

1 mean, I appreciate Dr. Marshall being here through Dr.
2 Steinberg's testimony. Is there something we need from
3 Dr. Marshall?

4 MS. BORISS: I would ask that she stay. And I
5 would like to call another witness while she is here, if
6 I may.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MS. BORISS: Thank you. I would call Kelsey
9 Crawford, and she is in one of the conference rooms, if
10 I may be excused?

11 THE COURT: You may.

12 Please raise your right hand to be sworn.

13 KELSEY CRAWFORD,
14 having been first duly sworn by the Clerk to tell the
15 truth and nothing but the truth, was examined and
16 testified as follows:

17 THE COURT: Come forward and take a seat on the
18 witness stand. We have a court reporter who is taking
19 down everything you say. And so, one, thank you for
20 being here. And check out that mic by stating your name
21 and spelling your name for the record. You're going to
22 need to get a little closer to the microphone.

23 THE WITNESS: My name is Kelsey Crawford
24 K-E-L-S-E-Y, Crawford is spelled C-R-A-W-F-O-R-D.

25 THE COURT: All right. Please proceed,

1 Ms. Boriss.

2 And the court reporter, I can hear you but she
3 can't hear anything you say unless you speak directly
4 into the microphone.

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. BORISS:

7 Q. Yes. Ms. Crawford, I would ask that you
8 project your voice a little bit so everyone can hear
9 you. And you do have to adjust how far you are from the
10 microphone for it to be effective. But we'll know
11 pretty soon.

12 What is your occupation, please?

13 A. So I am a full-time interventionist, and I work
14 with Assisted Interventions.

15 Q. What does a full-time interventionist do?

16 A. A full-time interventionist works with families
17 nationwide and internationally. Specifically, with
18 adolescents and adults, to get them help, whether it's
19 with a rehabilitation clinic, through therapy, family
20 therapy. And in this case, this is a family therapy
21 intervention.

22 Q. Are you a transportation service?

23 A. Yes, we provide that too.

24 Q. And have you been contracted for, in this
25 matter, specifically to provide transportation of the

1 Laing children, if the Court orders it, from the
2 location where they are to Dr. Lynn Steinberg's office
3 in the L.A. Metro area?

4 A. Yes, that's correct.

5 Q. And you have received consent from my client,
6 [REDACTED] Laing, to do so?

7 A. Yes, that's correct.

8 Q. Have you participated in these transportation
9 of, let's call them resistive children before?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You're with a team of how many other people?

12 A. There's two other people.

13 Q. One male and one female?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And the female is who?

16 A. Her name is Latrice.

17 Q. Latrice Blakely?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And you are also with a male -- a young man,
20 young to me, a man named Sorin, S-O-R-I-N, Ruen,
21 R-U-E-N?

22 A. Yes, that's correct.

23 Q. Okay. Is there a reason why you have both a
24 male and female assistant?

25 A. So it's usually in ratio according to the

1 amount of people that we are transporting. In this case
2 we do have a young male, [REDACTED] and we have a young
3 female as well, [REDACTED]

4 Q. And how would the children be transported to
5 the L.A. metro area, in what kind of transport?

6 THE COURT: And just back up a little from the
7 microphone.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay. So we do have a black
9 Honda, and it's an SUV. And it's a seven-seater
10 vehicle. And we would drive there. It's five-hour and
11 30-minute drive from this location to Dr. Steinberg's
12 office.

13 BY MS. BORISS:

14 Q. And who would be present in the vehicle?

15 A. It would be [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Kelsey, Latrice,
16 Sorin, and Mom.

17 Q. So it is anticipated that my client, [REDACTED]
18 Laing, would be in the transport, correct?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. And what precautions -- because I know this is
21 everyone's concern -- what precautions do you take to
22 ensure that nobody self-harms or harms anybody else or
23 escapes?

24 A. Okay. So based on the vehicle that we have, I
25 will be sitting in the back or in the middle of the

1 vehicle. Sorin will be in the driver's seat. He will
2 drive the entire way. We do also have child locks on
3 all doors, and the window locks, as well, so there isn't
4 any way to exit the vehicle unless you're the driver or
5 in the passenger's seat. And you can't wind the windows
6 down, because they're locked.

7 Q. Have you done this before?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And let me back up a second.

10 Do you have any degrees of higher learning?

11 A. I have a master's in law.

12 Q. And you got that in the UK, I take it?

13 A. Correct, University of Westminster.

14 Q. How do you ensure that a child is not
15 physically violent?

16 A. I mean, generally, we like to keep the level of
17 engagement very high, so that is, you know, in order to
18 escape, a child from having ideation around harming
19 themselves or running away, and that's just continuing a
20 conversation. However, if a child is sleepy, as
21 mentioned before, I will be sitting next to either one
22 of the children, and Latrice will be also doing the
23 same, and Sorin will be driving the vehicle.

24 Q. Approximately how many of these transportation
25 interventions, for want of a different term, have you

1 participated in personally?

2 A. That's a good question. I have done, since
3 2014, late 2014, I would say at least, like, 400 cases,
4 at least.

5 Q. Have you participated with Dr. Lynn Steinberg
6 before?

7 A. Yes, multiple times.

8 Q. Are you confident that if the Court grants the
9 orders that Mom is requesting, that you would be able to
10 safely transport the Laing children from the Santa Cruz
11 area to the Los Angeles area?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What do you do when the children don't want to
14 get in your Honda?

15 A. Okay. So of course the children don't know us,
16 and we have to give them some time to process what's
17 happening. We understand a lot is happening in a short
18 amount of time. We don't cause any physical harm to any
19 minor or adult that we work with. We just explain what
20 the rules are.

21 So as everybody is present now, the rules would
22 be from this courtroom to the doors of the vehicle, I
23 would have a hold, firm, that's not too much pressure,
24 as well as Latrice, and Sorin will be doing the same
25 thing, to ensure the safety of both children, are seated

1 into the vehicle.

2 THE COURT: So I'm just going to let you know
3 that neither of the children, unfortunately, are here.
4 And so it would likely be at a different location. And
5 so just anticipating it would be, you know, a different
6 location.

7 THE WITNESS: So essentially, you know,
8 wherever the location is, our procedure is the same. We
9 explain what is happening, by way of Mom and Dad. In
10 this case, this is Mom. And we give them some time to
11 calm down. If it's 30 minutes, it's fine. The
12 engagement level is very important for us to continue to
13 have a long -- this entire journey, from the moment that
14 we lock eyes to the moment of arrival to the therapy.

15 So we do have to, for safety, have a slight
16 hold on a child and/or adult to get them safely to a
17 vehicle. We're not pushing, we're not pulling, nothing
18 like that. Once we are in the vehicle, we do not put
19 our hands on them again. If they need something to eat,
20 we do aim to go through a drive-through, just so that it
21 limits the amount of time that we are all getting in and
22 out of the vehicle. If a child needs to use the
23 bathroom, myself and Latrice will escort the minor to
24 the bathroom. She is not allowed to lock the bathroom
25 stalls or anything of that nature. I would stand

1 outside the bathroom stall and I will have -- just to
2 give her some privacy, I will slightly turn my body,
3 specifically my shoulder will be in the door so she
4 cannot lock the bathroom door. Sorin does the same
5 thing, as he would escort [REDACTED] to the bathroom.
6 And we go back to the vehicle, and that's our process.

7 MS. BORISS: I have no other questions at this
8 time, reserving the right to redirect.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Kemp?

10 MS. KEMP: I don't have any questions, Your
11 Honor.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Myers?

13 MR. MYERS: Thank you.

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. MYERS:

16 Q. Have you ever had a transportation that was
17 unsuccessful?

18 A. Can you repeat that, please.

19 Q. Have you ever had a transportation that was
20 unsuccessful? In other words, the child or the adult
21 did not get from --

22 A. No.

23 Q. -- A to B?

24 A. No. That's never ever happened.

25 THE COURT: Have you been in cases where the

1 parents didn't agree, one parent didn't agree with it
2 going on, and it still has been successful every time?

3 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So what we do, generally,
4 we like to find a way to compromise. So for example, if
5 Dad doesn't want me to have [REDACTED] held there, or we can
6 compromise and say because of the level of severity of
7 what's happening, we do need to still abide by the
8 policies that we are contracted to do. If Dad is okay
9 with us holding either child by the clothes, then, you
10 know, we usually go that route. We're not unfamiliar
11 with, you know, parents not agreeing, because, of
12 course, we have done this plenty of times before,
13 Latrice, myself, and Sorin collectively.

14 THE COURT: Thank you. I'm sorry, Mr. Myers.
15 Anything else?

16 MR. MYERS: No. Thank you, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MS. BORISS: Nothing further at this time, Your
19 Honor.

20 THE COURT: Thank you so much for your
21 testimony. You are excused.

22 MS. BORISS: Your Honor, they are in a
23 conference room, and I have asked them to remain until
24 the Court rules so we know.

25 THE COURT: Okay.