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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

M. REBECCA DOWNING, et al.,)

Plaintiffs)

Civil Action - Law

VS) No. 1:CV-05-0351

YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY)
H. STANLEY REBERT, et al.)
Defendants)

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DEPONENT: Susan Rebert

TAKEN BY: Plaintiffs

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2006

TIME: 11:05 a.m.

PLACE: Lavery Faherty Young & Patterson, P.C.

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- I think so. 1 Α
- And do you have any problem or 2
- 3 question in regard to those instructions?
- 4 No. Α
- 5 0 Okay. Are you suffering from any
- disability which would prevent you from hearing
- 7 or understanding or responding to my questions
- 8 today?
- 9 Α No.
- 10 О To prepare for today's deposition did
- you review any documents?
- 12 Α No.
- 13 Q Now, again, you are under oath. You
- did take an oath to tell the truth. I just
- 15 remind you, of course, that--I don't think I
- 16 need to tell you, you're married to the district
- 17 attorney--obviously, perjury is --
- A crime. 18 Α
- -- a criminal offense and you're well
- 20 aware of that, so you are obligated to tell the
- 21 truth.
- 22 Going back to a period of time when
- 23 Miss Downing was employed at the district
- 24 attorney's office, did you ever own a Mazda
- 25 Miata-type vehicle?

- Α Not that I remember, no.
- 2 Did Miss Downing ever come out to
- 3 your home to check or fix your personal
- 4 computer?

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- 5 Α Bob and Becky set it up when we got 6
 - it.
- 7 Okay. Once the computer was set up,
- 8 was there ever an occasion where either you
- 9 requested or Mr. Rebert had Miss Downing stop
- 10 out at your house to fix or check on the
- 11 computer?
- 12 I'm sure I called her. I had a lot
- 13 of problems. You know, I'm not real computer
- 14 literate, and Becky is the one that helped me,
- 15 Becky and Bob.

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- 16 0 Okay. And were any of those
- 17 occasions during normal working hours?
 - No, because I work full time.
- 19 Q Where do you work?
- 20 Α Crispus Attucks.
- 21 0 Just so we're clear on the record,
- 22 what is Crispus Attucks?
- 23 It's a community center where I work
- 24 at the charter school that's for at-risk
- students that have dropped out of school and

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- 1 I still do.
- 2 And at any time did you ever ask that
- 3 Miss Downing or ask for Randy Rizzuto to have
- 4 Miss Downing come out to your house to assist
- 5 you with starting your vehicle?
- 6 I don't remember, but it would be 7 very likely.
- 8 0 Okay. Does the Mazda have problems?
- 9 Α There was a time, yes.
- 10 Q Do you remember what period of time
- we're talking about? 11
- 12 No, I have no idea. I don't even
- 13 remember it happening. I'm just saying that
- 14 that's very possible.
- 15 Fair enough. When you say that it's 16 possible, what is it that makes you believe it's
- possible? Would that have been something that
- you would have done?
- 19 Well, we were friends. And, you
- know, lots of times Becky or Bob would say -- or
- 21 Becky would say, Bob can come and help, you 22 know.
- 23 Okay. Did any of these occasions --
- 24 If you recall, would any of these occasions
- 25 occur during the normal business hours?

- have been in trouble with the system. We get
- them their diploma and teach them a trade.
- 3 While you may not have personally
- made the request, are you aware of any time when
- 5 Miss Downing was at your residence during normal
- working hours to either work on the computer or 7
 - to work on your vehicle?
 - No, I'm not aware of that.
 - Do you know if Miss Downing ever
- 10 purchased dog food for your family?
 - Not that I'm aware of.
- 12 Do you remember an occasion when you
- 13 may have been out of town or out of the state
 - where -- Is it Beezy?
 - Um-hm.
- 16 0 - where Beezy was supposed to feed 17 the dogs?
 - Α Yeah.
 - And did you ever forget or did Mr.
- Rebert ever forget to leave dog food for Beezy 20 21 to feed the dogs?
- 22 I don't remember.
- 23 Did you ever ask Miss Downing to
 - provide you with some sort of badge from the
- 25 district attorney's office?

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Yes 1 Α 2 And can you explain for what purpose

3 you needed the badge? 4 It's kind of -- Do you want to hear 5 the whole story?

> Yes, I do. 0

6 7 Okay. At one point--I think that was 8 before Becky came to work at the office--a friend of ours who has a scrap metal business 9 volunteered a crane he had because the police

thought there was a -- the murder weapon in the

Codorus Creek. They drug the creek for this 12 13

weapon. 14

A couple months later his wife was 15 having a surprise birthday party for him and she 16 asked me if -- She said, wouldn't it be fun if we could get him a badge. It said something 17

18 like special -- It wasn't -- I didn't think it was a real badge. We were the way they got him 19

to the surprise birthday party. Stan was 20

21 presenting him with this thing.

22 So, I saw that guy years later,

23 several years later and he said he had a 24 dentist. I do, I try everything I can to get

25 the students I work with any kind of help I can.

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A Not that specific date. If I specifically said something to a reporter, no, I

don't remember that. 3

4 Do you remember making any statements to any reporters in regard to the subject matter 5 of this lawsuit?

7 Α Yes.

8 Q And what statement do you recall

9 making?

I recall, I think I said that I was 10 11 really sadden by what had happened because I 12 really lobbied for Becky. I really wanted Stan

13 to hire her.

14 Do you recall being asked questions 15 about the Crispus Attucks Youth Build Charter 16 School?

17 Α By the paper?

18 O Yes.

19 Α That had to do with Becky?

20 Q Yes.

21 No. Α

22 0 Do you recall being asked about the

23 badge that you requested for the dentist?

24 Α By the paper?

25 0 Yes.

1 He said, hey, if you can get him a badge, he'll

work on your kid's teeth for nothing. So I went

3 and asked Becky. I didn't ask Stan. I went

4 right to Becky right in front of everybody, and

Becky said no, we don't do that. You shouldn't have done that in the first place. I remember 6

7 saying, don't tell Stan then because I didn't

realize I was out of line. 8

Yes.

9 Okay. An individual you were referring to earlier, that was Phil Serls; is

11 that correct? 12 A

13 The badge that Mr. Serls eventually possessed, do you know what happened to that 15 badge?

16 Α No, I have no idea. He and his wife 17 got divorced so we kind of lost track.

Fair enough. Do you recall making a 19 statement to the York Daily Record in November of 2005? 20

21 Α Do I -- I don't know.

22 Q You don't know if you remember?

23 Α I mean, if I did, I did.

24 Q I'm just asking, do you remember if you did?

Α No.

2 And do you recall making a statement 3 that you have answers for that allegation, but that you would give it at a later time? 4

A Yes, you're right, I did do that.

6 So the answer that you just provided, 7 the explanation --

8 Α Was the answer.

0 Is that the answer?

10 Α Yes.

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1.1 0 Who is Stacey Shillito?

12 À I don't know.

13 O Do you know the owners of, is it Murph's Study Hall?

15 Α Um-hm.

16 0 Did they have somebody in their employ by the name of Stacey Shillito?

18 Yeah, there's a bartender.

And how do you know Stacey Shillito?

20 We had our Christmas parties there

and she usually was the bartender. 21

22 Okay. Do you recall at any point 23 Miss Shillito being arrested for DUI?

Not that I'm aware of.

25 Do you know if Mr. Rebert ever

Page 21 Page 19 No. attempted to get information about Miss Shillito 1 Α 1 2 Do you know a person by the name of Q in regard to the DUI? 2 3 Dan Delp? Not that I'm aware of. 3 Did you ever -- Were you ever 4 Α Yeah. 4 requested by anybody at -- It is Murph's, right? 5 0 How do you know Mr. Delp? 5 I worked for him when he was state 6 6 Murph's, yes. -- at Murph's to find out information 7 senator. 7 8 0 Do you know if Mr. Rebert ever about Miss Shillito? 8 attempted to provide or to get information for 9 9 Α No. either Chris Reilly or Dan Delp? And when I say 10 Did Miss Shillito ever contact you in 10 information, I mean vehicle registration regard to her arrest? 11 12 information or criminal history-type No. I don't know her very well. I 12 information. 13 didn't even know that was her name. 13 No, not that I'm aware of. Do you know if Susan Voyzey goes to 14 Α 14 O Were you ever asked by either of 15 15 Murph's? those individuals for that type of information? Do I know if she goes to Murph's? 16 16 No. She's at the Christmas party. That's the 17 Α 17 Ο And were you working for Mr. Delp at 18 18 only time I'm ever there. 19 the time when he was implicated in a --Do you know if Mr. Rebert ever asked 19 20 Miss Downing to get information about Miss 20 O -- prostitution scandal? 21 21 Shillito? 22 Α Yes. 22 Α I don't know. Do you know a Natasha Stowe? 23 0 Sometime during the years 2000 and Q 23 2004, did you, yourself, possess a cell phone? 24 24 Α No. 25 Yes. 25 Do you know a Jared Loker? Page 20 Page 22 And what company did you use for your 1 1 Jared Loker, yes. Α 2 cell phone service? How do you know Mr. Loker? 2 0 He was one of our students. 3 I have no idea. 3 Α Students where? 4 Do you know the type of phone that 4 O At Crispus Attucks Youth Build 5 you possessed? 5 6 A No. 6 Charter School where I worked. 7 Is this a phone that you used 7 And were you close with Mr. Loker? Q 0 Α He was one of the students. regularly? 8 9 Okay. Do you know if at any time Mr. 9 I'm very opposed to cell phones. I Q have one, and I carry it in my car and that's 10 Loker was ever arrested for any crimes? 10 11 11 Yes. And what was he arrested for? 12 0 Do you have a cell phone right now? 0 12 13 Yes. I brought it because I know it 13 You know, several things. I don't was a topic of -know -- He was in the program because he was in 14 14 15 Q Fair enough. Who is your cell phone 15 trouble with the law. through right now? Okay. Was he ever arrested for 16 16 stealing a bike? 17 I don't know. 17 Not that I can remember. 18 0 Is it a Nextel cell phone? 18 19 Were you ever asked by Mr. Loker or Α I don't know. 19 20 During 2000 and 2004, did you possess anyone in his family to try to intervene in 0 20 regard to his criminal charges? 21 a Nextel cell phone? 21 22 I'm not sure what kind it is. 22 Α No. 23 Do you know if any request was ever Do you know what your phone number 23 24 made of Stan to try to intervene in Mr. Loker's 24 was during the years 2000 and 2004? No. criminal charges?

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1	· Q	Is it the same phone number that you	
2	have now?		
3	A	I don't know.	
4	Q	Does it refresh your recollection if	
5	I give	you the number? I'll give you two	
6	different numbers and you can pick which one is		
7		717-577-3189?	
8	A	I don't know the number.	
9	Q	How about 717-577-9151?	******
10	Α	I don't know.	-
11	Q	You don't know if that was your	
12	number? Did you ever know that? Is it just		-
13	something you forgot?		****
14	A	No. I never gave out my number	-
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16	get in t	get in touch with Stan.	
17	Q	So then, is it possible that one of	and and an annual
18	those phone numbers is yours, you just don't		retti telunya
19	remember		- Acester
20	Α	Oh, that's very possible, yes.	-
21	Q	We can't step on each other here as	Netherstoods.
22		he transcript. I have to let you finish	in the second
23	your thought, you have to let me finish.		and the state of
24	Α	I'm sorry.	dictionary of
25	Q	I do it too, so I apologize. But	
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Susan Rebert Page 25 about that; that you were using a drug task force phone and not being an employee of the 2 3 D.A.'s office? 4 Well, no, because I didn't use it for my personal use. It was for my way to get in 5 touch with Stan or if he didn't have his cell 7 phone and we were in one of our cars, that he 8 would have access to a car (sic). If you're 9 aware, he has multiple sclerosis and --10 0 Right. 11 Α -- he's had some pretty nasty falls. It was my means to check up on him. But I never 13 used it for anything else. 14 Q Okav. 15 Α You can check that. We will. How often do you believe 16 0 that you used this cell phone? 18 Probably two or three times every six 19 months. Okay. Now, you were never employed by the district attorney's office yourself; is that correct? A No, I never was. And the purpose for you having that phone was for you to contact your husband; is

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just so the record is clear now, I'm just going to ask the question again. So it is possible as you sit here today, that one of those two 3 telephone numbers mentioned was a phone number assigned to you that you used, but you just don't recall it as you sit here today? 6 7 Α Yes. 8 Do you know how the cell phone that you did possess was paid for during that time? 9 10 11 Do you know whether, for instance, it was the Rebert family's personal money that paid 12 for the cell phone? 14 My assumption is that it was from the 15 drug task force. 16 Q Okay. Why is it your assumption? Because they confiscate a lot of 17 A 18 phones. 19 Okay. So the cell phone that you used then for your personal use was paid for by the drug task force funds? 22 I can't say that for sure. 23 Q But that's your assumption?

That would be my assumption.

Okay. Did you find anything strange

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Yes, or for him to use it.

3 But he had his own cell phone; is 0 that correct?

5 Α Yeah, but if for some reason he 6 didn't have it.

7 Do you recall asking Bob Leichliter 8 how to use the phone?

9 I probably did. I asked a lot of 10 people how to use it.

11 And do you recall making a statement to Bob that this was a county phone and that 13 Stan got it for you?

14 No, I don't remember saying that.

15 Do you recall making a statement that 16 you didn't like the phone that you had because it was harder to operate than any previous phone 18 that you had?

No, I don't remember saying that.

20 Did you ever misdial the telephone 21 and end up getting Becky Downing?

Not that I'm aware of. I remember getting a police officer once. It wasn't Becky.

So at times did you call from the phone that you had to Stan's phone?

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Page 29 Page 27 service elsewhere? Yes, I'm sure I did. 1 Not that I remember. 2 Do you recall ever loaning the 2 After this lawsuit was filed, was the telephone that you had to one of the Youth Build 3 service cut off on the phone that you possessed kids and the phone being stolen? and didn't you get a new cell phone? No, I never lent the phone to 5 Α I got a new cell phone. I don't --6 anybody. 6 Did it happen in the last year? 7 0 So you never gave the phone to --7 Q Α I'm not sure. 8 I had a phone stolen. 8 Α Wasn't it because the phone was being 9 0 9 0 Okay. paid for by county funds and, in fact, it needed 10 But I didn't give it to anybody. It 10 to be paid for by personal funds? was stolen out of my car. 11 I'm not aware. Stan gives me the Fair enough. Can you explain that 12 Α 12 phone. That's all I know. 13 situation? 1.3 You never asked the question why your The phone was in my car, and when I 14 14 Α phone was being switched? came out it wasn't. 15 No. I thought I was getting an 16 And which phone was that? Was that 16 updated phone. 17 the county phone? 17 Did you get an upgraded phone? 18 O It was the only phone I've ever had. 18 I don't know enough about them to 19 You know, it was the only source I ever got a 19 tell vou. I know I can't work it. 20 phone from. 20 Do you have any phone records in How many phones did you have during 21 21 regard to the telephone numbers that you may or 22 that period of time, if you recall? 2.2 may not have dialed from any of the phones that I think two. I had the one stolen 23 23 you possessed during 2000 and 2004? and then I got another one. 24 25 Α No. And both of those phones do you 25 Page 30 Page 28 Did you ever question Stan why you believe were paid for through the drug task 1 had a phone from the county? force? 2 3 Α No. 3 Α Yes. What was the earliest point in time 4 0 And when we say drug task force, 4 Q when you believe that you knew that the phone we're talking about the York County Drug Task 5 was being paid for by the drug task force funds, 6 6 Force? if you knew? 7 Yes. Α A I don't know. And that would be administered by the 8 8 But at some point in time the phone 9 D.A.'s office, if you know? 9 that was being paid for by the county was taken 10 Bill Graff. Α 10 from you; is that correct? 11 Okay. Is that a yes? Q 11 A I don't remember that at all, no. I 12 Α Yes. 12 don't remember anybody ever taking a phone from Did Bill Graff know that you had this 13 13 0 14 phone? 14 So then, you still have it? 15 Q 15 Α Yes. 16 Α Yes. And how do you know that he knew 0 16 You still have the phone from the 0 17 that? 17 county? 18 I don't know. I mean, I talk to 18 I have a phone. 19 Α Bill. I don't know. 19 I'm asking, is the phone being paid 20 Okay. 20 0 for by the county? 21 I mean, because he's part of the task 21 I don't know. 22 22 force. I think Bill was the one that got me the So you don't know where your present Q 23 23 phones. phone is being paid for? 24

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At any point in time did you ever

have to turn back in your county phone and get

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Page 31 Page 33 Would you be willing to turn over any 1 Was it Joseph Dorney (phonetic)? 2 documents related to your personal phone? 2 Α That's Durney. 3 Yes. 3 O My apologies. Was that a yes? 4 (Cell phone interruption.) 4 Α Yes. 5 BY MR. JACOB: 5 At some point in time do you recall Did you ever type or prepare campaign 6 6 Bob coming out to your home to load some files 7 letters or brochures for your husband? from the campaign onto the computer? 7 8 8 Yes. 9 Okay. Were you involved at all in O 9 0 And what happened to the old 10 his re-election campaign as far as the 10 computer? preparation of documents or anything of that 11 Α I don't have any idea. 12 nature? Is it still in your home right now? 12 0 13 Α No. 13 Α Do you ever recall asking Bob 14 14 0 And that was a York County computer; 15 Leichliter to assist you with buying a new 15 am I correct? computer for your home? 16 A I don't know. 17 Α Yes. 17 Do you know if that computer was ever 18 0 And what was the purpose for that 18 returned to York County? 19 computer? I have no idea. 19 I think it was for the campaign. 20 (Mr. Jacob and client confer 20 21 For the campaign. Was this during 21 privately.) 22 the tax moratorium period of time, do you know? 22 Have you ever seen cocaine or any 23 I don't even know what that is. 23 other illegal substance? There's a time in Pennsylvania 24 O 24 Α Um-hm. where-they haven't done it recently-but where 25 25 0 And under what circumstances have you Page 32 Page 34 they cancel the tax on computers. seen that? 2 Α Oh, yes. Yeah. 2 I've had very many classes where 3 0 So it was during that time? Tony G. would come in and teach people what 4 Yes. Α drugs looked like and the dangers of drugs and 5 And you say that the purpose of the 5 things. 6 computer was for the re-election campaign? 6 When we say Tony G., we're referring 0 7 A Yes. 7 to? Was this for Stan to use for the 8 0 8 I can't say his last name. I'm with Α 9 re-election? 9 you on that one. 10 No, we both used it, but I never Tony Glowczewski; is that correct? 10 Q prepared documents because I'm a lousy typist. 11 11 That's close enough, yep. Α 12 Fair enough. What did you do for the 12 Q That's just for purpose of the campaign that required the use of the computer? 13 13 record. 14 I got out the list, names, addresses. 14 Is there any reason why Bill Graff 15 I did a lot of the invitations, and that's what would have referred to you at some point in time I used it for. 16 as a drug addict? 17 Okay. Do you recall meeting Bob at 17 Not that I'm aware of. I mean, not the Gateway store? 18 18 that -- You mean --19 Yes. A 19 I have to ask the questions. 20 And do you recall him helping you to 20 I want to see if I understand the 21 pick out a computer? 21 question. Are you saying is there any reason he 22 Α Yes. 22 would say that because there was a chance I am, 23 Do you recall who signed the check Q 23 or are you just -that was used to pay for that computer? 24 Q I'm just saying, do you know why he No, I don't. would make that reference to you?

Page 37 Page 35 referring to? I have no idea. 1 Yeah. The problem of saying I had a 2 Do you know if Mr. Rebert ever told Α 2 0 Mr. Graff that he was fired for making such a 3 drug dealer. 3 4 0 Okay. comment? 4 That was a bit of a problem. 5 Α Um-hm. 5 Α But that was a problem of Bill 6 He did? Can you explain how that 0 6 7 Graff's? I'm a little confused. occurred? 7 Of Bill having said it. Somebody came to see us and said that 8 А 8 Oh, I see what you're saying, okay. Bill had made a comment that the reason -- I 9 0 9 I guess that would be a problem if you say that don't quite get it, but some kind of case and 10 about the boss's wife. said because he was my drug dealer. And, yeah, 11 11 But Stan never insisted, to your 12 Stan went right to his house and he denied it. 12 When you say he was my drug dealer, I knowledge, that he actually leave his 13 13 don't think I understand the explanation. 14 employment? 14 15 He went to his house with the Bill said something about somebody 15 intention of firing him. I think Stan sent him who was -- there was a case involving him. And 16 16 several memos-This is what I understand. I 17 17 he said -don't know if this is true--saying you're fired, Involving Bill? 18 0 but Bill didn't leave, and I told him I forgave 19 No, no, involving a young man who I 19 knew his family, his parents -him. 20 20 You told who you forgave? 21 Q 2.1 0 Okav. Stan, that I forgave Bill. And if it -- and said, he's Susan's drug 22 22 Α was because of me, I didn't want to be involved. 23 dealer. 23 I mean, I didn't want it to be my --Okay. And so, based on that Bill may 24 0 or may not have made this comment; is that --25 Were you ever at any social function, 25 Page 38 Page 36 gathering or anything where cocaine or illegal Yeah, he made the comment. I thought 1 substances were present? the question was did I know why. 2 2 Yes. I'm simply asking you, do you 3 No. 3 Do you know a William Bennett? have any idea why he would refer to you --4 O 4 5 No. Well, yeah, I think he's --No, absolutely none. 5 6 Isn't he a famous lawyer, Bill Bennett? But Stan did fire Bill Graff for that 6 7 I'm just asking if you know him. comment; is that correct? 0 7 8 Α No, I don't know that one. That name I wasn't there. I know he went to 8 doesn't mean a thing to me. 9 his house and was very angry. 9 I thought you previously said that How about Woody Bennett? 10 10 Yeah, I've heard of Woody Bennett. 11 A when I asked did he get fired for -11 He's a football player I think. 12 Well, he went to his house to fire 12 13 Were you ever in the vicinity or him. Bill is still there, so I guess it didn't Q 13 around Woody Bennett? 14 14 work. I was at a couple parties of Judy 15 That was going to be my next 15 Waltman's where he was. question. Is there any reason why Bill didn't 16 16 17 O I'm sorry, whose? leave if he was fired? Do you have any 17 Her name is Judy -- Well, it's Bacon 18 Α knowledge of that? 18 19 now. He just didn't leave. 19 Were you ever present -- Let me Okay. So he was fired and he just 20 Q 20 0 rephrase that. 21 21 said I'm --Why don't you tell me about the 22 He sent us a Christmas card and said 22 gathering or wherever you were where Woody thanks for understanding my problems and never 23 2.3 24 Bennett was. left.

It was just a party.

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Do you know what problems he was

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