

DIRECT EXAMINATION ON PROFFER

1
2 BY MR. BENDER:

3 Q MA'AM, WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD,
4 PLEASE?

5 A CATHY [REDACTED].

6 Q AND YOU'RE THE MOTHER OF ANGELA AND MICHELLE [REDACTED]?

7 A YES.

8 Q DIRECTING YOUR ATTENTION TO MAY 17TH AND MAY 18TH
9 OF THIS YEAR. DID YOU HAVE AN OCCASION TO TALK WITH YOUR
10 DAUGHTERS CONCERNING AN ALLEGATION OF SCOTTY MERSON COMING
11 INTO THEIR BEDROOM IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF THE 18TH
12 OF MAY?

13 A YES, MAY 18TH, IN THE MORNING.

14 Q WHAT TIME WAS IT THAT YOU SPOKE WITH YOUR DAUGHTERS,
15 APPROXIMATELY, THAT MORNING?

16 A IT WAS ABOUT TWENTY TO EIGHT.

17 Q AND THEY WERE GETTING READY TO GO TO SCHOOL?

18 A RIGHT.

19 Q LET ME TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME, IF I MAY. WHO
20 WAS THE FIRST TO TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT SCOTTY MERSON
21 BEING IN THE HOUSE EARLIER THAT MORNING?

22 A THEY WERE BOTH RIGHT THERE AT THE SAME TIME,
23 SIMULTANEOUSLY TRYING TO TALK AT THE SAME TIME, BASICALLY.

24 Q DO YOU RECALL WHO SAID ANYTHING FIRST? WAS IT
25 ANGELA OR WAS IT MICHELLE?

1 A I DON'T RECALL FOR SURE.

2 Q AS BEST YOU CAN REMEMBER, EXACTLY AS YOU CAN
3 REMEMBER, PLEASE, TELL US WHAT ANGELA TOLD YOU ABOUT THE
4 INCIDENT THAT MORNING AT BREAKFAST.

5 A OKAY. SHE TOLD ME THAT SCOTTY HAD BEEN THERE.

6 AND I SAID, "SCOTTY? SCOTTY WHO?"

7 "WELL, SCOTTY, TINA'S BOYFRIEND."

8 SHE SAID, "IT'S THE ONLY SCOTTY WE KNOW."

9 AND THEN SHE PROCEEDED TO TELL ME THAT SHE DIDN'T
10 KNOW WHY HE WAS THERE BUT HE WAS THERE AND HE WAS GOING
11 TO HURT THEM IF THEY TOLD US.

12 Q DID SHE, ANGELA, TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT BLOWING
13 UP THE HOUSE, IF THEY TOLD?

14 A YES. THEY WERE BOTH OF THEM AT THAT TIME TALKING
15 SIMULTANEOUSLY, ABOUT GOING TO BLOW UP THE HOUSE AND WAS
16 GOING TO HURT THEM IF THEY TOLD ANYBODY THAT NIGHT OR THE
17 NEXT DAY AND IF HE SAW ANY POLICE THERE AT THE HOUSE, HE
18 WOULD COME BACK AND HURT THEM.

19 Q DID THEY AT THAT POINT IN TIME, AT BREAKFAST,
20 DIVULGE ANYTHING ABOUT ANY SEXUAL ABUSE THAT WAS COMMITTED
21 UPON ANGELA?

22 A NO.

23 Q WAS MICHELLE SORT OF INTERRUPTING ANGELA? WAS
24 ANGELA SORT OF DISCUSSING IT, THE LEADER, SORT OF DISCUSSING
25 IT, WITH MICHELLE INTERJECTING?

1 A PRETTY MUCH, ALTHOUGH --

2 Q WHAT DID MICHELLE TELL YOU ABOUT THE INCIDENT,
3 AT BREAKFAST?

4 A SHE WAS PRETTY WELL INSISTENT THAT HE HAD BEEN
5 THERE AND THAT HE KEPT TELLING THEM TO, YOU KNOW, BE QUIET
6 AND TO NOT TELL ANYBODY.

7 Q DID SHE SAY WHAT, IF ANYTHING, HE DID TO HER?
8 THIS IS MICHELLE.

9 A WELL, THAT HE HAD BEEN ON HER SIDE OF THE BED
10 AND THAT HE HAD STEPPED ON HER DOLL BABY THAT, THAT SHE
11 HAD JUST GOTTEN, BRAND-NEW, AND SHE WAS HOT ABOUT THAT.
12 ALSO, THAT SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE QUIET, BE QUIET. HE
13 KEPT TELLING HER TO BE QUIET. HE MADE HER TURN OVER.

14 Q DID MICHELLE TELL YOU THAT SHE HEARD SCOTTY
15 MERSON SAY HE WOULD BLOW UP THE HOUSE IF SHE TOLD, OR DID
16 SHE RELATE THAT ANGELA HAD TOLD HER THAT?

17 A I DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE BOTH OF THEM WERE SAYING
18 IT AT THE SAME TIME.

19 Q ALL RIGHT. NOW, DID YOU DRIVE THEM TO SCHOOL
20 THAT MORNING?

21 A YES.

22 Q WERE YOU CONCERNED AT WHAT THEY HAD TOLD YOU?

23 A YES. I WAS REAL CONFUSED AS TO, YOU KNOW, WHY
24 WOULD HE BE THERE. I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY REASON FOR HIM
25 TO BE THERE.

1 Q AND DID YOU EVENTUALLY GO AND PICK THEM UP AT
2 SCHOOL LATER THAT AFTERNOON?

3 A YES.

4 Q ABOUT WHAT TIME WAS IT?

5 A IT WAS ABOUT NOONTIME, TWELVE O'CLOCK.

6 Q AND AFTER YOU PICKED THEM UP AND WERE DRIVING
7 HOME, DID THEY TELL YOU ANYTHING ELSE IN ADDITION TO WHAT
8 THEY HAD TOLD YOU THAT MORNING ABOUT SCOTTY MERSON BEING
9 AT THE HOUSE?

10 A IT WAS AS WE WERE WALKING OUT OF THE PRINCIPAL'S
11 OFFICE, WHERE THEY MET ME AT SCHOOL, AS WE WERE WALKING
12 DOWN THE FRONT STEPS OF THE SCHOOL, THAT ANGEL TOLD ME,
13 "MOMMY I REMEMBERED SOMETHING ELSE WHILE I WAS IN SCHOOL."

14 AND I SAID, "WELL, WHAT WAS THAT?"

15 AND THEN SHE STARTED TELLING ME.

16 Q WHAT DID SHE TELL YOU, AS BEST YOU CAN RECALL? ✓

17 A SHE SAID WHILE HE WAS THERE HE PULLED DOWN HER
18 PANTIES AND PUT HIS FACE IN HER PRIVATES AND WAS LICKING
19 HER AND THAT SHE WAS TOTALLY GROSSED OUT BY IT. ✓

20 Q WAS MICHELLE ALSO RELATING ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE
21 SEXUAL ABUSE, OR WAS THAT PRIMARILY THROUGH ANGELA?

22 A THAT WAS ANGEL. MICHELLE DIDN'T INDICATE, REALLY,
23 THAT SHE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT HAD ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE.

24 Q AND DID ANGELA TELL YOU ANYTHING MORE THAT
25 AFTERNOON ABOUT SCOTTY?

1 A NO, NOT REALLY. BECAUSE AS SOON AS I GOT HOME,
2 I CALLED THE POLICE, AND THEY TOLD US TO JUST SIT TIGHT.
3 BECAUSE THEY WOULD SEND OUT A CHILD INVESTIGATOR.

4 Q NOW, DID YOU GO PICK UP THE GIRLS AT SCHOOL ON
5 YOUR OWN DECISION, OR WERE YOU CONTACTED BY THE AUTHORITIES
6 AT SCHOOL TO PICK THEM UP?

7 A NO, I WENT. THE SCHOOL DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING
8 ABOUT IT.

9 Q SO YOU WERE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED,
10 WHAT THEY HAD TOLD YOU, AND YOU WANTED TO CALL THE POLICE
11 AND INVESTIGATE IT; IS THAT RIGHT?

12 A WELL, BETWEEN THE TIME I TOOK THEM TO SCHOOL AND
13 THE TIME I PICKED THEM UP FROM SCHOOL, FIRST, I TRIED TO
14 CALL THEIR DAD; WHICH HE WAS NOT IN THE SHOP AT THE TIME
15 BECAUSE HE RUNS PARTS. SO HE WASN'T THERE AT THE TIME.

16 SO I WENT AHEAD AND CALLED TINA'S. I KEPT TRYING
17 BOTH OF THEM. TINA GOT TO WORK FIRST.

18 Q BUT DID YOU EVENTUALLY DECIDE TO GO PICK THEM
19 UP BECAUSE YOU WERE CONCERNED?

20 A YES.

21 Q AND THEN WHEN YOU GOT HOME DID YOU CALL THE
22 POLICE?

23 A YES.

24 MR. BENDER: THANK YOU.

25 I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME,