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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND  
FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

BOND HEARING

vs.

CASE NO: 12CF1083A

GEORGE M. ZIMMERMAN,

Defendant.

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE

KENNETH R. LESTER

JUDGE OF THE COURT

REPORTED BY:  
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In Courtroom 5-D  
Criminal Justice Center  
101 Bush Boulevard  
Sanford, Florida  
April 20, 2012

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MR. O'MARA: Great.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

MR. O'MARA: If you will then call the witnesses, Your Honor.

And as we're doing that, uhm --

As we're doing that, Your Honor, if I might, this is my client's current passport and the only passport that he has. It does expire May of 2012, but did want to acknowledge his surrendering it to the Court at this time.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Court placed a call.)

MS. SHELLY ZIMMERMAN: Hello.

THE COURT: Hello. This is Judge Lester.

MS. SHELLY ZIMMERMAN: Hi, Judge.

THE COURT: Mr. O'Mara.

MR. O'MARA: If I might?

Ma'am, can you hear me?

MS. SHELLY ZIMMERMAN: I can hear you slightly.

MR. O'MARA: May I move closer, Your Honor?

THE COURT: We're gonna put this up a little closer. Okay?

MS. SHELLY ZIMMERMAN: Okay.

1 in?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Okay. Other major assets that you have  
4 which you can liquidate reasonably to assist in coming  
5 up with money for a bond?

6 A. None that I know of.

7 Q. Okay. I have discussed with you the pending  
8 motion to have your husband, George, declared indigent  
9 for cost, have I not?

10 A. Yes, you have.

11 Q. And is -- are you of any financial means  
12 where you can assist in those costs?

13 A. Uhm, not -- not that I'm aware of.

14 Q. And I understand that you do have other  
15 family members present with you, and I'll ask some more  
16 questions of them, but have you had discussions with  
17 them of at least trying to pool together some funds to  
18 accomplish a bond?

19 A. We have discussed that --

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. -- trying to pull together the members of  
22 the family to scrape up anything that we possibly can.

23 Q. Okay. The Court may also require that  
24 George be released on certain conditions of reporting,  
25 for example, or of having a device which can identify

1 unemployment benefits.

2 Q. Okay. Are you still collecting unemployment  
3 benefits?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. And is Mr. Zimmerman, your husband,  
6 collecting unemployment benefits?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. Okay. Now, I think you stated you are from  
9 Central Florida, you grew up here, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And you mentioned also, in terms of  
12 the ability of your husband to make a bond amount, that  
13 you all had no money, is that correct?

14 A. To my knowledge, that's correct.

15 Q. Okay. Were you aware of the website that  
16 Mr. Zimmerman or somebody on his behalf created?

17 A. I'm aware of that website.

18 Q. And how much money is in that website right  
19 now? How much money as a result of that website was --

20 A. Currently, I do not know.

21 Q. Who would know that?

22 A. That would be my brother-in-law.

23 Q. And is he -- I know he's not in the same  
24 room as you, but is he available so we can speak to him,  
25 too, or the Court can inquire through the State or the

1 Defense?

2 A. I'm sure that we could probably get him on  
3 the phone.

4 Q. Okay. So he's not there now.

5 A. No, he is not, sir.

6 Q. Do you have any estimate as to how much  
7 money has already been obtained or collected?

8 A. I do not.

9 Q. Okay. You haven't talked to your  
10 brother-in-law in terms of just bare amount of how much  
11 money?

12 A. No. No, I have not.

13 Q. Okay. And how long has that website been in  
14 existence, ma'am?

15 A. I do not know. I have not been with my  
16 husband since he's been in hiding. I do not know.

17 Q. Okay. So you mentioned your husband was in  
18 hiding. I understand he left the state, is that  
19 correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. Okay. And did you continue to have contact  
22 with him while he was out?

23 A. Yes, every day.

24 Q. And that was every day?

25 A. Yes.