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**State of Florida v. Rodolfo Contreras  
SC05-1767**

WE WILL HEAR FROM THE LAST CASE, STATE V ERSUS CONTRERAS, AND I SEE WE GAVE YOU BOTH 15 MINUTES A SIDE, SO I AM NOT SURE WHAT YOU DID TO DESERVE ALL THAT AD DITIONAL T IME .

JUSTICE: USE TEN .

JUSTICE: MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION.

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT. MELANIE SURBER ON BEHALF OF THE STATE.WE ARE HERE BECAUSE THE FOURTH DISTRICT COU RT OF APPEAL REVERSED THE CONVICTION FOR SEXUAL BATTERY AND LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS MOLESTATION ON THE DEFENDANT 'S C HILD IN THIS CASE, BASED ON THEDECISION IN CRAWFORD.I THIN K THE THRE SHOLD ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE TALKED ABOUT ON THIS CASE UPON A SECOND G LANCE IS THE FO URTH DISTRICT'S REASONING WITH RESPECT TO UNAVAILABILITY OF THIS CHILD. THE FOURTH DCA IS KIND OF A TWOFOLD ANALYSIS. THE FI RST ANALYSIS IS THAT THERE IS SOME REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHILD NEEDED TO BE PHYSICALLY UNAVAILABLE , AND I THINK SIM PLY READING CRAWFORD, THAT IS W RONG . IN CRAWFORD , THE WITNESS IN THAT CASE WAS LE GALLY UNAVAILABLE, AS WAS THECHILD IN THIS CASE, SO AS A PRELIMINARY ISSUE , THAT FINDING NEEDS TO BE OVERTURNED.

CHIEF JUSTICE: ALSO THE I SSUE ABOUT THE ELEVEN , WHEN THEY HAVE TO BE UNDER ELEVEN.

THAT IS THREE FOLD IN A WAY , BECAUSE THERE IS ALSO , THE FOURTH FOUND THAT THE DOCTOR'S OP INION DIDN'T SUPPORT THE UNAVAILA BILITYOF THE CHILD , AND THAT IS ALSO, I THINK , SIMPLY WR ONG. I THINK THE COURT CAN LOOK RIGHT TO THE RECORD AND LOOK AT THE TRIAL COURT'S ORDER FINDING THE CHILD UNAVAILABLE , AND IT IS Q U ITE SPECIFIC IN DETAILING DR . RAHAM'S TESTIMONY ABOUT THE SEVERE ME NTAL AND EMOTIONAL TRAUMA THIS CHILD WASSUFFERING.

CHIEF JUSTICE: ARE YOU GOING TO ADDRESS THE OTHER THRESHOLD ISSU E AS TO WHETHER THE STATEMEN TS TO THE CHILD PROT ECTION TEAM WHICH WERE NOW DONE IN A VERY MUCH OF A QU ESTION /ANSWER FORMAT , ARE TESTIMONIAL UNDER CRAWFORD?

IN THIS CASE WHAT WE HAVE ARGUED IS THAT THEY WERE NOT . HOWEVER , THE STATE'S POSITION IS THAT IT IS WELL TAKEN.THERE ARE VA RYING INTERPRETATIONS OF WHAT IS GOING TO BE TESTIMONIAL, AND I THINK I HAVE C ITED THOSECASES IN MY BRIEF AS WELL AS SUPPLEMENTED. I THINK WE ARE ACROSS THE BOARD DIVIDED. THERE ARE SOME STATES AND FEDERAL CIRCUITS THAT HOLDTHAT AUTOMATICALLY THESE TYPES OF VIDEO STATEMENTS ARE GOING TO BE TESTIMONIAL , AND THEN YOU HAVE STATES SUCH AS MINNESOTA, A WHICH ARE HOLDING THEY ARE NOT.

CHIEF JUSTICE: IT SEEMSTHIS IS MY PROBLEM WIT H IT , AND LIKE ALL OF US , OUR HEARTS GO OUT IN THE CHILD MOLESTATION CASE S. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS HA RMTHAT IS D ONE ON A LIFELONG BASIS , AND WE HAVE CREATED RULES TO TRY TO MAKE IT MUCH EASIER ON THE

CHILD TO COME FOR WARD . THE CONCERN IS THAT, WHEN THE CHILD PROTECTION TEAM IS GIVING , TAKING THE STATEMENT , I MEAN, THEY ARE DOING IT AS AN AGENT OF THE STATE. THE POLICE OFF SITE , DOING IT IN A WAY -- AT LEAST OFF SITE, DOING IT IN A WAY TO MAKE IT LESS TRAUMATIC FOR THE CHILD. IT IS NOT REALLY MATERIALLY DIFFERENT, IT , THAN SOMEONE , A POLICE DETECTIVE WHO ALSO HAS A MANNER OF TAKING THAT STATEMENT.

WE COME TO YOU ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. THESE VIDEO STATEMENTS NEED TO BE LOOKED AT BECAUSE THEY ARE DONE WITH ALMOST ALL COMPETING STATUTES. HERE WE HAVE THE CHILD PROTECTION STATUTE. THE -- HERE WE HAVE THE PROTECTION STATUTE. THE CHILD PROTECTION TEAM, YES , THEY ARRIVE AND THERE ARE CRIMINAL CASES UNDER SOME OF THE RULES THAT I THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK AT CERTAIN SPECIFIC THINGS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF IT IS TESTIMONIAL. ONE THING IS --

JUSTICE: IN THIS CASE , YOU HAVE AGREED THAT THE WORKER CAN BE, IS AN AGENT OF THE STATE. BUT IN THIS CASE DON'T WE EVEN HAVE A LITTLE MORE THAN THAT? WASN'T THE POLICE OFFICER LOOKED UP BY SOME KIND OF TRANSMISSION, TO THE CASEWORKER AND COULD ACTUALLY GIVE THE CASEWORKER QUESTIONS TO ASK THE VICTIM? I MEAN SO WE HAVE A LITTLE MORE HERE THAN JUST THE CASEWORKER.

YES, WE DO IN THIS CASE. HOWEVER, THE RECORD REFLECTS THAT THE OFFICER ACTUALLY ASKED THE QUESTION. THIS WAS A PRESCHOOL ATTENDANT AND THAT WAS BROUGHT IN , THAT HAD TO REPORT IT. IT WAS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE USED PROSECUTORIALLY . AGAIN WITH RESPECT TO THE CRIME.

JUSTICE: BUT CAN YOU GET INTO THAT KIND OF ANALYSIS , AGAIN, A FIVE OR SIX-YEAR-OLD, I DON'T KNOW SEE HOW THAT CAN BE DISCUSSED AS A FACTOR OF CONCERN ANYWAY.

I SEE HOW YOU FEEL, BUT WHEN COUPLED WITH WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THAT SPECIFIC INTERVIEW, AND IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT IN CERTAIN CASES , THESE INTERVIEWS ARE SPECIFICALLY DONE WITH AN EYE -- DONE WITH AN EYE TOWARDS TRIAL, BUT I THINK THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE SOCIAL WORKER OR CHILD PROTECTION TEAM, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SAY .

JUSTICE: OR TO PRESS OR WITH AN EYE TOWARD CRIMINAL CHARGES , IS THAT WHAT YOU SAY?  
I THINK WITH AN EYE TOWARDS CRIMINAL CHARGES.

JUSTICE: WHY COULDN'T THE POLICE STATEMENT BE WITH AN EYE TOWARD CRIMINAL CHARGES?  
WE DON'T HAVE A STATEMENT YET. ALL WE HAVE IS A STATEMENT FROM SOMEBODY IN THE SCHOOL THAT THE CHILD ATTENDED.

JUSTICE: EVERYTHING THAT IS SAID TO A POLICE OFFICER IS WE HAVEN'T CHARGED HIM YET AND WE DON'T KNOW IF WE ARE GOING TO, AND IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THIS BECOMES SO UNWORKABLE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME . -- CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN BUT I THINK IT ILLUSTRATES THAT THIS TYPE OF ANALYSIS ON TESTIMONIAL HAS TO BE CASE BY CASE. IT MAY VERY WELL FIND THAT THIS STATEMENT IS TESTIMONIAL, BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT , WHEN YOU ANALYZE WHETHER OR NOT IT IS TESTIMONIAL , YOU CAN'T JUST HAVE AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD RULING THAT EVERY CHILD INTERVIEW OR VIDEO INTERVIEW DONE OF A CHILD IS GOING TO BE TESTIMONIAL.

CHIEF JUSTICE: I GUESSTHE PROBLEM IS WE ARE TAKING A FORMAT THAT DIDN'T EXIST AT THE TIME THE CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED AND TRYING TO DETERMINE THAT , EXTRAPOLATE WHETHER IT FITS MORE CLOSELY INTO WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A POLICE INTERROGATION. IN

OTHER WORDS THAT YOU HAVE GOT A CRIME INVOLVING A CHILD VICTIM. DECISION HALVES BEEN MADE THAT IT IS BETTER TO HAVE THE CHILD PROTECTION TEAM DOING THE QUESTIONING , PROFESSION QUESTIONERS, SO TO MINIMIZE THE HARM TO THE CHILD, TO MAKE SURE THE TRUTHFUL TESTIMONY IS ELICITED, BUT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF CRAWFORD AND THE STATE'S INTERESTS, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO ME TO BE ANY, I JUST DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN INTERPRET THIS AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN TESTIMONIAL.

AS I SAID, I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE VARYING INTERPRETATIONS OF HOW IT IS GOING TO COME DOWN. AGAIN --

CHIEF JUSTICE: SHOULDN'T COMMON SENSE PLAY INTO IT, OR DO WE JUST , WHICH IS THAT THIS IS THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT THAT, IF THIS WAS , THE CHILD HAD BEEN A VICTIM OF A ROBBERY AT A McDONALD'S , THEY WOULD GO IN IN A VERY , YOU KNOW, AGAIN SAME WAY , VERY NICE WAY AND THERE WOULD BE A KIND FEMALE POLICE OFFICER ASKING THE QUESTIONS, AND YOU WOULD AGREE IT WAS A POLICE INTERROGATION, RIGHT?

YES. IN THAT SITUATION. YES. HOW --

CHIEF JUSTICE: HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT?

I THINK IT MIGHT. I DON'T KNOW. I THINK IN THIS CASE WHAT IS GOING ON WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FACTS TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW THIS CAME ABOUT AND THIS WAS ARGUED BELOW TO THE FOURTH DCA. WE HAVE THE CHILD PROTECTION TEAM AND AGAIN THIS IS A PIPELINE CASE SO EVERYTHING WENT ON THE RE CRAWFORD, SO I THINK WE HAVE A PER SE RULE , BUT IN HINDSIGHT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME REFLECTION OF HOW ARE WE GOING TO DETERMINE WHEN THESE STATEMENTS ARE TESTIMONIAL , AND AS I SAID THERE MAY BE A DECISION THAT IT IS TESTIMONIAL IN THIS CASE AND THEN I WOULD MOVE ON TO, THEN WE ALSO HAVE IN THIS CASE A DEPOSITION DONE WITH NOTICE, THAT THESE , THIS VIDEO DEPOSITION MAY HAVE BEEN USED AT TRIAL IN LIEU OF LIVE TESTIMONY OR ANY TESTIMONY AT ALL FROM THE CHILD .

CHIEF JUSTICE: WAS THERE A VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION?

THERE WERE TWO DEPOSITIONS . THE SECOND ONE WAS VIDEOTAPED AND THE RECORD REFLECTS THAT COUSEL WAS TAKING THIS PARTICULAR VIDEO DEPOSITION TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT TO CROSS-EXAMINE.

CHIEF JUSTICE: IT WAS UNDER 3.1 WHATEVER?

I DON'T KNOW , I CAN'T REMEMBER THE RULE AT THIS POINT .

CHIEF JUSTICE: THERE ARE ONLY TWO RULES. DISCOVERY.

IT WAS DISCOVERY.

CHIEF JUSTICE: SO IT WASN'T BEING TAKEN TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY. IN FACT WASN'T IT THE SECOND DEPOSITION WHERE THE CHILD VICTIM SAYS THAT SHE KNOWS SHE IS GOING TO BE HAVING TO COME TO TRIAL?

YES.

CHIEF JUSTICE: SO IT OBVIOUSLY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE DEFENSE LAWYER , THINKING THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE HIS OR HER ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE THE WITNESS .

WELL , I THINK THIS CASE REFLECTS THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY LOOKING TO PRESERVE

CONFRONTATION AND CROSS-EXAMINATION. IT IS IN THE RECORD. A DEFENSE ATTORNEY STATED THAT. HOWEVER , IN THIS CASE , THERE WAS WHETHER OR NOT THE CHILD WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO TESTIFY VIA CLOSED CIRCUIT OR WHETHER OR NOT THE CHILD WAS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE WAS KIND OF FLIP-FLOPPED IN THE CASE. THE NOTICE WAS DONE ON THE INTENT TO RELY ON THE HEARSAY AT THE BEGINNING AS A MATTER OF COURSE AND THERE WAS FLIP-FLOPPING , BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE CHILD HAD THOUGH BE EVENTUALLY LOOKED AT BY THE DOCTOR AND FOUND TO BE UNAVAILABLE. SO I THINK IN THIS CASE IT IS SIMPLY AN EXAMPLE OF HOW DEPOSITIONS CAN SATISFY THE RIGHT TO CROSS-EXAMINE . -- TO CROSS-EXAMINATION. I THINK EVEN IF WE FIND THE TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE --

JUSTICE: I AM HAVING A HARD TIME FOLLOWING YOU. AND IT DOES IN THIS CASE , EVEN THOUGH THE DETERMINATION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT SHE WAS GOING TO TESTIFY , WAS MADE AFTER THE SECOND DEPOSITION , THE RIGHT TO , OF CONFRONTATION WAS SATISFIED BECAUSE ?

BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DEPOSITION WHICH IS PART OF THE RECORD IN THIS CASE AND WHICH WAS CITED EXTENSIVELY BY THE FOURTH DISTRICT, THERE WAS MEANINGFUL CROSS-EXAMINATION.

JUSTICE: SO WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL OF THESE DEPOSITIONS , ANY DEPOSITIONS THAT ARE TAKEN, AND MAKE A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS MEANINGFUL CROSS-EXAMINATION.

NO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT IT IN THOSE CASES. I AM USING THIS CASE AS AN EXAMPLE BECAUSE WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HAVING TO SHOW, ESPECIALLY -- THE BENEFIT OF HAVING TO SHOW ESPECIALLY IN THE CHILD VICTIM CASE , WHAT WAS DONE AT DEPOSITION , AND I THINK THAT GIVES AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THESE DEPOSITIONS CAN BE LIKE AND WHAT THEY CAN SATISFY AND , AGAIN , CRAWFORD PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CROSS-EXAMINATION WHICH IN THIS CASE WAS SATISFIED .

JUSTICE: DID YOU SAY THAT DEFENSE COUNSEL KNEW THAT THE STATEMENT WAS INTENDED TO BE USED AT TRIAL ?

IN THIS CASE THE STATEMENT WAS INTENDED TO BE USED AT TRIAL FROM THE BEGINNING.

JUSTICE: WHAT DID DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL KNOW AND WHEN DID HE KNOW IT?

THE ORIGINAL DISCOVERY, THE NOTICE TO RELY ON THE CHILD'S HEARSAY. HOWEVER , AT THAT POINT THERE WAS NO DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE CHILD WAS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE OR UNAVAILABLE, BECAUSE 9.803 ACTUALLY ALLOWS FOR BOTH , THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATEMENT TO COME IN AND THEN WE HAVE THE SECOND UNAVAILABILITY SECTION, WHICH, THEN, A SEPARATE ANALYSIS. SO THROUGHOUT TRIAL , THERE WAS A KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS VIDEO STATEMENT WAS GOING TO BE USED, AND DEFENSE COUNSEL IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE , ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO UTILIZE THAT DEPOSITION AT TRIAL , AND THEN CHANGED THEIR MIND AT SOME POINT DURING TRIAL, WHICH IS REFLECTED IN THE RECORD, AND I THINK WHAT IS TROUBLING ABOUT THE OPINION IN THIS CASE, IS THE FOURTH DCA WANTS TO HOLD THE STATE TO A STANDARD OF HAVING TO ADMIT THE DEFENSE DEPOSITION TO SHOW THAT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CROSS-EXAMINATION WAS EXACT, ALMOST MORE TROUBLING THAN THE REST OF THE ANALYSIS, BECAUSE THE STATE IS HARD PRESSED TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEY WOULD HAVE EVEN ADMITTED THAT EVIDENCE AT TRIAL.

JUSTICE: ARE YOU GOING TO TOUCH ON THE HARMLESS ERROR ASPECT ?

I WILL. IN THIS CASE , THE STATE ALSO CLAIMS THE FOURTH DCA'S STATEMENT THAT THE VIDEO, IN THIS CASE THE VIDEO ALONE DIDN'T AFFECT THE VERDICT IN THIS CASE. IN THIS CASE

WE HAD THE MOTHER WALK IN ON THE ACT AND TESTIFIED AT TRIAL AND WE HAD ADMISSION AT TRIAL THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY LITIGATED AND FOUND TO BE AVAILABLE AT TRIAL AND WE ALSO HAD THE DEFENDANT CONFESS TO A FRIEND OF HIS , MELVIN ROBINSON , WHO TESTIFIED AT TRIAL , AND I THINK IN LIGHT OF ALL OF THAT EVIDENCE, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD HAVE AFFECTED THE VERDICT IN THIS CASE .

JUSTICE: THE DEFENDANT CONFESSED TO CERTAIN ACTS HAVING TAKEN PLACE, CORRECT?

YES.

JUSTICE: BUT HE DENIED THAT THERE WAS ACTUAL PENETRATION HERE , CORRECT?

YES .

JUSTICE: SO DO WE, DOES YOUR HARMLESS-ERROR ANALYSIS HOLD UP FOR THE CAPITAL SEXUAL BATTERY PORTION OF THIS?

I THINK IT CAN, BECAUSE I THINK IT IS CIRCUMSTANTIAL , BASED ON THE MOTHER TESTIFIED TO WALKING IN AND ALTHOUGH SHE DIDN'T SEE PENETRATION, SHE TESTIFIED TO SEEING HIM BE ON THE CHILD. I THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN INFERRED, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO MEDICAL EVIDENCE , I THINK THE INFERENCE COULD HAVE BEEN PENETRATION IN THIS CASE.

CHIEF JUSTICE: THAT IS A LITTLE DIFFERENCE , SAYING AN INFERENCE OF PENETRATION , IF THERE IS SEMEN NOT INSIDE BUT ON THE -- SEMEN NOT INSIDE BUT ON THE CHILD, THE CHILD IS THE ONLY ONE THAT TALKS ABOUT PENETRATION?

YES, SHE WAS IN THIS CASE .

JUSTICE: IS THERE ANY OTHER CASE LAW ON THIS KIND OF ISSUE THAT TALKS ABOUT INFERENCES LIKE THAT, BECAUSE IT IS A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE, IS IT NOT, ON WHAT THE COUNT IS AND THE CONVICTION? ANY OTHER CASE LAW?

YES, IT IS. I WAS UNABLE TO SEARCH ANY. HOWEVER , OUR POSITION IS IF YOU REVIEW THE TESTIMONY OF THE MOTHER AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE SHE FOUND THINGS AND ALSO THE CHILD MADE EXCITED UTTERANCES TO THE MOTHER RIGHT AFTER THE CRIME , TO THE MOTHER , WHICH WERE ADMITTED AT TRIAL.

CHIEF JUSTICE: YOU MIGHT WANT TO SAVE YOUR REMAINING MINUTES FOR REBUTTAL.

THANK YOU .

MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT . VALUE ENCONTINUE RODRIGUEZ ON -- VALENTIN RODRIGUEZ ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENDANT . I HANDLED THIS ON APPEAL. THEY SAID THAT , I N TRY TRYING TO ANALYZE WHAT IS TEST -- IN TRYING TO ANALYZE WHAT IS TESTIMONIAL, SIMPLY GOING PLACES WHERE AND I YELL-- WHERE AN GEL S FEAR TO TREAD , IS NOT THAT A REA , BECAUSE WHAT THEY ESTABLISHED IS THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM UNDER CHAPTER 39 IS DESIGNED BY ITS VERY NATURE TO ELICIT TESTIMONIAL IN NATURE . IF YOU LOOK AT CHAPTER 39 CAREFULLY , YOU WILL EVEN SEE THERE ARE PROVISIONS FOR EXAMPLE IF THIS CASE WERE TO HAPPEN IN PASCO , MANATEE OR BROWARD COUNTY , YES, THOSE THREE COUNTIES , EXCUSE ME , THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SHERIFF WHO WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE TAKEN THE INITIAL STATEMENT BY STATUTE. IT IS ACTUALLY SET IN STATUTE INSERT COUNTIES AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATUTE CAREFULLY , THERE ARE PROVISIONS ON HOW TO TURN IT INTO A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND EXACTLY WHAT THE PROCEDURES ARE TO DO. IN FACT IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT, WHEN YOU COME IN AND GIVE A STATEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 39, THAT THE TEACHER LAW REQUIRES NOTIFICATION TO THE POLICE, IT IS CLEARLY TESTIMONIAL UNDER

STATE LAW.

JUSTICE: WHY DIDN'T YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE?

WELL , W E THINK , TAKE THE POSITION THAT YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR CROSS-EXAMINATION IS AT TRIAL .

JUSTICE: THAT IS NOT WHAT CRAWFORD SAYS. CRAWFORD SAYS A P R IOR OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE. OBVIOUSLY IF YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS- EXAMINE AT TRIAL , CRAWFORD DOESN'T E VEN AP PLY. IT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY WHEN A DECLARANT TESTIFIES AT TRIAL , SO DIDN'T YOU HAVE A PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE?

NO. IT WAS NOT MEANINGFUL UNDER THE TE RMS OF MEA NINGFUL. MEANINGFUL MEAN S THIS , FOR AJURY TO BE ABLE TO SEE EXACTLY HOW THE WITNESS REACTS TO A QUESTION, SEEING W ITH THEIR EYES , SEEING BODY MOVEMENT IN THE COURTROOM.

JUSTICE: NOW YOU ARE REALLY SPEAKING THERE AS TO THE TRIER OF FACT. WHAT DOES THAT CONFRONTATION CLAUSE AS PECT OF IT FACE TO FACE, HAVE TO DO WITH THE TRIER OF FACT?

I GO BA CK TO 179 4, THE COURT DCA DECIDED A CASE IN -- THE FOU RTH DCA DECI DED A CASE THAT IN THEIR OPINION THAT FRAN KL Y I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CA LLED STATE VERSUS WEBB, WHERE IT SAID THAT , AND THIS IS IN 1 994 , THREE Y EARS AFTER THE SI XTH AMENDMENT WAS EN ACTED . THAT DEPOSITIONS COULD ONLY BE READ AGAINST AN AC CUSED IF THEY WERE TAKEN IN HIS PRESENCE. HIS PRESENCE. N OW, THERE WERE LAWYERS BACK THE N, SO THIS WASN'T A SYSTEM WHERE THERE WEREN'T LAWYERS, AND THEY HE LD THAT IT IS A RULE OF COMMON LAW FOUNDED ON NATURAL JUSTICE THAT NO MAN SHALL BE PREJUDICED BY EVIDENCE WHICH HE HAD NOT THE LIBERTY TO CROSS-EXAMINE. THE PROBLEM WITH A DEPOSITION IS THAT THE DEFENDANT , UNDER STATE LAW --

JUSTICE: AT THE TIME IN COMMON LAW WAS THE DEFENDANT ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY?

HE WAS NOT ENTITLED BUT THE SUPREME COURT CONTEMPLATES, OBVIO USLY , THE ATTORNEY SYST EM, WHERE YOUHAD AN ATTORNEY . 1794 --

JUSTICE: IF WE ACCEPT YOUR ARGU MENT, THEN THE DEPOSITION TAKEN INTENTIONALLY TO PRES ERVE FOR TRIAL , WOULD NOT APPLY , BECAUSE THERE IS NO JU RY THERE TO WATCH THE WITNESS.

WELL , THE FOURTH DCA LOOKS, YOU MEAN THE DEPOSITION TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY?

JUSTICE: YES .

THE FOURTH DCA SAID FIRST THAT WAS THE BURDEN OF THE STATE. THEY DIDN'T SH IFT THE BURDEN. EXCUSE ME. THEY ACTUALLY KEPT THE BURDEN WHERE IT BELONGS. THE BURDEN WAS ON THE STATE THAT IF THEY WEREN'T GOING TO HAVE THIS PER SON A VAILABLE --

JUSTICE: LET'S GO BACK. I THOUGHT YOUR ARG UMENT WAS THAT THE CROSS-EXAMINATION FACE TO FACE HAS TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE FACT FINDER.

THAT IS MY PO SITION. THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE IS PLEENINGFUL FR OM THE PERSPECTIVE OF -- MEAN INGFUL FROM THE PERS PECTIVE OF MEANINGFUL --

JUSTICE: BUT NOWHERE IN CRAWFORD DOES IT S AY IT HAS TO BE CROSS-EXAMINATION BEFORE THE FACT FI NDER AND IN FACT , THE FRAMER AT THE TIME OF THE SIXTH A MENDMENT WAS

ADOPTED, YOU HAD DEPOSITIONS , AND AS LONG AS THE DEFENDANT WAS THERE , PRE SENT AT THE DEPOSITION AND RIGHT TO CROSS-EXAMINE, THE FACT FINDER DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THERE AND IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE VIDEOTAPED , EITHER , BECAUSE THERE WAS NO VIDEOTAPE BACK THEN.

RIG HT. I THINK WE HAVE MO VED A LONG WAYS I N DUE PROC ESS S I NCE THAT POINT, AND WE ARE NOW AT A POINT WHERE WE HAVE A CAPITAL FELONY, A PERSON ACCUSED BY THEIR DAUGHTER OF A HORR IBLE CRIME, AND I BELIEVE THE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY IS AT TRIAL.

CHIEF JUSTICE: NOW, YOU SEE , I F YOU STA RT TO B RING I N DUE PROCESS A ND YOU HAVE ANOTHER IS SUE ABOUT HOW YOU APPROACH IT , BUT WE ARE JUST HERE TA LKING SIXTH AMENDMENT.

RIGHT.

CHIEF JUSTICE: AND IT W OULD SEEM TO ME THAT , THAT IF A DEPOSITION WAS TAKEN WHERE THE DEFENDANT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT , A GAIN , BECAUSE THEY TALK ABOUT A PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE NOT A CONTEMPORANEOUS OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE, DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT ? CRAWFORD - -

I CAN'T AG REE ON THE PRINCIPLE . THE CRIM INAL CASES AND THE RULE REGA RDING CRAWFORD EXAMINATION AND THE COURTROOM , BUT HAVING THE DEFENDANT AT THE DEPOSITION IS THE NEXT BEST ALTERNATIVE.

CHIEF JUSTICE: WHY CAN'T THAT, AND THEREFORE, I KNOW YOU ARE ARGUING IN THIS CASE BUT LET' S SAY WE ARE LOOKING AT THE RULE, WOULDN'T THE RULE BE SATISFIED IF THE STATE GIVES A NOTIC E THAT , PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE TESTIMON Y AT TRIAL , AND THEREFORE ALLOWS THE DEFENDANT T O TAKE THE DEPOSITION, AND THIS DEFENDANT HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT , WOULD THAT THEN SATISFY CRAWFORD? I THINK IT WOULD BUT THEN I THINK THE OBLIGATION WOULD BE ON THE STATE TO MOVE THAT DEPOSITION IN. WHICH THEY SH OULD BE ABLE TO DO UNDER THE RULE , AND SO THE BURDEN SHIFTING GOING FROM THERE.

JUSTICE: WELL , CRAWFORD DOESN'T REQUIRE THAT, EITHER, DOES IT? DOESN'T REQUIRE THAT THE PRIOR TESTIMONY B E AD MITTED I N EVIDENCE , ONLY THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD A PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE.

WELL, NO , CRAWFORD IS A RULE OF ADMISSIBILITY , BUT THERE IS , HAS TO BE SOME WAY FOR IT TO GET I NTO EVIDENCE, A BE IT IS THE STATE'S BUR DEN. THE STATE HAS TO PRO VE THE CASE .

JUSTICE: THE STATE'S ONLY BURDEN IS TO MAKE SURE THAT, IF IT WAS TESTIMONIAL , THAT THE WITN ESS IS UNAVAILABLE AND THE DEFENDANT HAD A PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE. WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT THE STATE NOW HAS TO INTRODUCE THE PRIOR CROSS-EXAMINATION?

BECAUSE THEN THERE FOR IT ESTABLISHING FOR THE RE CORD THE PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE. BEING DONE I N A VACUUM DOESN'T DO ANYTHING. IT DOESN'T GE T TO THE TRIER OF FACT.

CHIEF JUSTICE: BUT THE DEFENDANT HAS THE ABILITY, THEN, TO OF FER IT I N EVIDENCE AS CROSS-EXAMINATION OF THAT, THE TESTIMONY --

HE SAYS BUT THEN WE LOSE THE IMPORTANT CLOSING ARGUMENT, WE LOSE CERTAIN RIGHTS PROCEDURAL .

JUSTICE: BUT WE ARE HERE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT IF THERE IS A RULE OF LAW WHICH S HOULD

APPLY IN A POST CRAWFORD ERA , IN WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN DEPOSITIONS TAKEN , AND WHETHER THAT IS GOING TO , UNDER OUR RULE OF LAW AND OUR RULES OF PROCEDURE AND OUR CRIMINAL CASES , MEET THE TEST , IF THE DEFENDANT IS THERE IN DEPOSITION FOR THE CONFRONTATION CLAUSE, AND I AM HAVING A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING WHY -- HAVING A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING WHY IT DOES NOT.

JUSTICE: WE'LLS , YOUR POSITION, I BELIEVE THAT WILL SATISFY IT ALTHOUGH I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE. I BELIEVE IF THE DEFENDANT IS THERE WITH HIS COUNSEL, HE CAN ASK QUESTIONS THAT ARE CONTEMPORANEOUS TO THIS WITNESS AND GIVE --

JUSTICE: I AM HIM AN AWFUL FULLY STRONG FELLOW , BUT MY CONCERN IS HOW WE ARE GOING TO INTERPRET CRAWFORD UNDER OUR , AS APPLIED TO OUR RULES OF PROCEDURE .

WELL , I WOULD ASK FOR A PER SE RULE THAT OFFERS A CHAPTER 39 INTERVIEWS .

CHIEF JUSTICE: SO WE GET BY THAT AND THEN WHAT ?

AND THEN I WOULD ASK THAT THE PREFERRED METHOD IS IF THE DEFENDANT IS PRESENT AT A DEPOSITION , AT DEPOSITION PERPETUATE TESTIMONY , AND THE STATE MOVES THAT DEPOSITION INTO EVIDENCE , THEN CRAWFORD IS SATISFIED AT TRIAL.

JUSTICE: IN THIS CASE DID THE DEFENDANT MOVE TO BE PRESENT AT THE DEPOSITION?

I DON'T BELIEVE THE RECORD ESTABLISHES WHETHER HE DID. I DIDN'T SEE ANY MOTION IN THERE FOR HIM TO BE .

JUSTICE: DOESN'T THE DEFENDANT HAVE TO SHOW THAT THE DEPOSITION WAS DENIED?

IN THIS CASE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ESTOPPEL WAIVER ISSUE. ALTHOUGH I WILL SAY THIS BEGAN IN 1999 AND THIS WAS A LONG PROTRACTED PROCESS, AND I DON'T THINK CRAWFORD WAS CONTEMPLATED IN 1999.

WHY DO YOU NEED A DEPOSITION TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY? WHY CAN'T YOU HAVE , IF -- WHY CAN'T YOU HAVE, IF THE STATE NOTIFIES THE DEFENDANT THAT IT HAS A HEARSAY STATEMENT THAT IT INTENDS TO PRESENT AT TRIAL AND GIVE THE DEFENDANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEPOSE, WHETHER IT IS UNDER 3.190 OR 3.220 OR -- 3.220 OR WHATEVER, GIVEN THAT ASIDE , THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEPOSE AND THE DEFENDANT MOVES AND IS GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT, WHY DOESN'T THAT FULFILL THE CONFRONTATION CLAUSE REQUIREMENT?

BECAUSE, YOUR HONOR , IT IS NOT MEANINGFUL. THE DEFENDANT WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE THAT DEPOSITION AT TRIAL.

JUSTICE: WHY NOT?

BECAUSE IT IS NOT A DEPOSITION TO PERPETUATE THE TESTIMONY, YOU CAN'T PRACTICALLY USE IT THE RULE DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT.

JUSTICE: BUT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING CROSS-EXAMINATION IS FOR IMPEACHMENT, AND YOU CAN USE THAT PRIOR CROSS-EXAMINATION FOR IMPEACHMENT , WHEN THE HEARSAY TESTIMONY IS INTRODUCED AT TRIAL.

YOU COULD BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A DEPOSITION TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY , YOU CAN ACTUALLY ENTER THAT AS SUBSTANTIVE EVIDENCE, WHICH MAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE MEANINGFUL. I THINK THAT IS WHAT WE ARE GETTING AT IS THE MEANINGFUL .



JUSTICE: IF IT IS THE DEFENDANT'S INTENT TO INTRODUCE THE VICTIM'S TESTIMONY FOR SUBSTANTIVE PURPOSES , THEN WHY CAN'T THE DEFENDANT NOTIFY -- THE DEFENDANT NOTICE THE DEPOSITION TO PERPETUATE TESTIMONY? WHY CAN'T THE STATE DO IT?

WELL , BECAUSE THE BURDEN IS ON THE STATE TO LET THE DEFENDANT KNOW THAT THEY WILL THERE ARE -- THEY ARE NOT GOING TO USE THE PERSON, AND THEN THE DEFENDANT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME FORWARD.

CHIEF JUSTICE: IN THIS CASE WAS IT A REVERSAL FOR A NEW TRIAL?

YES , IT WAS REVERSAL AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT ME TO TALK ABOUT HARMLESS ERROR.

CHIEF JUSTICE: BEFORE YOU GET TO HARMLESS ERROR, IF WE REVERSE , IF WE AFFIRM OR APPROVE THE FOURTH DISTRICT OPINION , THEN WOULD CRAWFORD BE SATISFIED IF YOU HAD AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY NOW TO TAKE THE DEPOSITION OF THE VICTIM?

IF YOU TELL US IT WILL , IT WOULD BE . I DON'T MEAN THAT , IRONICALLY, BUT I HAD MET WITH THE PROSECUTOR IN THIS CASE. WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT ON RETRIAL HOW DO WE SATISFY CRAWFORD AND WHAT WE DO NEED IS GUIDANCE . FROM THE COURT ON HOW TO PROCEED. THIS IS THE STRANGE CASE WHERE WE DO NEED SOME KIND OF SPECIALTY WITH A CHILD BEING INVOLVED, NOT A CHILD , NOW 16 OR 17, A WHOLE DIFFERENT ARENA FOR A CHILD, BUT ON REMAND , I BELIEVE A NEW TRIAL , THE DEFENSE COUNSEL --

CHIEF JUSTICE: YOU WERE HOPING THE FOURTH DISTRICT WOULD GIVE YOU THAT DIRECTION. WE ARE ONLY LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE HERE.

RIGHT AND THEY GAVE US VERY NARROW DIRECTION THERE.

CHIEF JUSTICE: WHAT ABOUT THE HARMLESS ERROR ISSUE?

I CITED A CASE PEOPLE VERSUS VIGIL , WHERE THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT SAID EVEN IF A DEFENDANT SAYS HE KNEW HE DID SOMETHING WRONG IN A CAPITAL SEXUAL BATTERY CASE, THAT DOESN'T SATISFY THE HARMLESS ERROR. IN THIS CASE THE DEFENDANT SAID HE KNEW SOMETHING WRONG AND NO ONE TESTIFIED THAT THEY ACTUALLY SAW THE CAPITAL SEXUAL BATTERY , NOT EVEN THE CHILD THROUGH THE VIDEOTAPE , SAID THAT THERE WAS . IT WAS WAFFLING ON WHETHER THERE WAS PENETRATION. I WANT THE COURT TO ALSO NOTE THAT --

CHIEF JUSTICE: HOW DID THEY SUSTAIN THEIR BURDEN IF NOBODY TESTIFIED ON PENETRATION ON CAPITAL SEXUAL BATTERY?

THIS VERDICT CAME BACK AT ONE IN THE MORNING .

CHIEF JUSTICE: YOU ARE NOT HERE ON INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

I THINK THEY HAD THE BURDEN, THEY HAD THE CHILD ON THE STAND TALKING ABOUT THAT AND THE MOM FELT BAD TO STAND OVER HER WITH A CO-WORKER SAYING SHE DID SOMETHING WRONG.

CHIEF JUSTICE: YOU ARE NOT HERE ON EVIDENCE OF CAPITAL SEXUAL BATTERY , SO WHAT EVIDENCE WAS THERE OF CAPITAL SEXUAL BATTERY?

I BELIEVE IN THE FIRST VIDEO THERE WAS THE QUESTION OF PENETRATION .

CHIEF JUSTICE: AND THE CHILD ANSWERED?

YES.

CHIEF JUSTICE: AND THE CHILD IS THE ONLY ONE THAT TESTIFIED AS TO PENETRATION?

ABSOLUTELY AND THAT IS WHY IT IS HARMLESS ERROR, AND I THINK ARGUED TO THE FOURTH DCA, I THINK THAT IS WHY HARMLESS ERROR DID NOT APPLY TO THIS CASE. AS WELL, THE CHILD WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT TESTIFIED AS TO THE LEWD ACTS, WHICH WAS THE OTHER COUNCIL. MOM JUST SAW THE FATHER OVER THE CHILD. SAID HE --

CHIEF JUSTICE: WITH SE MEN ON THE CHILD'S LEGS?

YES AND THAT IS NOT PER SE A LEWD ACT.

JUSTICE: LET ME ASK THE QUESTION ON THE FACE TO FACE CONFRONTATION. NOW, WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THE DEFENDANT NEEDS TO BE PRESENT AT THE DEPOSITION?

BECAUSE IN ORDER TO HAVE MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS-EXAMINE PEOPLE, FIRST WHEN YOU ARE ASKING QUESTIONS IN A DEPO, ANSWERS COME AND THEN -- IN A DEPO, ANSWERS COME AND THEN THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. YOU DON'T WRITE OUT YOUR QUESTIONS LIKE A HEAD OF TRIAL. SOMETHING MAY BE SAID THAT TRIGGERS THE ANSWER THE DEFENDANT WANTS.

JUSTICE: SO AS LONG AS YOU ARE ABLE TO OBSERVE WHAT THE VICTIM IS SAYING AND COMMUNICATE WITH HIS OR HER ATTORNEY, THEN THOSE NEEDS ARE SATISFIED, CORRECT?

IN SOME CASES BUT I WOULD ALSO ARGUE THE DEFENDANT'S PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE PERSON NEEDS TO TELL THE TRUTH OR TELL A LIE.

CHIEF JUSTICE: THAT IS WHY WE HAVE FACE TO FACE AND WHAT JUSTICE SCALIA SAYS IS THAT THE NEXT TIME, HIS DISSENT IN CRAIG WAS THAT NAMELY THE CONFRONTATION CLAUSE GUARANTEE A FACE TO FACE CONFRONTATION, MEANS THAT ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE THE DEFENDANT HAS THE RIGHT TO MEET FACE TO FACE TO LITERALLY, I GUESS SCALIA IS INTERPRETING IT TO MEAN FACE TO FACE.

THAT WAS, YES, YOUR HONOR, IT NEEDS TO BE FACE TO FACE BECAUSE THERE IS A CERTAIN ASPECT OF THE DEFENDANT FACING THE ACCUSERS THAT MAY CHANGE -- ACCUSER THAT MAY CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE OUTCOME.

JUSTICE: YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME BUT THE AVAILABILITY IS IMPORTANT IN THIS CASE BECAUSE OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS. DIDN'T THE EXPERTS TESTIFY THAT THE VICTIM COULD NOT TESTIFY?

I BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS A FOURTH DCA THAT HIT IT RIGHT ON POINT WHEN THEY ANALYZED THE UNAVAILABILITY, AND BASICALLY SAID THAT NOTHING IN THE PSYCHOLOGIST'S OPINION INDICATED THAT SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL -- TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL AT AGE 13, MEANING AT THE TIME OF THE TRIAL. THE PSYCHOLOGIST SAID SHE WAS TRAUMATIZED FROM THE INCIDENT BUT NEVER MADE AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER SHE COULD WALK INTO A COURT OF LAW AND TESTIFY, AND THAT IS WHAT THE FOURTH DCA SPOKE UPON, AND THAT IS PROVIDED WITH EVIDENCE AS RECORD OF SUPPORT, AND I WAS ASKING NOT TO GET SIDETRACKED ON THE AVAILABILITY. I ASK YOU TO PROMULGATE A PER SE RULE. THANK YOU.

CHIEF JUSTICE: MS. SURBER.

BRIEFLY I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE TRIAL COURT'S ORDER WITH RESPECT TO THE AVAILABILITY DID STATE THAT DR. HEEM FOUND THAT REQUIRING THE CHILD TO PARTICIPATE

IN THIS CASE FURTHER THAN WHAT SHE HAS ALREADY DONE , MEANING AT TRIAL, WOULD CREATE THE ULTIMATE EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL TRAUMA , SO UGH TRIAL COURT AND THE DOCTOR DID SPECIFICALLY TALK ABOUT AND FIND THAT THE CHILD DID SUFFER EXTREME HARM.

CHIEF JUSTICE: AS FAR AS THIS IDEA OF DEPOSITIONS IN PRE-CRAWFORD, AND I COULDN'T FIND IT BUT SOME HOW THERE IS EITHER A COMMENT TO THE RULES OR WAS IT THE COMMISSION ON THE CRIMINAL RULES THAT ACTUALLY SAID , IN CHILD ABUSE SEXUAL BATTERY CASES , THAT THEY COUNSELED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT BEING PRESENT. DO YOU RECALL THAT?

I HAVE ALSO SEEN, I BELIEVE IT WAS A COMMENT, IT MIGHT BE IN CHAPTER 39. I AM NOT QUITE SURE. HOWEVER, I THINK THAT THE ACTUAL PRESENCE OF THE DEFENDANT AT THE DEPOSITION IS NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY. I THINK THAT U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE LAW WHICH HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE CRAWFORD , I WOULD AGREE THAT THE CONFRONTATION RIGHT IS NOW EVOLVING IN CRAWFORD , WE DO HAVE MARYLAND V CRAIG AND THAT PROGENY WHICH HAS NOT BEEN OVER RULED , WHICH TALKS ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE IMPORTANT PUBLIC INTERESTS THAT ARE COMPETING WITH THESE RIGHTS, AND I DON'T THINK THAT THAT HAS BEEN UNDERMINED AT THIS POINT. I THINK THAT IS KEY IN THESE CHILD VICTIM CASES , ESPECIALLY IN THIS CASE AS EXAMPLE. THIS WAS A DEFENSE-SET VIDEO DEPOSITION, AND THE RECORD WILL REFLECT THAT THE DEFENSE SET THIS DEPOSITION TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT TO CROSS-EXAMINE, AND WE WOULD ASK THAT THIS COURT WOULD FIND THAT THE DEPOSITION WOULD APPLY AND WE WOULD ALSO ASK THAT THIS COURT NOT COME DOWN WITH A PER SE RULE THAT ALL CHAPTER 39 INTERVIEWS ARE GOING TO BE TESTIMONY. THANK YOU.

JUSTICE: YOUR OPPONENT WAS TALKING ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IF THE FOURTH DISTRICT POSITION WAS APPROVED , AS FAR AS REVERSAL . I TAKE IT , IT WOULD GO UNDER THE FOURTH DISTRICT'S OPINION , IT GOES BACK FOR A NEW TRIAL.

YES .

JUSTICE: AND THERE HAPPENED TO BE A NEW DETERMINATION AS TO PRESENT AVAILABILITY.

YES , THERE WOULD .

CHIEF JUSTICE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE COURT WILL TAKE ALL OF THESE MATTERS UNDER ADVISEMENT AND ALSO ANY , YOUR SUPPLEMENTING AUTHORITY, WE TRY TO KEEP TRACK OF IT, BUT KEEP IT COMING IF YOU WOULD LIKE. THANK YOU .

MARSHAL: PLEASE RISE .

CHIEF JUSTICE: THE COURT WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL 8:30 TOMORROW MORNING.