling I love you I miss
you
Did you buy some pretty
stuff? Of course not, baby Are you
having one of your down times? I'm sorry,
baby
Hey, listen, sweetheart,
don't get mad at me I know, I know, I
know you don't know when you can text me,
when you can call me or any -- I know
that I mean -- I know that, sweetheart
I know I know you go --
you did, and you told me exactly -- okay,
okay, I'm sorry I'm sorry Baby, it's
not your fault I mean, okay You can,
you can do it You can -- I know,
sweetheart I'm sorry I'm sorry I'm
sorry
Please, baby, don't -- just
don't -- I understand Listen, baby, I

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know -- I know I thought we had a lot of
good times after that Look, sweetheart,
I -- you -- you do the best you can and
I'm doing the best I can, okay? Okay I
really am I really am

Look, I have to fight for
everything we do, okay? I mean, I --
baby, let me tell you, I'm looking right
now at a text from Wanda that says -- from
Pam Chestnutt that Carrie and Franklin
will have at least an hour following staff
meeting on Monday morning and that would
be a great time to get bills signed and
returned We also need to schedule some
time on Tuesday as well just in case

And you know what I'm
thinking, I'm thinking that time isn't
your time, and that's -- that's the time
that I want to spend with Rebekah Okay?

You know, baby, so -- I'm
sorry But you need to tell me -- you
need to tell me when you're going and
coming back I know what you're saying

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with life If we don't, then things are
going to fall apart, okay? No, you can
feel -- you can feel any way you want to,
baby I understand that Baby, I love
you, okay?

I love you, and I know --
baby, we're in a difficult situation,
okay? And unless I make things as normal
as possible here, it's going to be -- it's
going to be hell, okay?

Please don't be mad -- baby,
just don't be -- it hurts What can I do
-- you get through at what time tonight?
Nine? Our time? Okay Can I just text
you (inaudible)? Okay, I will

Listen, have a good time
tonight, okay? I'm sorry Can I tell you
-- can I tell you that I love you and you
believe it? I do I'm telling you I do,
baby

I am -- sweetheart, please
don't -- I'm just doing the best I can,
okay? Okay Okay, sweetheart, all right,

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I do -- I do -- baby, I do care I wanted
to know

See, that's why I didn't
text you last night I honestly thought
that you were at the play last night
That's why I didn't text you, okay? Well,
I appreciate you telling me that now

What time are y'all leaving?
Are you leaving at six o'clock? You got
to leave -- okay, baby, I know you got to
go All right

Please -- listen, Rebekah,
listen to me, okay? I love you I go
through a lot -- you go through a lot of
-- we both go through a lot of juggling
and trying to be together, and sweetheart
-- okay

Listen to me, I know, okay?
I'm telling you I do All right? And I
love you Do you want me to tell -- you
can tell Dianne that? Is that picture
bothering you? I'm sorry

But, baby, we have to go on

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you've got to go, okay? Have a -- all
right I'll text you tonight, okay? I
promise Baby, I want to Baby, I --
Rebekah, have I ever said I loved you when
I had to? I told you I loved you because
I've loved you forever It's not -- this
is not something new I've loved you
forever

I've loved you for many,
many years I've loved you for I know
four And I love you more today than I
ever have And I miss you -- and I miss
you, and I wish you were here with me
right now, okay? And I wish I could hold
you, and I wish I could kiss you, and I
wish I could -- you know, I wish that I
do

All right, sweetheart,
you've got to go They're going to wonder
where you are All right You have a
good time now, all right? Okay, and I'll
text you after while

Nine o'clock our time?

Okay. You'll get it when you get --
you'll get it when you get back. Okay. I
love you. All right, sweetheart, all
right, you have have a good time tonight.

Okay. All right, baby, have
a good time. I'll talk to you later,
okay? Maybe tomorrow I can talk to you.
Okay. All right. Bye-bye. (Conversation
ends.)

(End of recording.)

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COURT REPORTER AND COMMISSIONER
ACCR#30-EXPIRES 9/30/17

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1 ORI # AL0010900	2 Date of Report 06 16 16	3 Time of Report 00:20	4 Incident Type <input type="checkbox"/> Incident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Offense <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement	5 Supplement Date	6 Agency Case Number 2016-00017434
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8 Agency Name: **Vestavia Hills Police Department** 9 Sector: _____

10 Type of Incident or Offense: Felony Misdemeanor Attempted Completed
Criminal Mischief 3rd- Damage to Private Property

11 Degree (Circle): 1 2 **3** 12 UCR Code: **13A-07-023:2902** 13 State Code/Local Ordinance

14 Type of Incident or Offense: Felony Misdemeanor Attempted Completed
 15 Degree (Circle): 1 2 3 16 UCR Code: _____ 17 State Code/Local Ordinance

18 Place of Occurrence: Check here if event occurred at victim's residence
 Victim Demographics (Where victim is an individual):
 19 Sex: M F 20 Race: W B A I 21 Ethnicity: Hispanic Other
 22 Multiple Victims: Yes No 23 Age: **27** 24 Offender Suspected of Using: Alcohol Computer Equipment N/A 25 Juvenile Gang: Yes No 26 Hate Bias: Yes No 27 Bias Code: _____

29 Point of Entry: Door Window Roof Other 30 Method of Entry: Forcible No Force Attempted Forcible 31 Local Use: _____ 32 Lighting: 1 Natural 2 Moon 3 Artificial Exterior 4 Artificial Interior 5 Unknown

33 Weather: 1 Clear 2 Cloudy 3 Rain 4 Fog 5 Snow 6 Hail 7 Unknown 34 Location Type (Circle): 01 Terminal 02 Bank 03 Bar 04 Church 05 Commercial 06 Construction 07 Conv Store 08 Dept Store 09 Drug Store 10 Field/Woods 11 Govt/Public Building 12 Supermarket 13 Highway/Street 14 Hotel/Motel 15 Jail/Prison 16 Lake/Waterway 17 Liquor Store 18 Parking Lot/Garage 19 Storage Facility 20 Residence/Home 21 Restaurant 22 School/College 23 Service/Gas Station 24 Specialty Store 25 Other/Unknown

35 Occurred from MM/DD/YY: **06 16 16** 36 Time of Event: AM PM MIL **00:15** 37 Day of Week: **Thursday** 38 Occurred to MM/DD/YY: **06 16 16** 39 Time of Event: AM PM MIL **00:15** 40 Day of Week: **Thursday** 41 # Premises Entered (Burglary): _____

42 Type Criminal Activity: B Buying/Receiving D Distributing/Selling O Operating/Promoting T Transporting/Importing C Cultivating/Manu E Exploiting Children P Possessing/Concealing U Using/Consuming 43 Victim Type: Individual Business Financial (Bank) Government Religious Org Society

44 Loss Code: **D** 45 Property Code: **77** 46 Qty: **1/Items** 47 Property Description: **Broken Window Pane** 48 Dollar Value: **\$200.00** 49 Recovered: _____

Loss Code (Enter letter in loss code column) S Stolen B Burned R Recovered F Forged/ D Damaged/ Counterfeited Destroyed N None C Confiscated/ Seized	Property Code (Enter # in property type column) 01 Aircraft 02 Alcohol 03 Autos 04 Bicycles 05 Buses 06 Clothes 07 Computer 08 Consumables 09 Credit Card 10 Drugs 11 Drug Equip 12 Farm Equip 13 Firearms 14 Gambling Equipment 15 Heavy Construction 16 Household Goods 17 Jewelry 18 Livestock 19 Merchandise 20 Money 21 Negotiable Instrument 22 Non-negotiable Instru 23 Office Equipment 24 Other Motor Vehicle 25 Purse/Wallet 26 Radios/TV/VCR 27 Recordings 28 RV's 29 Structure - Single Occupancy Dwelling 30 Structure - Other Dwelling 31 Structure - Other Commercial 32 Structure - Industrial/ Manufacturing 33 Structure - Public/Community 34 Structure - Storage 35 Structure - Other 36 Tools - Power/Hand 37 Trucks 38 Vehicle Parts/Accessories 39 Watercraft 77 Other
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50 Stolen Vehicle Only: Area Stolen Residence Business Rural 51 Ownership verified by: Tag Receipt Title Bill of Sale Other 52 Veh. Categories: Recovered Stolen Victim's Vehicle Suspect's Vehicle Unauthorized Use Abandoned Other

53 Vehicle Year: _____ 54 Vehicle Make: _____ 55 Vehicle Model: _____ 56 Number Veh Stolen: _____ 57 Vehicle Description: _____

58 Vehicle Style: _____ 59 Vehicle Color: Top _____ Bottom _____ 60 License: _____ 61 LST: _____ 62 LIY: _____ 63 Tag Color: _____

64 Vehicle VIN Number: _____ 65 Warrant Signed: Yes No Warrant Number: _____

Motor Vehicle Recovery Only Required For 24XX UCR Code: _____ 66 Stolen In your jurisdiction? Yes No Where? _____ 67 Recovered in your jurisdiction? Yes No Where? _____

68 Case #: _____ 69 SFX: _____ 70 Case #: _____ 71 SFX: _____ 72 Case #: _____ 73 SFX: _____

74 Case Status: Pending Inactive Closed 75 Multiple Cases Closed Listed Above Multiple Cases Closed Listed On Supplement 76 Entered NCIC/ACJIC: Yes No Date (MM/DD/YY): _____ NIC/AIN #: _____

77 Case Disposition: 1 Cleared by Arrest (Juvenile) 2 Cleared by Arrest (Adult) 3 Unfounded 4 Exceptional Clearance 5 Administratively Cleared 78 Exceptional Clearance (Circle One): A Suspect/Offender Dead B Prosecution Declined/ Other Prosecution C Extradition Denied D Victim Refused to Cooperate E Juvenile (No Custody) F Death of Victim

79 Reporting Officer: **McGuire, Lee** Officer ID Number: _____

80 Assisting Officer: **Goodwin, Lee** Officer ID Number: _____

81 Supervisor Approval: _____ Officer ID Number: _____

82 Watch Commander: _____ Officer ID Number: _____

EVENT

PROPERTY

VEHICLES

ADMINISTRATION

28 Domestic Violence: No Yes

Vestavia Hills Police Department

Incident/Offense Report - Continued		83 Date of Report (MM/DD/YY) 06 16 16			84 Time of Report 00:20		85 Agency Case Number 2016-00017434		87 <input type="checkbox"/> Offender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Person		<input type="checkbox"/> Check if Multiple			
88 Reported By (Last, First, Middle Name) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim Or					89 Suffix		90 <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident		91 Home Phone		92 Work Phone			
94 Victim # Hannah, Heather, Rebekah					96 Suffix		97 Address (Street, City, State, Zip) Vestavia Hills, AL 35216		98 Home Phone		99 Work Phone			
101 Employer/School Cooper Vision					102 Occupation Laborer		103 Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		104 Work Phone		105 Other Phone			
106 Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F		107 Race <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> B		108 Language <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Other		109 HGT 5'06		110 WGT 125		111 Date of Birth [REDACTED]		112 Age 27		
113 Victim SSN [REDACTED]		114 Complainant SSN		115 Multiple Victims <input type="checkbox"/> LE Officer		116 Ethnicity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		117 Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		118 Offender known to victim? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		119 Victim was? (Explain Relationship.) 2016-17434, Unknown / / Unknown		
120 Relationship Code		121 Weapons Used <input type="checkbox"/> Firearm <input type="checkbox"/> Knife <input type="checkbox"/> Hands, Fist, Feet, Voice, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Dangerous		122 Description of Weapons/Firearms/Tools Used in Offense Describe:		<input type="checkbox"/> Handgun <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		123 Place of Occurrence Vestavia Hills, AL 35216		124 Type of Injury <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Broken Bones <input type="radio"/> Internal Injury <input type="radio"/> Severe Laceration <input type="radio"/> Minor Injury <input type="radio"/> Other Major Injury <input type="radio"/> Loss of Teeth <input type="radio"/> Unconscious		125 Sector		
126 Circumstances: Homicide & Assault		127 Location: Rape		128 Assault <input type="checkbox"/> Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Aggravated		129 Treatment for Assault? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		130 Verify for Rape Exam? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		131 Treatment for Rape? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		132 Off # 2016-17434, Unknown		
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203 06/16/2016, McGuire 729, Criminal Mischief													209 Add. Cases Closed Narrative <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	
<p>On 06/16/2016, Officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] on a possible burglary in progress. While in route, the caller stated that she heard the sound of glass brake from the front of her house while she was in her bedroom. She then advised she went to the dining room and observed a rock had been thrown through the dining room window pane.</p> <p>Once on scene, I spoke to the victim (Heather HANNAH) who stated that she was in her bedroom when she heard the glass brake and discovered the rock on the floor and called the police. HANNAH then stated that on 6/06/2016, in her driveway, some one had used a marker to write several profane gestures on her car windows "You Will Die, Bitch Die". HANNAH displayed officers photographs of the writing on her car. Officers also observed the broken</p>													210 Signature	
204 Continued on Supplement <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		205 Assisting Agency ORI		206 Assisting Agency Case Number		207 SFX		208 Warrant Signed <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Warrant #		211 Local Use		
I hereby affirm that I have read this report and that all the information given by me is correct to the best of my knowledge. I will assume full responsibility for notifying the agency if any stolen property or missing person herein reported is returned.		212 State Use		ACJIC - 11-05		VH Case Report 2016-00017434 Page 2 OF 3								

**ADDITIONAL INCIDENT/OFFENSE
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2. Follow-up

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window pane and the rock that was thrown through the window.

HANNAH stated that she did not know if it was related but she believed the reason for the recent damage was due to her being the previous [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HANNAH also stated that she had recently been deposed and believed the events were related to the recent statements she had given.

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