1	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2	FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
3	DEPARTMENT NO. PSB HON. SARAH J. HEIDEL, JUDG
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5	JAMES GIBSON, III,
6	PETITIONER,
7	VS.) CASE NO.) 17PSFL00745
8	KARRIE GIBSON,
9	RESPONDENT.
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12	REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
13	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019
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15	APPEARANCES:
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17	FOR PETITIONER: CKB VIENNA LLP BY: ALETHA J. SMITH, ESQ. 10390 COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE
18	SUITE C-110 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730
19	FOR RESPONDENT: IN PROPRIA PERSONA
20	FOR RESPONDENT. IN FROERIA PERSONA
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25	CHANI D. LUDWIG, CSR NO. 13017 OFFICIAL REPORTER
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2	CASE NAME: JAMES GIBSON VS. KARRIE GIBSON
3	POMONA, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019
4	DEPARTMENT NO. PSB HON. SARAH J. HEIDEL, JUDGE
5	REPORTER: CHANI D. LUDWIG, CSR 13017
6	TIME: 9:24 A.M.
7	APPEARANCES: (SEE TITLE PAGE)
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9	THE COURT: ITEM 1, GIBSON VERSUS GIBSON,
10	17PSFL0467 745. GOOD MORNING.
11	MS. SMITH: GOOD MORNING.
12	THE COURT: THE CASE IS SET FOR TRIAL SETTING
13	CONFERENCE. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?
14	MS. SMITH: WELL, THE ISSUE IS GOING TO BE
15	ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT RESPONDENT WAS HERE IN PRO PER.
16	THE COURT: I DID HAVE A NOTE THAT RESPONDENT WAS
17	HERE.
18	MS. GIBSON?
19	(A PAUSE IN THE PROCEEDINGS.)
20	THE COURT: ARE YOU MS. GIBSON?
21	THE RESPONDENT: HI. HOW ARE YOU?
22	THE COURT: I CALLED YOUR MATTER.
23	THE RESPONDENT: I'M SORRY, SO SORRY.
24	THE COURT: CAN YOU STEP FORWARD AND STATE YOUR
25	NAME FOR THE RECORD.
26	THE RESPONDENT: KARRIE GIBSON. I'M GOING TO GRAB
27	MY STUFF, IF THAT'S OKAY?
28	(A PAUSE IN THE PROCEEDINGS.)

1 THE COURT: SO THE CASE IS SET FOR TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE. I WAS JUST ASKING COUNSEL BEFORE YOU GOT 2 HERE, MS. GIBSON, WHAT THE ISSUES WERE? 3 THE RESPONDENT: WHO'S THE COUNSEL? 4 THE COURT: THE WOMAN AT THE TABLE RIGHT NEXT TO 5 6 YOU. THE RESPONDENT: I'M SORRY, SO SORRY, MA'AM. I HAVEN'T HAD THE PLEASURE. 8 9 THE COURT: WE'RE IN A HEARING NOW. SO YOU CAN 10 HAVE THE SMALL TALK AFTERWARDS. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE ISSUES ARE FOR TRIAL IN YOUR CASE. I'M GOING TO START 11 12 WITH COUNSEL BECAUSE SHE REPRESENTS PETITIONER. AND 13 THEN I'LL TURN TO YOU. 14 THE RESPONDENT: CAN I SIT DOWN? 15 THE COURT: PLEASE. 16 MS. SMITH: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR. WE SUBBED 17 IN DECEMBER 13TH. THE ISSUES THAT WE SEE WOULD BE SPOUSAL SUPPORT FILED BY RESPONDENT. I BELIEVE THERE'S 18 19 ALSO PROPERTY DIVISION AS WELL AS THERE'S TWO REQUESTS FOR ORDERS ON CALENDAR, ONE FOR A VOCATIONAL EVALUATION, 20 21 AND THEN WE JUST SAW ONE AS OF LAST WEEK FOR ATTORNEY'S 22 FEES. 23 THE COURT: BOTH FILED BY -- ONE FILED BY YOU, ONE 24 FILED BY RESPONDENT? 25 MS. SMITH: CORRECT. 26 THE COURT: ARE THEY SET FOR THE SAME DAY? 27 MS. SMITH: NO. ONE IS SET FOR, I BELIEVE, 28 FEBRUARY 7, AND THE OTHER IS -- THERE'S TWO IN MARCH,

MARCH 13 AND 14.

THE COURT: SO THREE RFO'S OR TWO RFO'S?

MS. SMITH: THERE'S TWO. BUT PER THE REGISTER OF ACTION, I SEE THREE DATES.

THE COURT: SO IS THAT YOUR -- IS THAT A FAIR

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES FOR TRIAL? SPOUSAL SUPPORT AND

PROPERTY DIVISION?

THE RESPONDENT: YOUR NAME IS JUDGE HEIDEL?

9 THE COURT: UH-HUH.

THE RESPONDENT: I'D LIKE TO PREFACE THIS WITH SAYING TO YOU THAT I'M EXPERIENCING SOME HEALTH ISSUES.

SO I RECENTLY WAS IN AN ACCIDENT, AND I HAVE A CONCUSSION. SO IT TAKES ME A LITTLE LONGER TO PROCESS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. SO IF YOU COULD BE PATIENT WITH ME.

I'M NOT REALLY CLEAR WHAT THE PURPOSE OF

THIS -- I NEED SPOUSAL SUPPORT BECAUSE JAMES JUST LEFT

AND HE ABANDONED ME WITHOUT PAYING.

THE COURT: THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING IS TO

IDENTIFY THE ISSUES FOR TRIAL. NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE

MERITS OF THOSE ISSUES, JUST TO IDENTIFY THE ISSUES THAT

THE PARTIES NEED RESOLUTION ON. AND THEN WE'LL SET A

TRIAL DATE TO RESOLVE THEM.

THE RESPONDENT: I WAS KIND OF GETTING TO THAT.

I'M NOT PREPARED TO SET A TRIAL DATE. I NEED

REPRESENTATION. WHEN I -- I WAS -- I WAS UNDER THE

IMPRESSION THAT JAMES WAS GOING TO HANDLE HIMSELF. I

RECEIVED NOTICE THAT HE HAD AN ATTORNEY LIKE TWO WEEKS

AGO. AND TO BE QUITE HONEST WITH YOU, I THOUGHT WE WERE



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GOING TO RESOLVE OUR ISSUES. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO
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    THERAPY.
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          THE COURT: YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO
    RECONCILE?
          THE RESPONDENT: WELL, I FELT LIKE WE WERE MOVING
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    TOWARD THAT DIRECTION. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO THERAPY,
    WHICH HOPEFULLY WAS GOING TO LEAD TO THAT.
         THE COURT: I SEE. WELL, THAT'S -- I DON'T KNOW
    IF THAT'S A POSSIBILITY. BUT IT'S CERTAINLY -- NOTHING
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    WE'RE DOING TODAY WOULD PREVENT THAT. SO YOU CAN STILL
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    DO THAT.
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                OKAY, SO ASSUMING THERE IS NO
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    RECONCILIATION, YOU HAVE A REQUEST FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT.
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    AND THEN DO THE PARTIES HAVE PROPERTY?
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         THE RESPONDENT: WE DO.
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         THE COURT: WHAT KIND OF PROPERTY DO THE PARTIES
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    HAVE?
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         THE RESPONDENT: WE OWN A HOME. AND MY HUSBAND
    HAS PROPERTY. HE HAS OTHER -- HE HAS PROPERTY. I DON'T
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    KNOW, ARE YOU REFERRING TO PHYSICAL PROPERTY OR
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    FINANCIAL PROPERTY AS WELL?
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         THE COURT: BOTH. YEP.
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         THE RESPONDENT: THAT'S LIKE ONE OF THE ISSUES.
    BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE REPRESENTATION, I DON'T KNOW THE
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    PROCESS TO DISCOVER WHAT HE HAS AND WHAT -- HE HASN'T
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    BEEN TRANSPARENT FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
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         THE COURT: IS THERE ANYTHING -- WHEN DID YOU
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SUFFER THE CONCUSSION?

THE RESPONDENT: I WAS REAR-ENDED ON DECEMBER 7TH, 1 BUT THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM. I BROUGHT MY MEDICAL 2 RECORDS. I HAD A SEVERE BACK INJURY WHERE I HAD 3 SURGERY. AND I HAVE ALL MY RECORDS --4 THE COURT: WHEN? THE RESPONDENT: FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, I'VE 6 BEEN ON MEDICATION THAT'S CAUSING -- AFFECTING MY 7 COGNITIVE SKILLS. SO I CAN THINK AND FUNCTION, IT JUST 8 TAKES ME A LITTLE LONGER. SO I APPRECIATE A LITTLE 9 10 PATIENCE. THE COURT: OKAY. WHEN DID YOU SUFFER THE 11 12 CONCUSSION? THE RESPONDENT: THE CONCUSSION, AS OF RECENTLY, IT WAS DECEMBER 7TH. I THINK I WAS REAR-ENDED DECEMBER 14 15 7TH. 16 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. WELL, WHAT COUNSEL IS -- I THINK IS ASKING FOR IS TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL SETTING 17 CONFERENCE TO A DATE OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE RFO'S 18 ALREADY SET. YOU FILED A REQUEST FOR ORDER FOR 19 20 ATTORNEY'S FEES; CORRECT? 21 THE RESPONDENT: UH-HUH. 22 THE COURT: DID YOU FILE ANOTHER ONE? 23 THE RESPONDENT: I'M NOT -- TO BE QUITE HONEST WITH, YOU MA'AM, I'M LIKE OPERATING IN THE DARK. WHEN 24 HE FIRST SERVED ME AND I RESPONDED, I WENT TO THE 25 SELF-HELP. I DID NOT HAVE MY TAXES. SO THEY DIDN'T 26 HELP ME. SO I PRETTY MUCH JUST COPIED WHAT HE HAD. I

DIDN'T KNOW THAT I NEEDED TO ASK FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT.

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FOR ME, THAT'S PRIORITY. MY SON IS PAYING FOR 1 2 EVERYTHING. I'M GETTING DEEPER AND DEEPER IN DEBT. 3 JAMES LEFT IN JANUARY. AND HE LEFT AND PUT ALL THE UTILITIES IN MY NAME. AND SO FOR ME TO ADAPT, I 4 5 NEED SPOUSAL SUPPORT WHICH WILL AID ME IN GETTING PROPER REPRESENTATION, BECAUSE THE QUESTIONS YOU'RE ASKING ME, 6 I'M REALLY IN THE DARK ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED. I'VE 7 8 LEARNED BY TALKING TO SOMEONE, TO SOME ATTORNEYS, AND 9 JUST GOOGLING THINGS ON THE INTERNET. THE COURT: I'M GOING TO MAKE THE COMMENT YOU SEEM 10 TO BE VERY LUCID AT TIMES AND THEN YOU SLOW DOWN YOUR 11 SPEECH A LOT AND SEEM MORE CONFUSED WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT 12 YOUR INJURIES. I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU, 13 14 BUT IT'S NOTICEABLE. 15 THE RESPONDENT: YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T QUITE CATCH 16 THAT? 17 THE COURT: WHAT IS THE DATE SET FOR HEARING ON 18 THE REQUEST FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT? 19 THE CLERK: FEBRUARY 7. 20 THE RESPONDENT: SEE --21 THE COURT: THAT IS -- HOLD ON. THIS IS THE HEARING DATE ON YOUR REQUEST FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT. 23 THAT'S FEBRUARY 7 --24 THE RESPONDENT: THAT IS WHAT I'M --25 THE COURT: YOU FILED A REQUEST FOR SPOUSAL 26 SUPPORT? 27 THE RESPONDENT: I DID, MA'AM. 28 THE COURT: AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A HEARING ON

THAT REQUEST ON FEBRUARY 7TH.

THE RESPONDENT: I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I'M A
LITTLE CONFUSED ABOUT YOUR COMMENT. I'M REALLY
CONFUSED. BUT THAT'S WHY I PREFACE THAT BECAUSE I WANT
TO BE CLEAR, AND I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT COHESIVENESS IN
MY SPEECH.

WHEN I DID -- I RESPONDED TO YOU -- I SPOKE
ABOUT RESPONDING TO HIS FIRST INITIAL FILING. AT THAT
TIME, MY UNDERSTANDING, I WAS SUPPOSED TO SELECT SPOUSAL
SUPPORT. BUT I SELECTED ALIMONY, BECAUSE I JUST COPIED
HIS PAGE. WHAT HE DID, I COPIED, BECAUSE I HAD NO HELP.

THE COURT: OKAY. WELL, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT

MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE. I'M NOT DECIDING ANYTHING. I'M

JUST TELLING YOU THERE'S A HEARING DATE. THERE'S

NOTHING REALLY TO DISCUSS RIGHT NOW.

THE RESPONDENT: THAT'S WHAT I WANT -- WHAT I'M ASKING.

THE COURT: YEAH. I KNOW.

THE RESPONDENT: AN ATTORNEY TOLD ME I NEED TO GO

MAKE AN AMENDMENT. SELF-HELP TOLD ME IF I BROUGHT IT TO

YOU TODAY -- I DON'T HAVE AN INCOME. I'M GETTING DEEPER

AND DEEPER IN DEBT.

THE COURT: IT'S SET FOR FEBRUARY 7TH.

THE RESPONDENT: YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO LISTEN

25 TODAY?

THE COURT: I'M NOT ABLE TO. THERE'S NOT PROPER NOTICE TO THE OTHER PARTY ABOUT A REQUEST --

THE RESPONDENT: HE DIDN'T GET SERVED?

THE COURT: HE DID, BUT HE WAS SERVED A NOTICE FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2019. SO THAT'S THE DAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SPOUSAL SUPPORT HEARING. AND WE WILL CONTINUE THE TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE TO THAT DATE.

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AND THEN WE WILL PROCEED FROM THERE, OKAY?

IF YOU NEED TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY IN ADVANCE OF THAT

HEARING, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THAT.

THE RESPONDENT: YOU KNOW, I'M SORRY. I'M -- THIS IS REALLY VERY HARD FOR ME BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING TO ME IS IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT I'M TO UNDERSTAND. WHEN I WENT TO THE SELF-HELP, THEY TOLD ME THAT YOU WOULD DISCUSS IT THEN. YOU WANT TO DO A TRIAL SETTING DATE ON FEBRUARY 2ND (SIC), AND I DON'T HAVE AN ATTORNEY. I'M BARELY PAYING MY BILLS. I -- JAMES HAS DONE SO MUCH STUFF, MA'AM. HE'S HID MONEY. HE'S PUT DIFFERENT PEOPLE'S NAME ON MONEY. I DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES OR THE EDUCATION TO DEFEND MYSELF.

TODAY, FOR ME, PRIORITY IS SPOUSAL SUPPORT SO I CAN MOVE TOWARDS HIRING SOMEONE. THE LADY DOWNSTAIRS TOLD ME TO COME AND BRING YOU THE PROPOSALS FROM THE ATTORNEYS. I'VE TALKED TO SOME BUT I DON'T HAVE A RETAINER FEE.

THE COURT: WELL, THAT'S JUST NOT BEFORE THE COURT TODAY. MY HANDS ARE TIED. I CAN'T MAKE A RULING ON SPOUSAL SUPPORT WHEN IT HASN'T BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED FOR TODAY. THIS HEARING WAS SET, AND IT'S JUST TO DECIDE WHEN TO SET THE TRIAL. YOU ALL ARE NOT READY TO SET TRIAL. I CAN TELL THAT FROM THE CONVERSATION. SO WE'RE

NOT GOING TO DO THAT. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE. YOU MADE A REQUEST FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT. YOU SERVED MR. GIBSON. AND THAT WILL BE HEARD FEBRUARY 7TH. THE RESPONDENT: OKAY. SO --THE COURT: I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE MORE COMMENT BECAUSE I HAVE TO MOVE ON TO SOME OTHER CASES. THIS ISN'T REALLY A HEARING ON ANY KIND OF MERITS OF ANYTHING TODAY. THE RESPONDENT: I UNDERSTAND, MA'AM. I'M HOPING YOU WOULD BE PATIENT WITH ME. FOR ME, IT'S EDUCATION. I MADE ZERO DOLLARS, AND MY HUSBAND MAKES \$200,000 A YEAR. I'M A MOM, AND I TOOK CARE OF MY KIDS. I'M HERE AND THE QUESTIONS, SO I CAN UNDERSTAND --

THE COURT: THAT'S FINE. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

THE RESPONDENT: SO WHAT I'M UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE THE SPOUSAL SUPPORT TO FEBRUARY?

THE COURT: NO. I'M NOT MOVING IT. IT WAS ALWAYS
SET --

THE RESPONDENT: OKAY. IT WILL REMAIN AS IT IS.

I'M SO SORRY. I KNOW IT SOUNDS UNCLEAR. BUT I GOT

INFORMATION FROM THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAT I TALK TO.

THE PEOPLE UPSTAIRS SAID YOU WOULD TELL ME -- YOU WOULD

DISCUSS IT TODAY. THE GIRL DOWNSTAIRS, YOU WOULD

DISCUSS IT TODAY. AND VERONICA (PHONETIC) TOLD ME TO DO

THE ORDERS TO ENSURE IT'S IN THE SYSTEM.

THE COURT: I DON'T KNOW WHO ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE

ARE. I'LL TELL YOU THIS, SELF-HELP DOES NOT GIVE LEGAL
ADVICE. THE CLERK'S OFFICE DOES NOT GIVE LEGAL ADVICE.

IF YOU NEED LEGAL ADVICE, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND AN
ATTORNEY WILLING TO TAKE YOU ON WITHOUT A RETAINER. BUT
WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO SPOUSAL SUPPORT TODAY AND NOTHING
WILL BE --

THE RESPONDENT: THAT'S FINE. I'M CLEAR ON THAT.

MY NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO

DO A TRIAL SETTING ON FEBRUARY? I WON'T BE PREPARED FOR

A TRIAL SETTING ON FEBRUARY, BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO

HAVE AN ATTORNEY IN FOUR WEEKS. I DON'T HAVE INCOME.

I'M BARELY ABLE TO PAY MY BILLS.

THE COURT: ALL WE'RE DOING IS CONTINUING THIS
HEARING TO THE SAME DAY YOU'RE ALREADY GOING TO BE HERE.

THE RESPONDENT: WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT TRIAL

SETTING, THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT WE'VE ASKED YOU

THE MERITS OF THE CASE AND EVERYTHING THAT IS EXPECTED

IN TERMS OF I'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR 25 YEARS. THERE'S A

LOT INVOLVED IN THIS.

THE COURT: BUT YOU ALREADY KNOW YOU WANT -THERE'S CERTAIN PROPERTY YOU WANT TO SPLIT AND YOU WANT
SPOUSAL SUPPORT. YOU ACTUALLY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE
ISSUES ARE. YOU MAY NOT KNOW ALL THE PROPERTY, BUT YOU
SEEM TO BE -- TO HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT THE
ISSUES ARE FOR TRIAL. WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE READY TO GO
TO TRIAL, WE'LL FIND OUT FEBRUARY 7.

SO WE'LL CONTINUE THIS HEARING TO FEBRUARY

7TH. YOU'RE GOING TO BE HERE ANYWAY. WE'LL HAVE THE

1 HEARING AT THAT TIME ON THE REQUEST FOR SPOUSAL SUPPORT. 2 AND WE'LL GO FROM THERE. 3 MS. SMITH: YOUR HONOR, QUESTION, CAN YOU CLARIFY 4 IF THE FEBRUARY 7TH WILL ALSO BE THE VOCATIONAL 5 EVALUATION RFO OR IF THAT'S THE MARCH DATE? BECAUSE THAT'S RELATED TO SPOUSAL AS WELL. 6 7 THE RESPONDENT: CAN I RESPOND TO THAT? 8 THE COURT: IT'S JUST A REQUEST TO WHAT DATE THE HEARING IS. IT'S NOT REALLY ASKING FOR A RESPONSE. 9 THAT WILL BE THE 13TH. 10 MS. SMITH: MARCH 13TH? 11 THE COURT: UH-HUH. 12 13 THE RESPONDENT: MY QUESTION IS WHAT SHE'S 14 REFERRING TO. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I NEED AN 15 ATTORNEY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY RIGHTS ARE REGARDING 16 THAT. 17 I'M BEING REQUESTED TO TAKE A TEST? THE COURT: OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE 18 THIS CONVERSATION ON THE 7TH. SEE YOU FEBRUARY 7TH. 19 20 MS. SMITH: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. THE COURT: THANK YOU. 21 22 23 (THE PROCEEDINGS WERE CONCLUDED AT 9:39 24 A.M.) 25 26 27 28

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13	I, CHANI D. LUDWIG, OFFICIAL REPORTER OF
14	THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE
15	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I DID
16	CORRECTLY REPORT THE PROCEEDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN AND
17	THAT THE FOREGOING PAGES 1 THROUGH 11, INCLUSIVE,
18	COMPRISE A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF THE
19	PROCEEDINGS AND TESTIMONY TAKEN IN THE MATTER OF THE
20	ABOVE-ENTITLED CAUSE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019.
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22	DATED THIS 31ST DAY OF MAY, 2019.
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