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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

RODERICK HAMBY, an individual,) and TRACY REED, an individual,)) Plaintiffs, Case No.) 37-2020-00023341-) CU-BC-CTL vs.) TRANG REED, an individual; and) DOES 1 through 25, inclusive,)) Defendants.)

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF TRANG Q. REED

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| 1 | San Diego, California, Friday, February 4, 2022 |
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| 2 | 8:53 a.m. |
| 3 | * * * |
| 4 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. My name |
| 5 | is Ellisabeth Logan. My employer is V Lux |
| 6 | Enterprises. My address is 4395 70th Street, |
| 7 | La Mesa, California. |
| 8 | Today's date is February 4th, 2022, and |
| 9 | the time is 8:53 a.m. Under the California Code of |
| 10 | Civil Procedure 2025.60, I am not financially |
| 11 | interested in the action and I'm not a relative or |
| 12 | employee of Webb Law Group. |
| 13 | The deposition of Trang Reed is taking |
| 14 | place in person and remotely via Zoom in the matter |
| 15 | of Roderick Hamby, Tracy Reed versus Trang Reed. |
| 16 | MR. WEBB: I'll ask the court reporter to |
| 17 | swear in the witness. |
| 18 | |
| 19 | TRANG Q. REED, |
| 20 | having been administered an oath, was examined and |
| 21 | testified as follows: |
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| 1 | | EXAMINATION |
| 2 | BY MR. WEI | 3B: |
| 3 | Q | Good morning. Could you please state and |
| 4 | spell you | r name for the record, please. |
| 5 | А | You're asking me? |
| 6 | Q | Yes. |
| 7 | А | My first name is Trang, T-r-a-n-g; middle |
| 8 | name is Qu | lynh, Q-u-y-n-h; last name, Reed, R-e-e-d. |
| 9 | Q | And what's your date of birth? |
| 10 | А | My date of birth is April 5th, 1984. |
| 11 | Q | And have you ever been convicted of a |
| 12 | felony? | |
| 13 | А | I have not. |
| 14 | Q | Okay. And what's your highest level of |
| 15 | education | ? |
| 16 | A | I have a master degree in business. |
| 17 | Q | And where did you obtain your MBA? |
| 18 | A | Sorry? I'm sorry? |
| 19 | Q | Where did you obtain your MBA? |
| 20 | А | National University in San Diego. |
| 21 | Q | What year? |
| 22 | А | 2010. |
| 23 | Q | You understand what today is. I want to |
| 24 | make sure | that you understand what's going on. I'm |
| 25 | sure your | attorney has told you about today. I |
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| 1 | don't want to know anything that your attorney or |
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| 2 | his staff have ever told you, okay? |
| 3 | So what his what his office has told |
| 4 | you, what he's advised you, if I ever ask you |
| 5 | anything today that you think that I want to know |
| 6 | something about what he told you, I don't. So |
| 7 | please answer the question outside of what he has |
| 8 | told you. Does that make sense? |
| 9 | A Yes. |
| 10 | Q Okay. Today, we're gathering facts. |
| 11 | We're trying to understand the history as you best |
| 12 | know them. You are human and you are not perfect, |
| 13 | and so I may ask you something about the number of |
| 14 | people back in 2015 and you may think, well, it was |
| 15 | about three to five people. That's what I want to |
| 16 | know. You may not remember exactly how many people, |
| 17 | but that's okay. |
| 18 | So instead of saying, "I don't know," I |
| 19 | need your best estimate, because the question would |
| 20 | have to do with something you at one point knew. |
| 21 | Does that make sense? |
| 22 | A Yes. And if I don't remember or I'm not |
| 23 | sure, I will give you the answer "I don't remember" |
| 24 | or "I'm not sure." |
| 25 | Q Yeah. So there is a distinction between |
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| 1 | an estimate and a guess. An estimate would be what |
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| 2 | I just said right there, which is something that you |
| 3 | have a basis for knowledge of, okay. If I asked you |
| 4 | how big your living room is at home, you'd be able |
| 5 | to tell me, maybe not to the exact 15 feet and |
| 6 | five inches, but you might know it's about 12, |
| 7 | 15 feet by 20 feet. You might know an estimate |
| 8 | because that's something you know about. |
| 9 | If I ask you how big the pool table room |
| 10 | is in my dad's house, you don't know if my dad even |
| 11 | has a pool table room, right? So that would be a |
| 12 | guess. |
| 13 | A Yes. |
| 14 | Q So anything today that I ask you a guess |
| 15 | about, I want you to say, "I don't know, because I |
| 16 | never knew." But if it's something that you have |
| 17 | reason to know something about, you just don't know |
| 18 | the exacts, tell me that, "I remember that. I |
| 19 | remember some things about it." Tell me your best |
| 20 | memory to the extent you can. Do you understand |
| 21 | what I'm instructing you on? |
| 22 | A I do understand. |
| 23 | Q Okay. Thank you. If you don't understand |
| 24 | a question I ask, tell me. I don't always ask good |
| 25 | questions. And so I want you to tell me and say, |
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| 1 | "Hey, Mr. Webb, could you ask that a different way? |
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| 2 | I don't think I quite understand." And I'll |
| 3 | rephrase it, 'cause we have lots of time. You |
| 4 | understand? |
| 5 | A Yes, I do. |
| 6 | Q Okay. If you have additional information |
| 7 | today sometimes later on the day you might |
| 8 | remember more and more as you go on you can tell |
| 9 | me, "Hey, Mr. Webb, that question you asked me an |
| 10 | hour ago, I have some additional information." |
| 11 | That's fine. I'd rather have it today than later |
| 12 | on. Does that make sense? |
| 13 | A Yes, it does. |
| 14 | Q Because you understand you're under an |
| 15 | oath, under penalty of perjury, to tell me the best |
| 16 | truth today. But if you change your mind, if you |
| 17 | change your testimony, if at trial you say something |
| 18 | different, I'm gonna call that into question in |
| 19 | front of the court. You understand that? |
| 20 | A I do understand that. |
| 21 | Q Okay. You're gonna get a booklet in a |
| 22 | couple weeks and that's gonna have the opportunity |
| 23 | for you to make changes or adjust what you testified |
| 24 | to, and you'll just be returning that to your |
| 25 | attorney, who will give it to me. Do you understand |
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| 1 | that? |
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| 2 | A I do understand. |
| 3 | Q You understand that the court reporter is |
| 4 | doing her best to type down everything we say. To |
| 5 | that extent, it's best if I take a turn speaking, |
| 6 | your attorney take a turn to say his objections, and |
| 7 | then you take a turn to give your answer. |
| 8 | I always want you to give an answer even |
| 9 | if your attorney makes an objection, because his |
| 10 | objections are not for you; they're for the court |
| 11 | reporter to give to the judge. |
| 12 | The one exception is, if he reaches over |
| 13 | and he tells you, "Don't answer that question." |
| 14 | Then, that's different. Then you have a choice of |
| 15 | whether to follow your attorney's instruction or |
| 16 | not. And I'm gonna ask you, for the court reporter |
| 17 | to write down, 'cause you have a choice, whether |
| 18 | you're gonna follow his instruction or not. Do you |
| 19 | understand? |
| 20 | A I do. |
| 21 | Q Okay. Have you ever been deposed before? |
| 22 | A I have never. |
| 23 | Q Okay. Other than our earlier meeting |
| 24 | where you and I briefly chatted here, right? |
| 25 | A Yes. |
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| 1 | Q Okay. At times, you're gonna because |
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| 2 | you are a smart, you're an educated woman, you might |
| 3 | anticipate what I am going to say. You may |
| 4 | anticipate where my questions are headed. |
| 5 | However, I want you to do your best to |
| 6 | answer my question as I phrased it and not the |
| 7 | question you think I want to ask later on. |
| 8 | It's very tempting, because you're |
| 9 | educated, you're a smart woman, to give me |
| 10 | information that I'm not asking for right then |
| 11 | because that's just humanity; we do that, we help |
| 12 | each other out sometimes. But today I need you to |
| 13 | do your best to just answer the question. Is that |
| 14 | fair? |
| 15 | A Yes. |
| 16 | Q Okay. You received and I think you |
| 17 | walked in today with a piece of paper that's in |
| 18 | front of you. It's a stack of papers that are |
| 19 | stapled. I think it's a portion of what I'm gonna |
| 20 | mark as Exhibit AA, which is the notice to today's |
| 21 | deposition. |
| 22 | (Exhibit AA marked for identification.) |
| 23 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 24 | Q Could you take a look at "AA" for a |
| 25 | second, look at all the pages, if you would it's |
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| 1 | the third amended notice and see and take your |
| 2 | time to look at it, see if that looks familiar to |
| 3 | you to be the same list of documents, the same |
| 4 | notice you received to appear today. Take your |
| 5 | time. |
| 6 | A Yeah, it's the same. |
| 7 | Q And I'm gonna stick a label on it. |
| 8 | And I understand you also have a list that |
| 9 | you've handwritten on. I'm gonna include that along |
| 10 | with Exhibit AA. |
| 11 | A Yes. |
| 12 | Q And your attorney will get a copy of what |
| 13 | you handwrote on. Is that your handwriting on this |
| 14 | Exhibit AA, where it's handwritten as far as what |
| 15 | documents you have that are responsive to these |
| 16 | categories? |
| 17 | A They're all mine, yes. |
| 18 | Q And these are true and correct responses |
| 19 | to each category, correct? |
| 20 | A Correct. |
| 21 | Q When you say on here "Tracy and Rod |
| 22 | provided," what do you mean by that? |
| 23 | A It means when we asked to produce |
| 24 | documents, in their response it was in the link with |
| 25 | all of the files that you sent me. It's a |
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| 1 | communication, the email that related to the | | | |
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| 2 | business. | | | |
| 3 | Q Okay. And so what I understand you're | | | |
| 4 | saying is for categories such as category No. 1, | | | |
| 5 | where we were asking for communications between | | | |
| б | yourself and plaintiff, that you're saying Tracy and | | | |
| 7 | Rod already provided those, so you didn't look for | | | |
| 8 | your own? | | | |
| 9 | A I don't have it. Yes. | | | |
| 10 | Q Okay. | | | |
| 11 | MR. OTTILIE: And I think and I | | | |
| 12 | discussed this with Rod what she has is what | | | |
| 13 | you've produced. She's not saying she does have | | | |
| 14 | some communications, but they're the ones you've | | | |
| 15 | produced. So we're not producing them back to you. | | | |
| 16 | MR. WEBB: I understand. | | | |
| 17 | BY MR. WEBB: | | | |
| 18 | Q Other than what we produced to you and | | | |
| 19 | I understand that my clients have given you | | | |
| 20 | documents did you take did you look to see if | | | |
| 21 | there were additional documents other than what my | | | |
| 22 | client produced? | | | |
| 23 | A I did look, and I did not have anything. | | | |
| 24 | Q Okay. And that would be for all the | | | |
| 25 | categories? | | | |
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| 1 | A That is correct. |
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| 2 | Q And where when you looked, where did |
| 3 | you look for documents? Where were the key places? |
| 4 | A For example, the Target card statement, I |
| 5 | went online and looked at my bank statement, those |
| б | statements from the company. They only provide me |
| 7 | the last 23 months, so I don't have access anything |
| 8 | beyond January 2020. That's one of the example. |
| 9 | Q Okay. Other than Target, what other |
| 10 | places did you look? |
| 11 | A I tried to look back look back in my |
| 12 | <pre>email, trang@ultraviolet.org, trang@copilotco.com,</pre> |
| 13 | trang@ trinity@copilotco.com. And I no longer |
| 14 | have the access since we separated. |
| 15 | Q And you just mentioned Copilotco. Is that |
| 16 | Copilotco, LLC? |
| 17 | A The Copilotco, LLC, company email, that is |
| 18 | correct. |
| 19 | Q Okay. And that's the limited liability |
| 20 | corporation, the California entity; is that right? |
| 21 | A As my best knowledge, yes. |
| 22 | Q And what is Copilotco, LLC? |
| 23 | A It is a company that Tracy and I founded |
| 24 | in 2010 and it's doing it's providing cyber |
| 25 | security and internet service. |
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| 1 | Q You said cyber security and internet |
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| 2 | service; is that right? |
| 3 | A Correct. |
| 4 | Q And you said that you've formed this |
| 5 | corporation with him in 2010; is that correct? |
| 6 | A The company was founded before the LLC. |
| 7 | The company was founded in 2009 and it has a |
| 8 | different name. So to answer your question, it's |
| 9 | the same company, it has a different name. It was |
| 10 | not founded in 2010 with the same name. It was |
| 11 | founded before that. |
| 12 | Q In 2009, what was the name? |
| 13 | A Copilotco Consulting. |
| 14 | Q And when you say it was formed what do |
| 15 | you mean by formed? Was it was it filed with the |
| 16 | Secretary of State or did you draft up some |
| 17 | documents or what did you do to form it in 2009? |
| 18 | A Tracy and I got obtained a dba and do |
| 19 | tax and filed the tax as our business income. So |
| 20 | that's why I understand that we formed a company |
| 21 | together. |
| 22 | Q When you say, "Tracy and I got a dba," |
| 23 | that dba, was it of yourself individually or was it |
| 24 | of an LLC or a corporation? |
| 25 | A It's an individual. |
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| 1 | Q And was that a dba of you as an individual | | | | |
| 2 | or was that of Tracy as an individual? | | | | |
| 3 | A I believe it was for both of us as a | | | | |
| 4 | married-couple business. | | | | |
| 5 | Q Okay. So you filed a dba, as well as | | | | |
| 6 | Tracy? | | | | |
| 7 | A I did not file a dba. Tracy did it. | | | | |
| 8 | Q Did you sign the dba? | | | | |
| 9 | A No, I did not. | | | | |
| 10 | Q Did you ever see the dba? | | | | |
| 11 | A I believe I have seen it, but I don't | | | | |
| 12 | remember when. | | | | |
| 13 | Q Okay. What leads you to believe that it | | | | |
| 14 | is both your name and Tracy's name on a dba? | | | | |
| 15 | A I remember I saw a document related to tax | | | | |
| 16 | or advertising or marketing some sort that's sent to | | | | |
| 17 | our house saying that Copilotco Consulting, married | | | | |
| 18 | couple owner. | | | | |
| 19 | Q Okay. And I didn't ask you a question. I | | | | |
| 20 | understand your answer. Thank you for that. | | | | |
| 21 | I didn't ask you a question at the | | | | |
| 22 | beginning, which I should have. Is there any reason | | | | |
| 23 | today for less than your best testimony? Reasons | | | | |
| 24 | would be you didn't get a good night's sleep, you're | | | | |
| 25 | on prescription medication that affects your memory. | | | | |

| 1 | Either of those a problem today? |
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| 2 | A No. |
| 3 | Q Okay. Are there any other reasons that |
| 4 | you can't testify truthfully today? |
| 5 | A No. |
| 6 | Q Okay. Thank you. If I told you that the |
| 7 | dba was just of Mr. Reed himself, would you have any |
| 8 | reason to disagree with that other than what you've |
| 9 | said so far? |
| 10 | A I don't know how to answer this question, |
| 11 | because I would not believe so. |
| 12 | Q Okay. That's fine. Now, you mentioned in |
| 13 | 2010 that the form of the of the business changed |
| 14 | in 2010 and an entity was formed. Tell me more |
| 15 | about what you know about that transition in 2010. |
| 16 | A At sometime in 2010 Tracy shared with me |
| 17 | that we need to expand the business and Rod gonna |
| 18 | join us and we need to form an LLC for the company. |
| 19 | Q Did he tell you why he needed to expand |
| 20 | the business? |
| 21 | A I believe that we have more clients and |
| 22 | that's why we need to expand. |
| 23 | Q Did you believe you needed to expand at |
| 24 | that time, in 2010? |
| 25 | A I did not know anything about |
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| 1 | technically, in that perspective, about Copilotco, | | | | |
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| 2 | so I have no I have no information. I have no | | | | |
| 3 | idea in that. | | | | |
| 4 | Q In 2010, what was your role with | | | | |
| 5 | Copilotco? | | | | |
| б | A I was sending invoices to the clients, | | | | |
| 7 | make sure that they pay on time and let Tracy know | | | | |
| 8 | who is owing what. | | | | |
| 9 | Q And I want to make sure I heard you right. | | | | |
| 10 | Sending invoices, making sure they pay on time. And | | | | |
| 11 | what was the third thing you said? | | | | |
| 12 | A Let Tracy know what clients do owe us the | | | | |
| 13 | money. | | | | |
| 14 | Q Approximately how many clients did you | | | | |
| 15 | have in 2010? | | | | |
| 16 | A When you say "clients," I would believe | | | | |
| 17 | that it's we have some clients that pay us | | | | |
| 18 | monthly. We also have clients that Tracy do | | | | |
| 19 | projects for them. So when you ask that, you want | | | | |
| 20 | to know the total clients or | | | | |
| 21 | Q Sure. You said you were sending out | | | | |
| 22 | invoices in 2010. How many invoices would you send | | | | |
| 23 | out, approximately? Would it be on an average of | | | | |
| 24 | hundreds or a thousand or ten? Approximately. | | | | |
| 25 | A I would say three. | | | | |
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| 1 | Q Okay. | So about three invoices a mon | th? | |
| 2 | A Yes. | | | |
| 3 | Q Okay. | So you'd send out the three | | |
| 4 | invoices a month | and you'd make sure that they | paid | |
| 5 | their bill? | | | |
| 6 | A Correc | t. | | |
| 7 | Q And you'd tell Tracy if someone didn't pay | | | |
| 8 | their bill? | | | |
| 9 | A Correc | t. | | |
| 10 | Q Was th | ere any other role or duty that | t you | |
| 11 | had in 2010? | | | |
| 12 | A No. T | hat's all Tracy asked me to do | for | |
| 13 | Copilotco back then. | | | |
| 14 | Q Would | you follow up and would you be | the | |
| 15 | person doing collections if someone was behind on | | | |
| 16 | their bill? | | | |
| 17 | A Yes. | | | |
| 18 | Q So if | a client owed you money, would | that | |
| 19 | be Tracy's job o | r your job to make sure they pa | aid? | |
| 20 | A It wou | ld be my job to make sure they | paid. | |
| 21 | And if I cannot | make them pay, I would tell Tra | acy, | |
| 22 | "Hey, it has bee | n two, three months" or "two | с, | |
| 23 | three attempts t | hat I tell them to pay, but the | эу | |
| 24 | don't." Then Tr | acy would involve. | | |
| 25 | Q And wh | en you say "two or three attemp | pts," | |

| 1 | what would you do in your attempts to get people to | | | |
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| 2 | pay back in 2010? | | | |
| 3 | A I either emailed them or most of the | | | |
| 4 | time, I emailed them. Very rare that occasionally I | | | |
| 5 | called them. | | | |
| 6 | Q Okay. So you very rarely you called. | | | |
| 7 | A Correct. | | | |
| 8 | Q You mentioned, as far as changing in 2010, | | | |
| 9 | that there was a need to expand 'cause you had more | | | |
| 10 | clients and you needed to add another person. | | | |
| 11 | What what was your understanding of why to add | | | |
| 12 | another person? | | | |
| 13 | A I did not know or understand about add | | | |
| 14 | another person. | | | |
| 15 | Q Okay. You said earlier there was a need | | | |
| 16 | to expand 'cause you had more clients and to add | | | |
| 17 | another person, right? | | | |
| 18 | A Tracy told me that. | | | |
| 19 | Q And what did you understand by what he | | | |
| 20 | told you? | | | |
| 21 | A It means that we have a bigger size of the | | | |
| 22 | business. | | | |
| 23 | Q Did you agree with that assessment at the | | | |
| 24 | time? | | | |
| 25 | A Yes, I did. | | | |
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| 1 | Q What made you agree with that at the time? | | | |
| 2 | A I always agree with my husband. | | | |
| 3 | Q But you're also educated and you have your | | | |
| 4 | own thoughts and your own reasoning. Did it match | | | |
| 5 | your plans at the time, back in 2010? | | | |
| 6 | A 2010, I have worked on myself. I work for | | | |
| 7 | Costco, and the business is run by majority by my | | | |
| 8 | husband. | | | |
| 9 | Q So at the time, you were working for | | | |
| 10 | Costco full time in 2010? | | | |
| 11 | A Correct. | | | |
| 12 | Q And you said the business was majority | | | |
| 13 | majority of the time was run by your husband? | | | |
| 14 | A Correct. | | | |
| 15 | Q And when you say it was majority of the | | | |
| 16 | time run by your husband, how long did that go for? | | | |
| 17 | In 2010 all the way till the end? | | | |
| 18 | A That is correct. | | | |
| 19 | Q Okay. And when you say majority run by | | | |
| 20 | your husband, what makes you say that? | | | |
| 21 | A He does everything. He does all of the | | | |
| 22 | technical part of it. He find clients. He talk to | | | |
| 23 | clients. He does everything, pretty much. | | | |
| 24 | And I do what is considered back admin | | | |
| 25 | stuff when he ask me to. Even when making payments, | | | |

| 1 | I don't make the decision how much we're gonna bill | | | |
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| 2 | the clients. He make the invoice for me and send me | | | |
| 3 | that template as invoice. I attach that invoice and | | | |
| 4 | my job is just send the email to the client. | | | |
| 5 | Q Okay. Were you ever an owner of the 2010 | | | |
| 6 | entity that was formed, where you signed a document | | | |
| 7 | giving you shares? | | | |
| 8 | A I have never signed any documents. | | | |
| 9 | Q Did you ever get any shares without | | | |
| 10 | signing for them? | | | |
| 11 | A I have what do you mean, share? | | | |
| 12 | Q Sure. Did you ever get any sort of member | | | |
| 13 | certificates or anything indicating that you had a | | | |
| 14 | certain percentage of the company? | | | |
| 15 | A I have never had any certificate | | | |
| 16 | indicating that I have a member of the company. | | | |
| 17 | Q And when I say of the company, of what | | | |
| 18 | company are you understanding that to be? | | | |
| 19 | A We are talking about Copilotco, LLC. I | | | |
| 20 | would not imagine we're talking somebody else. | | | |
| 21 | Q And how so for the bulk of today, when | | | |
| 22 | we talk about "the company," is there any other | | | |
| 23 | company other than Copilotco, LLC, between 2010 and | | | |
| 24 | now that you're aware of? | | | |
| 25 | A No, I'm not. I'm not aware. | | | |

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| 1 | Q | And were you ever nominated as an offi | cer | |
| 2 | of the company with the Secretary of State? | | | |
| 3 | А | I have never. | | |
| 4 | Q | Did you ever sign an operating agreeme | ent | |
| 5 | giving obl | ligations to you and responsibilities t | hat | |
| 6 | you had to | o do with the company? | | |
| 7 | А | I have never. | | |
| 8 | Q | Yet, you did have the responsibility t | .0 | |
| 9 | charge client credit cards for their bills, correct? | | | |
| 10 | A | When you say "responsibility," does th | at | |
| 11 | mean that | it's gonna be a must, it's, like, my j | ob? | |
| 12 | Because I | I'm doing what my husband told me t | .0 | |
| 13 | do. Some | months, I don't have to do it. So I w | rould | |
| 14 | not say it | t's a responsibility. | | |
| 15 | Q | Did you do that function of charging | | |
| 16 | client cre | edit cards for bills? | | |
| 17 | А | I did. | | |
| 18 | Q | And when you charged the credit cards, | | |
| 19 | those funds would thereafter appear in the company | | | |
| 20 | bank accou | unt a couple days later? | | |
| 21 | А | Yes. | | |
| 22 | Q | And when I say the company bank account | .t, | |
| 23 | that's Cop | pilotco, LLC's, bank account within a | | |
| 24 | couple day | /s? | | |
| 25 | А | Yes. | | |
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| 1 | Q And would you have access to that bank |
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| 2 | account online to view the balance or the payments |
| 3 | landing there from your clients? |
| 4 | A I did. |
| 5 | Q And is that something that you'd regularly |
| б | check on a weekly basis, the balance or the |
| 7 | payments? |
| 8 | A I check once a month. |
| 9 | Q And when you checked once a month, how |
| 10 | often would you check once a month from 2010 up |
| 11 | until the end or did it change drastically? Was it |
| 12 | on average once a month? |
| 13 | A I would believe on average once a month. |
| 14 | Q And when you would check once a month in |
| 15 | the bank account, what would you be looking for? |
| 16 | A I usually don't look for anything. When I |
| 17 | look for, it's just the total match that I close |
| 18 | when I charge the credit card on the |
| 19 | (unintelligible) machine, the number match with what |
| 20 | we received in the bank account, make sure that the |
| 21 | transaction is completed. |
| 22 | Q So you would be checking to make sure the |
| 23 | credit card charges that you charge your clients |
| 24 | match what was actually deposited into the checking |
| 25 | account, correct? |
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| 1 | A | Correct. | |
| 2 | Q | Would you be checking anything else? | |
| 3 | А | No. | |
| 4 | Q | Okay. Did you ever prepare any sort | of |
| 5 | financial | statements for the company, like a | |
| 6 | book a | as a bookkeeper, like profit and loss | |
| 7 | statement | 5? | |
| 8 | А | I have never. | |
| 9 | Q | Or balance sheet? | |
| 10 | А | I have never. | |
| 11 | Q | Did you ever work on any marketing | |
| 12 | projects : | for the company? | |
| 13 | А | I have never. | |
| 14 | Q | Did you ever prepare a revenue foreca | ist? |
| 15 | А | I have never. | |
| 16 | Q | Did you ever prepare any sort of a bu | ldget? |
| 17 | А | I have never. | |
| 18 | Q | Did you ever do any sort of programmi | .ng, |
| 19 | technical | work, like server administration? | |
| 20 | А | I have never. | |
| 21 | Q | Did you ever market and bring a clier | nt to |
| 22 | Copilotco | ? | |
| 23 | А | I did market and potentially bring in | a |
| 24 | client to | Copilotco, but it was not a success. | |
| 25 | Q | Okay. When you say you did market, w | hat |

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| 1 | did you do to market? |
| 2 | A I share with my friends, asking them if |
| 3 | they need a server to use. I share with my friends |
| 4 | what my husband does, and if they need help with |
| 5 | anything that in his knowledge and experience, we |
| б | can offer help. |
| 7 | Q Did any of those friends become paying |
| 8 | clients of Copilotco? |
| 9 | A Never. |
| 10 | Q Now, at the bank, you were there when a |
| 11 | bank account was opened for Copilotco Company, LLC, |
| 12 | correct? |
| 13 | A Yes. |
| 14 | Q And when you were there, who else was |
| 15 | there? |
| 16 | A Tracy. |
| 17 | Q Anyone else other than Tracy and yourself? |
| 18 | A No. |
| 19 | Q Do you remember what bank it was at? |
| 20 | A It was U.S. Bank in Poway. |
| 21 | Q And what year was that when you opened a |
| 22 | U.S. Bank account in Poway for Copilotco? |
| 23 | A To be exactly, I don't remember. It's the |
| 24 | end of 2010 or beginning of 2011, between those, |
| 25 | yeah. |
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| 1 | Q And that's perfect. Thank you for giving |
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| 2 | me your best estimate. That's the kind of thing |
| 3 | that will make today go faster. I appreciate it. |
| 4 | When you were there and you and Tracy |
| 5 | signed it, did you also sign so you would have |
| 6 | access to the bank account? |
| 7 | A I don't remember if I sign, but I do have |
| 8 | access to the bank account. |
| 9 | Q If I told you that your signature is on |
| 10 | the signature card at the bank, would you have any |
| 11 | reason to disagree with me? |
| 12 | A No. |
| 13 | Q Okay. When you had access to the bank |
| 14 | account, that was a login and you could see the |
| 15 | finances of the bank account, correct? |
| 16 | A Correct. |
| 17 | Q And you could make transfers or or |
| 18 | deductions from the bank account? |
| 19 | A Yes. |
| 20 | Q And you actually have made transfers or |
| 21 | deductions from the bank account or taken money out, |
| 22 | correct? |
| 23 | A Yes. |
| 24 | Q And your job at Copilotco, just to make |
| 25 | sure I'm understanding it, was to handle the client |
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| 1 | invoices that were being sent out that were |
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| 2 | prepared by Tracy, and to send those via email and |
| 3 | to follow up a couple times if people didn't pay? |
| 4 | A Yes. |
| 5 | Q Did you ever have any responsibilities as |
| 6 | far as paying bills? |
| 7 | A Yes, I did. |
| 8 | Q And did you have those responsibilities |
| 9 | all the way through? |
| 10 | A No, I did not. |
| 11 | Q When did you have the responsibilities to |
| 12 | pay bills for Copilotco, LLC? |
| 13 | A It's intermittently during the period of |
| 14 | time when I was with Copilotco. Sometimes Tracy and |
| 15 | I communicate, if he's too busy to log in to make |
| 16 | some payments, I will do it. |
| 17 | And if I don't have time mind you, I |
| 18 | have my son we had a son in 2012. So it's |
| 19 | between 2012 until we divorced, I'm pretty busy with |
| 20 | my son, so sometimes I don't remember to do it and I |
| 21 | just tell Tracy, "Hey, we need to pay this bill, |
| 22 | this bill," and then he will log in and pay it. |
| 23 | Q So between 2011 and the ending date, how |
| 24 | often would you be the one paying the bills during |
| 25 | the month compared to him? Would it be half the |
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| 1 | time or three-quarter of the time him or a quarter |
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| 2 | of the time him? How much, on average? |
| 3 | A I will say half, is my best knowledge. |
| 4 | Q So half the time he would pay the bills, |
| 5 | half the time you would pay the bills. And that |
| 6 | would be the bills for the company, or we're talking |
| 7 | about you guys personally? |
| 8 | A We just pay the bills, and what is |
| 9 | obligated for both of us to pay, we pay it, so |
| 10 | Q And are you when you say, "what is |
| 11 | obligated for both of us to pay," are you referring |
| 12 | to Copilotco bills or are you referring to household |
| 13 | bills? |
| 14 | A I refer to both. |
| 15 | Q So you're saying they were jointly done |
| 16 | together? |
| 17 | A Correct. |
| 18 | Q Okay. When you had bills, weren't there |
| 19 | bills for Copilotco that Copilotco had for the |
| 20 | business, right? |
| 21 | A For the business that we own, yes. |
| 22 | Q And then there are also bills for your |
| 23 | home to care for your child, to run your house. |
| 24 | Those are other bills that you have personally, |
| 25 | right? |
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| 1 | A For our community obligation, yes. |
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| 2 | Q And you had a personal bank account for |
| 3 | your personal bills, correct? |
| 4 | A No. I have my I have my Bank of |
| 5 | America account that I I own like, I have by |
| 6 | myself. I joined that account with Tracy at some |
| 7 | point. And Tracy has his checking Bank of America |
| 8 | on his own. And Tracy and I have the U.S. Bank |
| 9 | account with Copilotco together. And those three |
| 10 | accounts, we move fund around it. |
| 11 | Q Okay. So you had a Bank of America |
| 12 | account you added Tracy to. It was considered your |
| 13 | account, right? |
| 14 | A Yes. |
| 15 | Q What were the last four digits of that |
| 16 | account number? |
| 17 | A Of my account? It ends with 6-something. |
| 18 | I don't remember. I don't remember my account. |
| 19 | Q We'll call it "the 6 account." Is that |
| 20 | okay? |
| 21 | A Yes. |
| 22 | Q And Tracy's account was his personal |
| 23 | account was also at Bank of America? |
| 24 | A Yes. |
| 25 | Q And do you remember the last four digits |
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| 1 | of his account number? |
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| 2 | A No, I don't. |
| 3 | Q Did you have access to his personal |
| 4 | account? |
| 5 | A I have never. |
| 6 | Q If I told you it was ending in an "8," |
| 7 | would you have any reason to disagree with that? |
| 8 | A No. |
| 9 | Q So let's call his account "the 8 account," |
| 10 | your personal account at Bank of America is the 6 |
| 11 | account. Now, the Copilotco, do you remember what |
| 12 | the business account ending numbers were? |
| 13 | A No, I don't. |
| 14 | Q Okay. And when you had personal expenses |
| 15 | for your home let's say for your child, if you |
| 16 | had a birthday party to go to where would you |
| 17 | spend money from for that birthday party? Would it |
| 18 | be from your personal, from Tracy's personal or from |
| 19 | the Copilotco account? |
| 20 | A It could be the money that we all agree |
| 21 | on, and I don't remember right now which account |
| 22 | that we take money out to use for it, to be honest |
| 23 | with you. |
| 24 | Q So between let's say in 2011, when you |
| 25 | first started the accounts and you added this |
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| 1 | U.S. Bank account for Copilotco, during 2011, were |
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| 2 | you spending and writing checks out of that |
| 3 | U.S. Bank account to pay for household expenses of |
| 4 | your house? |
| 5 | A Yes. |
| 6 | Q Were you paying for electricity out of |
| 7 | that U.S. Bank account in 2011? |
| 8 | A Not that I remember. |
| 9 | Q Were you paying for your mortgage out of |
| 10 | that that business bank account for Copilotco? |
| 11 | A In 2011? |
| 12 | Q Yes. |
| 13 | A No. |
| 14 | Q Were you paying for your vehicles out of |
| 15 | the for the gas for your vehicles out of that |
| 16 | U.S. Bank account? |
| 17 | A In what year, you ask? |
| 18 | Q 2011. |
| 19 | A No. |
| 20 | Q What account was paying for gas for your |
| 21 | vehicles in 2011? |
| 22 | A It's either Tracy Bank of America or my |
| 23 | Bank of America. |
| 24 | Q And why was gas being paid for out of your |
| 25 | personal account in 2011? |

| 1 | A Because that's when I had the money and I |
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| 2 | have to pay with it. |
| 3 | Q And in 2011, what about your home expenses |
| 4 | for paying mortgage or rent? Where did you pay that |
| 5 | out of? Which account? |
| б | A It's too long, I don't remember. Most of |
| 7 | the time, Tracy pay the mortgage and I don't know |
| 8 | what account we use to pay it. |
| 9 | Q Do you remember in 2011 that the U.S. Bank |
| 10 | account was paying for your household expenses? |
| 11 | A I don't recall that. |
| 12 | Q Now, did you ever draw cash funds out of |
| 13 | the U.S. Bank account of Copilotco's for your |
| 14 | personal use? |
| 15 | A I don't, not for personal use. |
| 16 | Q But you would pull cash out for business |
| 17 | use? |
| 18 | A I don't remember. We did pull cash out on |
| 19 | some traveling that Tracy considers business trips, |
| 20 | so we I don't know when he does tax, I don't |
| 21 | know if he claim that as business for business |
| 22 | purpose or community obligations. |
| 23 | Q When you say, "We pulled cash out," was |
| 24 | that with your debit card or his? |
| 25 | A Both. |
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| 1 | Q And so let me narrow it and simplify my |
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| 2 | question a little bit. Did you with your debit card |
| 3 | pull cash out of the company bank account between |
| 4 | 2011 and 2020? |
| 5 | A I use my debit card with the U.S. Bank |
| 6 | account that under Copilotco, a company that we own, |
| 7 | to take cash out, yes. |
| 8 | Q What would you use that cash for? |
| 9 | A Some for grocery, some to pay put back |
| 10 | in my checking to pay for our community obligations, |
| 11 | Troy school, take classes, a lot of traveling, |
| 12 | clothings, foods. |
| 13 | Q So when you needed grocery money or some |
| 14 | school money or classes for your kids or clothing |
| 15 | money, you would take use your debit card for the |
| 16 | business to pull cash out to make purchases? |
| 17 | A No. Only when I don't have sufficient |
| 18 | money in my Bank of America. |
| 19 | Q And how often a year would that happen? |
| 20 | Let's say in 2015, would that happen once a year? |
| 21 | Would that happen once a month, couple times a month |
| 22 | in 2015? |
| 23 | A It's been so long, it's my best knowledge |
| 24 | as soon as our business take off and has more income |
| 25 | and profit, we agree that we gonna take those money |
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| 1 | out for our and consider treat it as profit |
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| 2 | and use it for our family in anything that we need. |
| 3 | Q And what year was it that there was more |
| 4 | income, more profits and the business was taking |
| 5 | off? |
| 6 | A Starting from 2014, we start have some |
| 7 | clients, is my best knowledge. And every year we |
| 8 | have more and more clients. |
| 9 | Q And so your understanding was, in 2014 it |
| 10 | started to take off and at that point you started |
| 11 | using the ATM more to take cash out of the business; |
| 12 | is that right? |
| 13 | A That's what Tracy and I agree, yes. |
| 14 | Q Okay. And is that what you did starting |
| 15 | in 2014? |
| 16 | A I believe so, yes. |
| 17 | Q And how much cash would you take out on a |
| 18 | monthly basis, on average? |
| 19 | A For all of the years or |
| 20 | Q On a monthly basis, let's say in 2014, |
| 21 | when it started to take off. |
| 22 | A I can't give you the exact number on |
| 23 | average, but in 2014 I don't remember or recall |
| 24 | the profits we make, but I the last year that I |
| 25 | remember, it was the closing year in 2017/16, I take |
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| 1 | between 2, | 000 to 4,000, on average, per month out of |
| 2 | our U.S. E | Bank account. |
| 3 | Q | And that's in cash? |
| 4 | A | It's either in cash, sometimes in check, |
| 5 | yes. | |
| 6 | Q | And that's per month? |
| 7 | A | Yes. |
| 8 | Q | And that would be until what time in 2017 |
| 9 | did you do | o that? |
| 10 | A | We we keep doing it until we separated. |
| 11 | Q | When did you separate? |
| 12 | A | November 26 or November I don't |
| 13 | remember t | he exact date. November 2018. |
| 14 | Q | Okay. And so you took 2- to 4,000 in cash |
| 15 | out of the | e business account per month, on average, |
| 16 | until Nove | ember of 2018; is that right? |
| 17 | A | On average of what year? The average that |
| 18 | I just gav | ve you is |
| 19 | Q | Between 2016 and November of 2018, it |
| 20 | would be a | about 2- to 4,000 a month? |
| 21 | A | Yes. |
| 22 | Q | And you took that out of the business |
| 23 | account wi | th cash, correct? |
| 24 | A | I took out of the U.S. Bank account we own |
| 25 | under Copi | lotco business, yes. |
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| 1 | Q And that's the only business account that |
| 2 | Copilotco had where you had access to cash, correct? |
| 3 | A That is correct. |
| 4 | Q And that 2-to-4,000 range per month that |
| 5 | you were taking out in cash or checks, that at |
| 6 | that amount, that 2- to 4,000, that started at that |
| 7 | level in 2016? |
| 8 | A I remember I pull that much a lot more |
| 9 | money, yes, 2016 and 2017, that I pull that much. |
| 10 | Q What about in 2015? How much, on average, |
| 11 | per month do you believe you took out as an |
| 12 | estimate, per month, in cash or checks from the |
| 13 | company for personal use in 2015? |
| 14 | A Probably 2,000. |
| 15 | Q What about in 2014, per month? |
| 16 | A That's too far. I can't remember. |
| 17 | Q That's the year it started to take off, |
| 18 | right? |
| 19 | A That is correct. |
| 20 | Q And that's the year where you and Tracy |
| 21 | discussed taking cash or checks out of the business |
| 22 | account to use for personal? |
| 23 | A No. We have always doing that. We |
| 24 | since it's a custom between of us since before |
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| 1 | company created and we have the U.S. Bank account, |
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| 2 | since Day One we already treat it as when we need |
| 3 | the money and if the business has money, we will get |
| 4 | it out. |
| 5 | Q So I asked was that an agreement that you |
| 6 | and Tracy formed in 2014 to take cash out of the |
| 7 | business account for personal use? And your |
| 8 | beginning answer was no. |
| 9 | Was there ever a discussion or a document |
| 10 | in writing |
| 11 | A No. |
| 12 | Q where you guys agreed to only take |
| 13 | money out for those purposes? No? |
| 14 | A We have never. |
| 15 | Q Did you ever have a discussion about |
| 16 | orally with about how you're going to take money |
| 17 | out of the business account for personal use? |
| 18 | A No, we have not. |
| 19 | Q Okay. Did you ever get an email from him |
| 20 | saying, "Please take cash out for" "of the |
| 21 | business for our personal use"? |
| 22 | A No, we have not. |
| 23 | Q Have you produced any text messages |
| 24 | between you and either one of my clients text |
| 25 | messages back and forth with either one of them? |
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| 1 | A | The text messages we text a lot, ye | es. |
| 2 | Q | Have you produced all of those you hav | ve? |
| 3 | A | No, I have not, because I don't save m | ny |
| 4 | text mess | ages. | |
| 5 | Q | So right now how often do you delete y | your |
| 6 | text mess | ages? | |
| 7 | A | I don't delete them. I just not save | them |
| 8 | on my pho | ne 'cause it's out of the memories. Ar | nd |
| 9 | whenever | I buy a new phone, it's just gone. | |
| 10 | Q | How often do you buy when was the] | last |
| 11 | time you I | bought a phone? | |
| 12 | A | Last month. | |
| 13 | Q | And when you'd buy a new phone, you di | idn't |
| 14 | bring ove | r your old contacts or transfer numbers | 5 |
| 15 | from your | old phone? | |
| 16 | А | I bring in my contact list, yes. All | the |
| 17 | phone num | ber, yes. | |
| 18 | Q | And do you have an Apple device or an | |
| 19 | Android? | | |
| 20 | A | I have an Apple device. | |
| 21 | Q | And when you'd buy an Apple device, di | id |
| 22 | you back | up from a from your Apple account? | |
| 23 | A | Yes. | |
| 24 | Q | And when you backed up, did all your o | old |
| 25 | phone num | bers show up with all your contacts? | |

| 1 | A Yes. |
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| 2 | Q And in addition, didn't your old text |
| 3 | messages show up on your phone? |
| 4 | A Yes, but only go into a certain point of |
| 5 | time. |
| 6 | Q What point in time did they back up to? |
| 7 | A I did not check. I can go and check it |
| 8 | for you right now if you let me use my phone and see |
| 9 | what is the last text message I received from Tracy, |
| 10 | like the oldest one. |
| 11 | Q Sure, please. And we can go off the |
| 12 | record for a second or we'll just be in silence for |
| 13 | a second. Just take a look at that if you could. |
| 14 | A Okay. It's gonna be a while. I'd say |
| 15 | maybe two years or some. I don't know, but it's |
| 16 | gonna go I'm gonna try to go all the way. |
| 17 | Q Have you produced all those text messages |
| 18 | to your counsel? |
| 19 | A No, I don't, because it doesn't relate to |
| 20 | the |
| 21 | MR. OTTILIE: Wait, wait. See, now you're |
| 22 | starting to talk about things with me, so |
| 23 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 24 | Q Right. I don't want to know what you said |
| 25 | to your counsel. I'm just asking if you've given |
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those text messages that you're looking at and you 1 2 say it's a lot -- have you given all those to your attorney to give to us? 3 4 Α No. 5 Okay. I need you to do that just because 0 it's very important. But as we're talking, if you 6 7 can keep scrolling back and see how old it goes. I know it will take a while, so I might ask you some 8 9 questions while you're continuing to scroll. MR. OTTILIE: Well, let's do this. Let's 10 11 do one or the other. 12 MR. WEBB: Sure. 13 MR. OTTILIE: I mean, I don't have any problem with her doing that, but I don't want her 14 distracted while you're asking important questions. 15 MR. WEBB: Sure. That's fine. 16 MR. OTTILIE: How far back are you? 17 18 THE WITNESS: I am in 2019. 19 (Discussion Off Record.) 20 THE WITNESS: August 24, 2018. 21 BY MR. WEBB: 22 So that's the oldest text you have on that 0 phone with my client Mr. Reed; is that right? 23 24 Α That is correct. 25 Q And is that approximately the date that

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| 1 | you obtained a different phone, back in 2018? |
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| 2 | A I don't remember. |
| 3 | Q Did you in 2018, did you turn in your |
| 4 | phone or did you keep your old phone and get a new |
| 5 | one? |
| 6 | A I sold it. I think I trade it, yeah. |
| 7 | Yeah. |
| 8 | Q Traded. Okay. And you use an iCloud |
| 9 | account, like, for backup. That's what with an |
| 10 | Apple device, you transferred from one phone to |
| 11 | another phone using Apple's iCloud service, right? |
| 12 | A I just doing it this year. Previous that, |
| 13 | I usually back up my phone on the laptop and then |
| 14 | restore the storage from the laptop, yeah. |
| 15 | Q And I'm gonna ask I'm gonna give your |
| 16 | counsel the name of a software that makes it easy to |
| 17 | get that that data off your phone. It's called |
| 18 | iexplore. And I'll give that to your counsel. It's |
| 19 | not an app but it's a computer-based program. But |
| 20 | we need a copy just to make sure that what you have |
| 21 | matches what I have |
| 22 | A Okay. |
| 23 | Q so we're all playing with the same deck |
| 24 | of cards. |
| 25 | A Okay. |
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| 1 | Q And I reserve my right to ask you |
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| 2 | questions about those text messages if later on I |
| 3 | need to, but for now we're gonna move forward and |
| 4 | hopefully get get through this. Okay? |
| 5 | A Okay. |
| 6 | Q You understood in 2014 things were going |
| 7 | well, there was more profits and more income, |
| 8 | correct? |
| 9 | A That is correct. |
| 10 | Q But then a few years later there was a |
| 11 | substantial amount owed to the data center, correct? |
| 12 | MR. OTTILIE: Objection. Vague as to |
| 13 | time. |
| 14 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 15 | Q And I mentioned a few years later, and so |
| 16 | we'll go with your time. When do you believe the |
| 17 | amount owed to the data center started growing? |
| 18 | A That, I can't I can't tell because |
| 19 | Tracy is in charge of all of the technical of it. |
| 20 | So I don't know when we gonna start growing own debt |
| 21 | with AIS. |
| 22 | Q And you called it AIS. What is AIS? |
| 23 | A American Internet Service. America |
| 24 | Internet Services. |
| 25 | Q And what were they, as far as you knew? |
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| 1 | А | They are huge building with hot and cold |
| 2 | area wher | e we put machine servers in there, where we |
| 3 | store all | the servers. |
| 4 | Q | And so why would Copilotco be paying AIS |
| 5 | money, to | the best of your understanding? |
| 6 | A | We rent just the space to store all of |
| 7 | those mac | nines. |
| 8 | Q | At one point, did it ever was it ever |
| 9 | told you l | oy Tracy that Copilotco wasn't able to pay |
| 10 | its month | ly bill to AIS? |
| 11 | А | Never. |
| 12 | Q | Did you ever learn that AIS had a big |
| 13 | monthly b | ill? |
| 14 | А | I did. |
| 15 | Q | When was that? |
| 16 | А | Sometime between 2016 and '17. |
| 17 | Q | And what was told to you about the debt to |
| 18 | AIS in 20 | 16 and '17? |
| 19 | А | Tracy said that AIS made a big mistake, |
| 20 | they did : | not invoice us correctly. That's all I |
| 21 | know. | |
| 22 | Q | Did he tell you, because the invoice |
| 23 | wasn't co: | rrect, what happened? |
| 24 | А | No. I did not know why. |
| 25 | Q | Did he tell you what what that caused |
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| 1 | to happen? |
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| 2 | A Something to do with bandwidth and the |
| 3 | electricity that I have no clue. |
| 4 | Q Now, you had access online to see the AIS |
| 5 | account, correct? |
| 6 | A Yes. |
| 7 | Q And you occasionally made payment to AIS |
| 8 | through their portal, correct? |
| 9 | A Correct. |
| 10 | Q And so you would see the monthly balance, |
| 11 | correct? |
| 12 | A Correct. |
| 13 | Q And didn't you ever notice that the |
| 14 | balance wasn't being paid in full? |
| 15 | A I do. |
| 16 | Q When did you first notice that the balance |
| 17 | was not being paid in full? |
| 18 | A I don't recall it at this time. |
| 19 | Q But you do recall that happening? |
| 20 | A Yes. |
| 21 | Q And can you tell me approximately, was it |
| 22 | closer to 2010 or was it closer to 2018 that that |
| 23 | balance was not being paid off in full? |
| 24 | A I can't I don't remember. I don't |
| 25 | remember at this time. |

| 1 | Q Okay. So it could have been as early as |
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| 2 | 2011 when that happened? |
| 3 | A We were not with AIS in 2011. I don't |
| 4 | remember. I I I can't recall it at this time. |
| 5 | Q So it could have been even as early as |
| 6 | 2012 or even '13 when that when you couldn't keep |
| 7 | up with the balance each month? |
| 8 | A Not at that time that I remember. |
| 9 | Q And that's what I need from you, is your |
| 10 | best estimate. |
| 11 | A Yes. |
| 12 | Q So it wasn't 2012 or '13, it was after |
| 13 | that time, right? |
| 14 | A Correct. |
| 15 | Q So when was it, approximately? And you |
| 16 | can give me multiple years, that's fine. When was |
| 17 | it approximately that the balance wasn't able to be |
| 18 | paid each month, to the best of your knowledge? |
| 19 | A We are behind with the monthly payment |
| 20 | intermittently in those years and sometimes the AIS |
| 21 | make mistake and they correct it, but it take them a |
| 22 | very long time to correct the mistakes in billing. |
| 23 | So it happened sometime between many |
| 24 | times we were paid up and then we caught up and then |
| 25 | we owe them again and then they fix it and then we |

| 1 | behind again. So it's sometime between 2015 through |
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| 2 | 2017, I would say. |
| 3 | Q In 2015 to 2017, when you would be behind, |
| 4 | you mentioned it was AIS's mistake. Was it ever a |
| 5 | lack of the ability to pay the bill? |
| 6 | A No. |
| 7 | Q You always had enough money? |
| 8 | A Correct. |
| 9 | Q And so whenever the bill came in that was |
| 10 | from a few months, you guys had enough money saved |
| 11 | up to go ahead and pay it? |
| 12 | A Correct. |
| 13 | Q So you never saw a situation where there |
| 14 | was not enough money? |
| 15 | A Correct. |
| 16 | Q And that would be true even in 2017? |
| 17 | A 2017, I believe Tracy told me that AIS has |
| 18 | not figured out what happened, so I believe we have |
| 19 | money to pay them. I just don't know how much we |
| 20 | paid them because they they bill us incorrectly. |
| 21 | So what we owe and what we pay, if they bill us |
| 22 | correctly, we will be able to pay it. |
| 23 | Q So in 2017 you were still confused as far |
| 24 | as what was owed to AIS, whether it was too much or |
| 25 | too little or |
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| 1 | A Yes. | |
| 2 | Q you didn't know? | |
| 3 | A Yes. | |
| 4 | Q So during 2017, was there ever a time | |
| 5 | period when you believed that Copilotco did not hav | re |
| 6 | enough money to pay its bills? | |
| 7 | A Can you ask that again? | |
| 8 | Q Sure. In 2017, you had access to the ban | k |
| 9 | account for Copilotco, correct? | |
| 10 | A Yes. | |
| 11 | Q And during 2017, you were actively | |
| 12 | checking the bank account at least once a month, | |
| 13 | right? | |
| 14 | A Yes. | |
| 15 | Q And sometimes would you check the bank | |
| 16 | account up to four or five times a month? | |
| 17 | A No. I usually just check it once a month | · , |
| 18 | whenever I do the when I do the when you ask | |
| 19 | me to the average of those years, I give you about | |
| 20 | once a month. So now I don't remember I don't | |
| 21 | quite understand your questions. | |
| 22 | Q Sure. So in 2017, you're saying you were | |
| 23 | checking the bank account balance about once a | |
| 24 | month? | |
| 25 | A On average. | |
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| 1 | Q On average. When you withdrew cash, did |
| 2 | you ever check before you withdrew cash to make sure |
| 3 | there was enough money in the account? |
| 4 | A I usually don't because when if I |
| 5 | withdraw cash, then I will know the balance when I |
| б | get to the bank, when I withdraw cash. If there is |
| 7 | not enough to withdraw, I will know the balance when |
| 8 | I'm there. |
| 9 | Q Okay. In addition to knowing the balance |
| 10 | at the bank, would you ever there were checks |
| 11 | being written against that account in a checkbook, |
| 12 | correct? |
| 13 | A Can you ask that question again? |
| 14 | Q Sure. In addition to taking cash out of |
| 15 | the bank and putting cash in, you would also deposit |
| 16 | money in credit cards and take money out with checks |
| 17 | sometimes, right? |
| 18 | A Correct. |
| 19 | Q Because it's a business account, and so |
| 20 | business clients would pay with credit cards and |
| 21 | money would enter the account and money would exit |
| 22 | when you guys wrote checks with it, right? |
| 23 | A Yes. |
| 24 | Q So when you withdrew cash, did you ever |
| 25 | did you also check the checkbook register? |
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| 1 | A | What is that? |
| 2 | Q | Did you ever write checks for Copilotco? |
| 3 | А | I did. |
| 4 | Q | Was that out of the same account that you |
| 5 | were taki | ng cash out? |
| 6 | А | Yes. |
| 7 | Q | When you wrote a check, was there a place |
| 8 | for you t | o write a deduction from that account |
| 9 | somewhere | ? |
| 10 | А | No. We never have that routine. We never |
| 11 | save anyt | hing. |
| 12 | Q | So if there was a check written to pay a |
| 13 | bill | |
| 14 | А | Yes. |
| 15 | Q | you wouldn't know if that check was out |
| 16 | there nee | ding to be paid because you didn't keep |
| 17 | track of | that, right? |
| 18 | А | No. |
| 19 | Q | Why didn't you keep track of the checks |
| 20 | that were | being written out of that account? |
| 21 | А | Tracy has never asked me to. |
| 22 | Q | And you wrote checks to yourself out of |
| 23 | that acco | unt, correct? |
| 24 | А | Yes. |
| 25 | Q | And did other people have access to that |

| 1 | checkbook other than you and Tracy or was it just | |
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| 2 | the two of you? | |
| 3 | A Just the two of us. | |
| 4 | Q Would you ever check with Tracy to see | |
| 5 | what checks he had written out of that account | |
| 6 | before you took cash out? | |
| 7 | A What does that mean? | |
| 8 | Q Would you ever ask Tracy if he used checks | |
| 9 | to pay someone out of that account before you took | |
| 10 | cash? | |
| 11 | A No. | |
| 12 | Q Why not? | |
| 13 | A Because Tracy and I talked almost daily | |
| 14 | and we agree that we gonna take money out whenever | |
| 15 | we need it for the community responsibilities. And | |
| 16 | we always report what money we take out as our | |
| 17 | profit and do tax for our personal tax at the end of | |
| 18 | the year. | |
| 19 | And he does that, as well. He never ask | |
| 20 | me when he does that. Or he write check and pay | |
| 21 | some employees or pay something, I am not aware, | |
| 22 | either. | |
| 23 | Q Okay. Did you ever, in 2017, have an | |
| 24 | understanding as far as how much money Copilotco was | |
| 25 | making in net profits per month? | |
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| 1 | MR. OTTILIE: I'm sorry, what year? |
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| 2 | MR. WEBB: In 2017. |
| 3 | THE WITNESS: I don't I never have a |
| 4 | good a good knowledge of how much fixed money |
| 5 | that Copilotco make because some months we make more |
| 6 | than the others. It depends how much consulting on |
| 7 | job that Tracy bring in through Copilotco. |
| 8 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 9 | Q Did you ever ask in 2017 to Tracy how much |
| 10 | profits there were that specific month so you could |
| 11 | take money out without taking too much? |
| 12 | A Never. |
| 13 | Q Why not? |
| 14 | A It's just not in our like, in the |
| 15 | history. We have never talked 'cause he doesn't |
| 16 | talk to me about how much Copilotco make or how much |
| 17 | we're gonna take out per month. There is no set |
| 18 | amount. |
| 19 | Q And in 2018, did you ever communicate |
| 20 | about how much money was available to take out of |
| 21 | the company account with Tracy? |
| 22 | A No. |
| 23 | Q So you'd just take the cash out? |
| 24 | A Yeah. |
| 25 | Q Did anyone oversee or supervise your |
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| 1 | bookkeeping work with the company? |
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| 2 | A No. |
| 3 | Q Was there any limitation to your ability |
| 4 | to take money out when you signed that signature |
| 5 | card at U.S. Bank? |
| 6 | A Not that I am aware of. |
| 7 | Q Did you ever use funds from that account, |
| 8 | the Copilotco account, to start a different |
| 9 | business? |
| 10 | A No. |
| 11 | Q Did you ever use funds you took out from |
| 12 | Copilotco to invest in the stock market? |
| 13 | A No, I did not. |
| 14 | Q Do you have a stock market account? |
| 15 | A No, I don't. |
| 16 | Q Did you ever use those funds to but you |
| 17 | did use those funds to do some personal things; like |
| 18 | you mentioned gifts for your kids or getting your |
| 19 | hair done. You would use Copilotco funds for that? |
| 20 | A Not for my hair totally. |
| 21 | Q So for your hair you would do that expense |
| 22 | out of Bank of America instead? |
| 23 | A Yes. |
| 24 | Q Was did anyone ever try to stop you |
| 25 | from taking money out of that company bank account? |
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| 1 | А | No. |
| 2 | Q | When did you no longer have access to the |
| 3 | bank acco | unt? |
| 4 | А | When we separated, sometimes in |
| 5 | November | 2018. |
| 6 | Q | So you're saying no one ever stopped you |
| 7 | from taki | ng money out of the bank account in 2016? |
| 8 | A | No. |
| 9 | Q | Did anyone ever tell you to take less |
| 10 | money out | of the company business account? |
| 11 | A | No. |
| 12 | Q | Did you ever tell Tracy Reed that you |
| 13 | would rui | n him if he didn't let you keep taking |
| 14 | money from | m that business account? |
| 15 | А | No. That's his word to me. |
| 16 | Q | I'm sorry? Say that again. |
| 17 | А | I have never tell him that I'm going to |
| 18 | ruin him 1 | by taking can you ask that question |
| 19 | again? | |
| 20 | Q | You said that was his word to you? |
| 21 | А | Yes. He said that he ruined my life. |
| 22 | This is w | hat he told me, not the "ruin" word he |
| 23 | use that a | all the time. He |
| 24 | Q | And he would say that in response to you |
| 25 | saying what | at? |
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| 1 | A When we fight, when I when we go |
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| 2 | through the divorce, he accuse me that I'm gonna |
| 3 | ruin his life, we're gonna divorce, we're gonna be |
| 4 | ruined and then he gonna do it in return. That's |
| 5 | when we fight. |
| 6 | Q And when would when did the fights with |
| 7 | that kind of language what year was that? |
| 8 | A In 2017 to the end of 2017 and through all |
| 9 | 2018. |
| 10 | Q So almost two years of those kind of |
| 11 | fights |
| 12 | A Yes. |
| 13 | Q about ruining him, right? |
| 14 | A I am not ruining him. That's not what my |
| 15 | language is. I have never said that I gonna ruin |
| 16 | him. |
| 17 | Q Well, did you ever say that the house will |
| 18 | be sold? |
| 19 | A Yes. |
| 20 | Q And you would tell that to Tracy Reed? |
| 21 | A Yes. |
| 22 | Q Why would you say that the house would be |
| 23 | sold to Mr. Reed? |
| 24 | A Because we divorce and we own a house |
| 25 | together. |
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| 1 | Q Did Mr. Reed pay all the living expenses |
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| 2 | when you were married? |
| 3 | A No. |
| 4 | Q What living expenses did you pay when you |
| 5 | were married? |
| 6 | A I pay for Troy school. I pay for grocery. |
| 7 | I pay for my credit cards. I give him cash. My mom |
| 8 | give me cash, so I give him cash. |
| 9 | When he lost his jobs, I pay for the |
| 10 | remodeling of the house: The roof, the concrete, |
| 11 | the fence, the tile, the living room. I pay for |
| 12 | furniture for the house when I first came here. |
| 13 | Q And you worked at Costco until what year? |
| 14 | A I'm still working for Costco. |
| 15 | Q Full time? |
| 16 | A Yes. |
| 17 | Q And all those items groceries, credit |
| 18 | card, remodeling, child school, roof, concrete, |
| 19 | fence, furniture those are monies you paid for |
| 20 | either yourself with your Costco monies, with your |
| 21 | mom's monies or with monies that you came into the |
| 22 | marriage with? |
| 23 | A Yes. |
| 24 | Q Okay. And how much money did you obtain |
| 25 | from your mom? |
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| 1 | A ' | The total total for the whole time that |
| 2 | I live wit | h Tracy? |
| 3 | Q | Yes. |
| 4 | A. | About \$90,000. |
| 5 | Q 1 | Ninety? |
| б | A | Yes. |
| 7 | Q. | And were those transfers that your mom |
| 8 | made to yo | ur personal Bank of America account or to |
| 9 | his Bank o | f America account? |
| 10 | A | It's to both. |
| 11 | Q | To both? |
| 12 | A | Yes. |
| 13 | Q | How much, approximately, was to his |
| 14 | personal b | ank account? |
| 15 | A | Between 20- and 30,000 in those years that |
| 16 | we live to | gether. |
| 17 | Q | What year was the largest amount of money |
| 18 | that went | into Tracy's personal Bank of America |
| 19 | account fr | om your mother? |
| 20 | A. | As my best knowledge, I don't I don't |
| 21 | recall at | this time. |
| 22 | Q | Was it closer to 2010 or closer to 2018 |
| 23 | that the la | argest amount of money came from your |
| 24 | mother to ' | Tracy's personal Bank of America account? |
| 25 | А | It's vary year by year. I don't remember |
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| 1 | at this time. |
| 2 | Q Would it be fair to say that almost every |
| 3 | year, that your mother would send money to Tracy to |
| 4 | his personal bank account? |
| 5 | A No, it's not every year. |
| 6 | Q How many years, approximately, do you |
| 7 | believe your mother put money into his personal bank |
| 8 | account? |
| 9 | A I don't remember. I can't recall at this |
| 10 | time. |
| 11 | Q Approximately five, ten, one time? |
| 12 | A I don't remember. I can't recall at this |
| 13 | time. |
| 14 | Q Do you have have you gotten let me |
| 15 | rephrase it. Was your mother did she ever have a |
| 16 | promissory note where she was owed to have these |
| 17 | monies paid back to her? |
| 18 | A No. It's all gift to us. |
| 19 | Q I'm sorry? |
| 20 | A It's all gift to us. |
| 21 | Q Would your mother send you those monies |
| 22 | with a check or with an electronic transfer? |
| 23 | A No. It's all cash. |
| 24 | Q Okay. And so you would take that cash and |
| 25 | you would deposit it into Tracy's personal bank |
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account? 1 2 Α Yes. He -- I'm gonna take a cash, give it to him, and he can do whatever he need to do with 3 4 it. 5 Okay. So you took cash from your mom and 0 6 you gave the cash to Tracy? 7 А Correct. 8 0 And that was approximately 20- to \$30,000? 9 А Correct. And your mom, would she have to take that 10 0 out of her checking account or her savings account? 11 12 А No. 13 Q Why not? She has cash. She doesn't have -- she 14 А doesn't have cash in her bank account. 15 16 0 What does she have in her bank account, if not cash? 17 18 А I'm sorry? 19 0 If she doesn't have cash in her bank account, what does she have in it? 20 21 Α In her purse, in her room, wherever she I don't know. 22 put it. 23 Okay. Did you ever have any -- any 0 24 witnesses to this 20- or \$30,000 that you gave to Tracy Reed? 25

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| 1 | A My mother. |
| 2 | Q Anyone else than your mother? |
| 3 | A My brother is aware, but he would not see |
| 4 | the transaction in person. |
| 5 | Q In addition to the money from your mother, |
| 6 | you also mentioned money from from Costco and |
| 7 | from before the marriage. Would you ever put money, |
| 8 | cash from your mom into the business account of |
| 9 | Copilotco? |
| 10 | A Yes. |
| 11 | Q And so there would be cash deposits on the |
| 12 | business checking account statement? |
| 13 | A Yes. |
| 14 | Q And you'll be able to identify which |
| 15 | deposits of cash they were? |
| 16 | A No, I would not be able. |
| 17 | Q Why not? |
| 18 | A It's intermittently and in a different |
| 19 | time of the period and it's I would not I |
| 20 | don't have a book to record it. |
| 21 | Sometimes, if I go to withdraw money or if |
| 22 | I take cash out from the ATM or Tracy does and we |
| 23 | realize that we don't have sufficient in U.S. Bank |
| 24 | account, either Tracy or I will go and deposit money |
| 25 | to make that account positive again. |

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| 1 | Q And so if you take too much money out, you |
| 2 | would put it right back in; is that what you're |
| 3 | saying? |
| 4 | A Yes, but it's not right back in. Whenever |
| 5 | we have the money, we always put it back in. |
| 6 | Q Okay. How much money do you believe, cash |
| 7 | deposits, came from your mother into the business |
| 8 | account? |
| 9 | A I don't keep tracking, and so I don't |
| 10 | remember. |
| 11 | Q Rough estimate. A million dollars? A |
| 12 | thousand dollars? \$500? |
| 13 | A Approximately probably between 5,000 to |
| 14 | 10,000, in that range. I don't remember. |
| 15 | Q Per year or total? |
| 16 | A Total. |
| 17 | Q I'm sorry? |
| 18 | A Total. |
| 19 | Q So 5- to \$10,000 of cash from your mother |
| 20 | you think you deposited into the Copilotco account |
| 21 | between 2011 and 2018; is that correct? |
| 22 | A Correct. |
| 23 | Q And you believe that that those |
| 24 | deposits were made to the Copilotco account because |
| 25 | you made those deposits in approximately that |
| | |

| 1 | amount? |
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| 2 | A No. It's for both of us. Sometimes |
| 3 | sometime I give Tracy cash, too, and I don't know |
| 4 | what he use with it. He can deposit partial of it |
| 5 | to Copilotco, he can use partial of it to his |
| 6 | checking account. |
| 7 | I help him out when he lost his job, when |
| 8 | he can't we can't pay for all of the community |
| 9 | obligation bills. That's when my mom come in and |
| 10 | help both of us. |
| 11 | Q Okay. You mentioned a third source of |
| 12 | income, which was your monies from before the |
| 13 | marriage. How much money did you bring into the |
| 14 | marriage when you began when you began your |
| 15 | relationship with Tracy? |
| 16 | A \$5,000 cash. |
| 17 | Q How much did you say? |
| 18 | A \$5,000 cash. |
| 19 | Q Okay. So 5,000 cash. And that's monies |
| 20 | you obtained or had when you met Tracy at the |
| 21 | beginning? |
| 22 | A When I came here to the U.S. |
| 23 | Q Did you deposit monies from your Costco |
| 24 | earnings into the Copilotco account? |
| 25 | A No. |
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| 1 | Q Why not? |
|----|--|
| 2 | A Because we have never like, Tracy has |
| 3 | never deposit his to Copilotco from his earning a |
| 4 | full-time job. It's not our agreement that way. |
| 5 | Q What was your agreement? |
| 6 | A We don't really have an agreement. It's |
| 7 | just not our routine, not our setup that way. In |
| 8 | the beginning he has his earning and it go to his |
| 9 | checking, I have my earning that go to my checking |
| 10 | and we have the business together. |
| 11 | Q And when you say his earning goes to his |
| 12 | checking, you're talking about Copilotco work? |
| 13 | A No. I'm talking about his full-time job. |
| 14 | Q And what was that? |
| 15 | A He has always been he has always had a |
| 16 | full-time job besides Copilotco since I know him. |
| 17 | He has never take Copilotco as full time, so he work |
| 18 | for many company. |
| 19 | Q And what was your understanding of |
| 20 | Mr. Reed's full-time job in 2011? |
| 21 | A He is I don't remember. His job always |
| 22 | involve to cyber security, system system |
| 23 | engineer, anything related to computer. |
| 24 | Q And generally you understood him to be |
| 25 | full-time employed except for one instance where you |
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| 1 | remember he lost his job, correct? |
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| 2 | A Oh, he lost the job many times through all |
| 3 | the ten years. 2010 to 2018, he lost his job many |
| 4 | times. |
| 5 | Q There was one time, though. It seems like |
| 6 | you mentioned a few times today where you've |
| 7 | mentioned in the singular where he lost his job and |
| 8 | there was a time without money coming in from him, |
| 9 | correct? |
| 10 | A He lost his job |
| 11 | Q But there was a longer period where he |
| 12 | didn't find a new job for some time, correct? |
| 13 | A He always can find his job. Like, if he |
| 14 | lost job, like three months later he have another |
| 15 | job. So it's never been like a year or six months, |
| 16 | no. |
| 17 | Q When you say "always can find a job," what |
| 18 | do you mean by that? |
| 19 | A Means he lost his job and he always can |
| 20 | find a new job. |
| 21 | Q Okay. So was there ever a protracted |
| 22 | period of time where he needed money from you? |
| 23 | A Yes. |
| 24 | Q When? |
| 25 | A Sometime in 2017. |
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| 1 | Q | What period in 2017? | |
| 2 | А | I don't remember. He change job 201 | 7 |
| 3 | twice. T | 'hat's what I recall. | |
| 4 | Q | Do you believe that you are a member | of |
| 5 | Copilotco | , LLC? | |
| 6 | А | I do. | |
| 7 | Q | What makes you believe you are a memb | per of |
| 8 | Copilotco | , LLC? | |
| 9 | А | Tracy told me. | |
| 10 | Q | What did you understand that to mean? | ? |
| 11 | А | Mean I own the Copilotco with him. | |
| 12 | Q | How much of Copilotco, LLC, did you | |
| 13 | believe you owned? | | |
| 14 | А | Tracy told me I own 33 percent. | |
| 15 | Q | When did Tracy tell you that you owne | ed |
| 16 | 33 percent of Copilotco, LLC? | | |
| 17 | А | When we we founded Copilotco, when | n l |
| 18 | we whe | en he told me that we're gonna LLC it. | |
| 19 | Q | And what year, approximately, was that | at? |
| 20 | А | 2010 when he told me that. | |
| 21 | Q | Did that percentage ever change from | |
| 22 | 33 percen | ıt? | |
| 23 | А | No. | |
| 24 | Q | Was it always 33 percent? | |
| 25 | А | That's what he told me and he has not | told |
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me differently, so yeah, I believe so. 1 2 Q Did you ever receive any paperwork showing 3 that you had 33 percent --4 Α No. 5 -- ownership? Did you understand that you 0 6 had duties as a -- as a 33 percent owner? 7 А No. 8 0 Who owned the other 67 percent? 9 Tracy told me that, "We're gonna LLC a А Rod gonna join us. You're gonna have 33, 10 company. Rod gonna have 33, and I'm gonna have 34." 11 And you say "Rod." What do you mean by 12 Q 13 that? Rod is Tracy best friend. 14 А Mr. Hamby? 15 Q 16 А Yeah. Okay. Did you ever see any documents to 17 Q 18 reflect and confirm that Mr. Hamby had 33 percent? 19 А No. 20 Do you dispute or do you agree that he has 0 33 percent? 21 22 А I agree. 23 Do you understand that you have -- as an 0 24 owner of the company, you have a duty to that 25 company?

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| 1 | А | No, I don't. | |
| 2 | Q | Do you believe you have any duty to the | |
| 3 | Copilotco | o, LLC, as an owner? | |
| 4 | A | I did not before. I do now, after the | |
| 5 | the lawsu | uit. | |
| 6 | Q | What what do you understand your duty | |
| 7 | is? | | |
| 8 | | MR. OTTILIE: Well, objection. Calls for | |
| 9 | a layman opinion. | | |
| 10 | BY MR. WI | BB: | |
| 11 | Q | Go ahead. What's your understanding? | |
| 12 | A | Of? | |
| 13 | Q | Of your duty to the company. | |
| 14 | A | I don't understand my duty to company. I | |
| 15 | just do v | whatever Tracy told me to. | |
| 16 | Q | Do you believe that there is any sort of a | |
| 17 | mistake r | nade by Mr. Hamby to the company? | |
| 18 | A | Mistakes? | |
| 19 | Q | Yes. | |
| 20 | | MR. OTTILIE: Objection. Vague, | |
| 21 | ambiguous | 5. | |
| 22 | BY MR. WI | EBB: | |
| 23 | Q | Anything he's ever done wrong to the | |
| 24 | company? | | |
| 25 | A | No. | |
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| 1 | Q So to the best of your recollection, |
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| 2 | Mr. Hamby has made no mistakes with the company, |
| 3 | correct? |
| 4 | A I don't know anything about what Mr. Hamby |
| 5 | does for the company. So it's my best knowledge I |
| б | don't have sufficient knowledge to tell you that. I |
| 7 | don't know if he did any damage for the company |
| 8 | through his job or anything. I don't really |
| 9 | communicate with him. |
| 10 | Q Do you believe Mr. Hamby ever took out any |
| 11 | money for his personal use from the company? |
| 12 | A No. |
| 13 | Q Did you ever see him take anything |
| 14 | physically for his personal use? |
| 15 | A No. |
| 16 | Q Do you believe Mr. Hamby had access to the |
| 17 | bank account for Copilotco? |
| 18 | A No. |
| 19 | Q Why not? |
| 20 | A 'Cause Tracy never put him in at the |
| 21 | beginning. |
| 22 | Q Did you ever see any any checks being |
| 23 | written to Mr. Hamby that you believe were improper? |
| 24 | A Not that I am aware of. |
| 25 | Q Okay. Do you believe with Mr. Reed, do |
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| 1 | you believe Mr. Reed has done anything improper with | | |
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| 2 | Copilotco? | | |
| 3 | A What do you mean, "improper"? | | |
| 4 | Q Something that you don't agree that should | | |
| 5 | have been done. | | |
| б | A He took me off of the bank account that we | | |
| 7 | join together, U.S. Bank account, and then he put me | | |
| 8 | in as a signer a signer. That's what the bank | | |
| 9 | teller told me. I was a signer on that account. | | |
| 10 | He took me off, he put me on, he took me | | |
| 11 | off again and he put me on and then he took me off | | |
| 12 | again, and he did not tell me when he did that. | | |
| 13 | Q And so in 2018, when you separated, did | | |
| 14 | you believe at that time you were a signer on the | | |
| 15 | U.S. Bank account or you were not a signer? | | |
| 16 | A When? In 2018? | | |
| 17 | Q In November of 2018 you separated from | | |
| 18 | Mr. Reed, right? | | |
| 19 | A Yes. | | |
| 20 | Q And at that point, were you a signer on | | |
| 21 | the Copilotco U.S. Bank account? | | |
| 22 | A I was no longer a signer. I had no access | | |
| 23 | or anything to that account. | | |
| 24 | Q When was the last time you did have access | | |
| 25 | to the U.S. Bank account? | | |
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| 1 | A Sometime in November, that right before |
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| 2 | he took me out of. So I don't know the date exactly |
| 3 | when he took me off. |
| 4 | MR. OTTILIE: When you say November, what |
| 5 | year. |
| 6 | THE WITNESS: 2018. |
| 7 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 8 | Q And that's when you were doing |
| 9 | transactions using money of Copilotco the last |
| 10 | time you were doing that was in November of 2018? |
| 11 | A I would think so, right before |
| 12 | sometimes in November. I don't remember. It's my |
| 13 | best recall right now. I don't remember. |
| 14 | Q So within one or two months of 2018 was |
| 15 | the last time you used Copilotco for your personal |
| 16 | purposes for money, correct? |
| 17 | A I use the U.S. Bank account, which I was a |
| 18 | signer, which I own the company and I use I |
| 19 | withdrew the fund from that account for my expense |
| 20 | and for our community expenses sometimes in |
| 21 | November, yes, right before I was removed as a |
| 22 | signer. |
| 23 | Q And even in December of 2018, didn't you |
| 24 | still use that account? |
| 25 | A No. I don't have any access to that |
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| 1 | account anymore. |
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| 2 | Q How about in January of 2019. Didn't you |
| 3 | still use that account in January of 2019? |
| 4 | A No. I have no access to that account. |
| 5 | Q When you say "no access," what did that |
| 6 | mean to you, "no access"? How did you believe you |
| 7 | had no access? |
| 8 | A I can't go to the bank and do any |
| 9 | transaction. They told me I was removed as a |
| 10 | signer. I can't log into online account to see |
| 11 | what's going on, if Copilotco was still making money |
| 12 | or if we are in debt. I have no access at all to |
| 13 | anything. |
| 14 | Q So you're saying your debit card wouldn't |
| 15 | work anymore? |
| 16 | A Exactly. |
| 17 | Q And did you have access to the checks? |
| 18 | A No. |
| 19 | Q Did you have access online to the online |
| 20 | account? |
| 21 | A No. |
| 22 | Q So all that was removed? |
| 23 | A Correct. |
| 24 | Q And that's in November of 2018? |
| 25 | A Correct. |

| 1 | Q Why did you have a personal Bank of |
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| 2 | America account? Why not just have one account? |
| 3 | A Because I am a human being. I have my own |
| 4 | income and expenses and I when I came here, Tracy |
| 5 | told me to open an account. |
| 6 | Q But you were spending monies out of the |
| 7 | Copilotco account for your human being expenses, |
| 8 | right? You were taking money out to pay things like |
| 9 | clothing and groceries and stuff, right? |
| 10 | A I was using my money, too, because |
| 11 | U.S. Bank account was |
| 12 | Q Did you hear my question? You want her to |
| 13 | read it back to you? |
| 14 | A Yes. |
| 15 | (To the Reporter) Please read back to me. |
| 16 | (Record read as follows: "Q. But you |
| 17 | were spending monies out of the Copilotco |
| 18 | account for your human being expenses, |
| 19 | right? You were taking money out to pay |
| 20 | things like clothing and groceries and |
| 21 | <pre>stuff, right?")</pre> |
| 22 | THE WITNESS: Yes. |
| 23 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 24 | Q Okay. And so if you're taking money out |
| 25 | to pay for groceries and clothing out of the |
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| 1 | Copilotco account, what's the purpose of having your |
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| 2 | own Bank of America account? |
| 3 | A I have that Bank of America account since |
| 4 | I came into the U.S. in 2007. |
| 5 | Q I understand when you got it. I'm asking: |
| 6 | What's the purpose of your Bank of America account. |
| 7 | MR. OTTILIE: What did you use it for? |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: I use that also for the same |
| 9 | purpose: For gas, for my hair, for clothing, for |
| 10 | Troy school, for Tracy clothes, shoes. |
| 11 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 12 | Q For the same thing? |
| 13 | A For the same thing, yes. |
| 14 | Q So you would use so an expense for |
| 15 | clothes or shoes or for school or for groceries, |
| 16 | they can come out of either account. To you it made |
| 17 | no difference, right? |
| 18 | A Correct. Yes. |
| 19 | Q And did you identify that those monies |
| 20 | coming out of the business account were to be taxed |
| 21 | or were to be 1099ed? |
| 22 | A I don't recall what a 1099, but I know |
| 23 | that we will tax for whatever we take out as our |
| 24 | income. |
| 25 | Q How do you know that you would pay tax on |
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| 1 | what you would take out as income? |
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| 2 | A Because every year Tracy and I go to the |
| 3 | accountant and we sit down with him and identify all |
| 4 | of the transaction we make out of the Copilotco when |
| 5 | we do tax for our our personal income tax and for |
| 6 | the business tax. And we tell him how much we |
| 7 | take out, we pay tax on it. And we still yeah. |
| 8 | Q And so you had a tax bill because of what |
| 9 | you had taken out of Copilotco, correct? |
| 10 | A Yes. Yes. |
| 11 | Q And you had that problem a few years at |
| 12 | the end, correct, in 2017 and '16, and '18? |
| 13 | A '15, too. '15, yeah. |
| 14 | Q And when you had a problem in '15, you had |
| 15 | to deal with it in 2016, the year after, when you |
| 16 | did your taxes, right? |
| 17 | MR. OTTILIE: Yeah, I'm confused. So I'm |
| 18 | gonna assert an objection as to the meaning and the |
| 19 | phrase "problem." |
| 20 | MR. WEBB: Sure. |
| 21 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 22 | Q You mentioned that you had to pay taxes on |
| 23 | it. |
| 24 | A Correct. |
| 25 | Q Was that a problem or was that something |
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| 1 | that you had to do back in 2012? |
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| 2 | A No. |
| 3 | Q Why not? |
| 4 | A Because back then Copilotco did not profit |
| 5 | as much, so we did not take as much out for our |
| 6 | and claim as our profit and income. |
| 7 | Q What about 2013? Did you take out profit |
| 8 | and have to claim it as income in 2013 from |
| 9 | Copilotco? |
| 10 | A I believe so, yes. |
| 11 | Q Okay. So you do remember that happening |
| 12 | back then? |
| 13 | A We have always have an income tax for |
| 14 | Copilotco for years back, way back. We always do |
| 15 | that. It's just how much. |
| 16 | Q Okay. But was it was it a smaller tax |
| 17 | bill back in 2012 and '13 compared to in 2016 and |
| 18 | '17? |
| 19 | A Yes. |
| 20 | Q How much smaller? |
| 21 | A I don't recall at this time. |
| 22 | Q Can you give me an approximate? Was it |
| 23 | like \$100,000 tax bill or was it a \$5,000 tax bill? |
| 24 | A I can't give you a number. There is a |
| 25 | difference, but I can't give you a number when I |
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| 1 | don't have that number in my mind. |
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| 2 | MR. OTTILIE: I want to assert an |
| 3 | objection. I'm not clear that they ever got a tax |
| 4 | bill for the business. They owed taxes, but I don't |
| 5 | know if it's distinguished. |
| 6 | MR. WEBB: Sure. |
| 7 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 8 | Q Did you ever understand did Tracy ever |
| 9 | express a concern to you about the business account |
| 10 | you should use for business expenses and the |
| 11 | personal account you should use for personal |
| 12 | expenses? Did that conversation ever happen? |
| 13 | A No. He only share with me that whatever |
| 14 | that we take money out from the business we gonna do |
| 15 | tax later and make clear that we gonna claim as our |
| 16 | profit of our joint income. That's my |
| 17 | understanding. |
| 18 | Q So you don't remember ever talking about |
| 19 | that as far as commingling? |
| 20 | A No. |
| 21 | MR. WEBB: Rather than attach the bank |
| 22 | statements and the tax documents to the transcript, |
| 23 | I'm gonna ask counsel if you'll agree that we can |
| 24 | refer to those documents by Bates number and |
| 25 | incorporate them by reference but not attach them to |
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the transcript. 1 2 MR. OTTILIE: Yeah, that will be fine. MR. WEBB: I also propose that in the 3 other depositions that we use the same exhibit 4 5 numbers and we'll just keep on going, so at trial we have the same number of exhibits as we have 6 7 depositions, if it's agreeable to you. You don't 8 have to agree now, but that's what I would propose. 9 So I'm gonna hand you what I've marked as Exhibit 2. It's Bates-numbered -5001 through -5049 10 of Reed. 11 12 MR. OTTILIE: Do you have a copy for me at 13 this point, for us? MR. WEBB: You want to share if you can in 14 the middle if that helps. 15 MR. OTTILIE: Okay. So you are gonna 16 designate these as exhibits but not attach to the 17 18 transcript. Is that the point? 19 MR. WEBB: Yes. 20 MR. OTTILIE: Okay. And we're gonna refer 21 to them --22 MR. WEBB: -- by Bates number. 23 MR. OTTILIE: Okay. And what's the 24 inclusive numbers on Exhibit 2? 25 MR. WEBB: Sure. -5001 through -5049.

MR. OTTILIE: You want to identify by date 1 2 or --3 MR. WEBB: Sure. 4 MR. OTTILIE: November 2016. 5 MR. WEBB: Yeah, November 2016 all the way 6 through 2019. And these are the Copilotco U.S. Bank 7 statements. 8 (Exhibit 2 marked for identification.) BY MR. WEBB: 9 Take a moment, 'cause there is 49 pages 10 0 here. I don't need you to look at each and every 11 transaction, but do take a flip-through and see if 12 13 this generally looks to be the U.S. Bank business statements that you had access to online. 14 MR. OTTILIE: Are you asking her if this 15 16 is inclusive of all of those statements or just generally they appear to be ones --17 18 MR. WEBB: Generally they appear to be 19 ones that she's familiar with. 20 MR. OTTILIE: So there might not be some 21 in there, but you don't have to look at the dates to satisfy yourself. 22 23 Can I take a quick restroom break, three 24 minutes? 25 MR. WEBB: Sure.

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| 1 | Madam Court Reporter, can we go off the |
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| 2 | record Madam Videographer? |
| 3 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the |
| 4 | record. The time is 10:31 a.m. |
| 5 | (Recess.) |
| 6 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back on |
| 7 | record. The time is 10:40 a.m. |
| 8 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 9 | Q Did you have anything during your break |
| 10 | that you want to change or add about your testimony |
| 11 | that you've said so far? |
| 12 | A No. |
| 13 | Q Okay. And you speak very softly. I |
| 14 | understand that the court reporter will probably ask |
| 15 | you to make sure that's audible for her. |
| 16 | A Yeah. I try to speak louder 'cause |
| 17 | whenever I speak louder, the air got up into my |
| 18 | mask. It just go up into my eyes and it's a little |
| 19 | bit |
| 20 | Q I understand. |
| 21 | A difficult. |
| 22 | Q In 2017, you mentioned that Mr. Reed had |
| 23 | lost his job at one point during the year and that |
| 24 | funds money was tight; is that right? |
| 25 | A Yes. |
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| 1 | Q And you started to argue about money; is |
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| 2 | that right? |
| 3 | A We never argue about like, money was |
| 4 | not a topic for us to fight. |
| 5 | Q Well, you mentioned one of the topics |
| 6 | would be losing the home or you'd have to sell the |
| 7 | home, right, if there is a divorce? |
| 8 | A There was a time that where we short of |
| 9 | money, we could not pay the bills and we late on the |
| 10 | bills all the time. |
| 11 | Q When was that? |
| 12 | A When Tracy lost a job. Sometimes in 2017. |
| 13 | I don't remember. |
| 14 | Q How many months were you late and you |
| 15 | couldn't pay the bills in 2017? |
| 16 | A Only one month. Never be two, because my |
| 17 | mom always step up and help us. |
| 18 | Q And so he was able to get a job, you said, |
| 19 | fairly quickly. So within a couple months, he had a |
| 20 | job again in 2017? |
| 21 | A Correct. |
| 22 | Q But the fighting continued into 2018 |
| 23 | A Yes. |
| 24 | Q correct? |
| 25 | A Yes. |
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| 1 | Q And when you were short on money in 2017, |
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| 2 | did you stop pulling money out of Copilotco's |
| 3 | business account or did you continue to pull monies |
| 4 | out of that account? |
| 5 | A We continue pull out the money from |
| 6 | U.S. Bank Copilotco account. |
| 7 | Q Was the Copilotco company still making a |
| 8 | good amount of money to be able to support cash |
| 9 | withdrawals in 2017? |
| 10 | A Yes. |
| 11 | Q I handed you an Exhibit 2, which is Bates |
| 12 | No5001, REED, through -5041. I said before -49, |
| 13 | but I think it's just through -41. |
| 14 | Do these look to be true and correct |
| 15 | copies of the Copilotco U.S. Bank account from |
| 16 | November of 2016 (sic) through, it looks like, |
| 17 | March 2016? |
| 18 | A I have January 2016 through November 2016. |
| 19 | Q Okay. And these were the years where you |
| 20 | had access online to the bank account and you were, |
| 21 | to some degree, managing the bank account, correct? |
| 22 | A I do not manage it. The bank account |
| 23 | U.S. Bank account does not need to be managed. Both |
| 24 | Tracy and I have access to it, so I don't understand |
| 25 | what you mean, "manage." |

| 1 | Q I think you explained earlier as far as |
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| 2 | what your role or duties were with the bank account. |
| 3 | But this is that bank account we were talking about |
| 4 | earlier, the U.S. Bank account? |
| 5 | A I mentioned you the three bank account. |
| 6 | And my role with this bank account involve with the |
| 7 | company. Was that what your question is? |
| 8 | Q Right. And this is that same bank |
| 9 | account, this is the Copilotco U.S. Bank account |
| 10 | that you've been talking about earlier, correct? |
| 11 | A Correct. |
| 12 | (Exhibit 3 marked for identification.) |
| 13 | MR. WEBB: I'm gonna hand you Exhibit 3, |
| 14 | which is Bates No. REED -5050 through REED -5147. |
| 15 | Take a moment to look at these. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: These from April '17? |
| 17 | MR. OTTILIE: Pardon me? |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: These from April so it's |
| 19 | from January '17 until December 2018. |
| 20 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 21 | Q So would it be fair to say that Exhibit 3, |
| 22 | this Bates No5050 to -5147, that that comprises |
| 23 | the 2017 and '16 bank statements for Copilotco? |
| 24 | A Yeah. |
| 25 | Q And that looks those look to be |
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| 1 | familiar as far as the statements that you had |
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| 2 | access to during those years, correct? |
| 3 | A Yes. |
| 4 | Q And then I'm gonna hand you what I've |
| 5 | marked as Exhibit 4. And that's Bates No35042 to |
| 6 | REED -35049 and then separately -5148. |
| 7 | MR. OTTILIE: Can you read those numbers |
| 8 | again? I'm sorry. |
| 9 | MR. WEBB: Sure5042 to -5049. And |
| 10 | separately, the second section of the same exhibit |
| 11 | is -5148 through -5149. I'm sorry, it looks like |
| 12 | -5148 and -5149 are part of Exhibit 5. |
| 13 | MR. OTTILIE: So Exhibit 4 just got |
| 14 | smaller and Exhibit 5 appeared? |
| 15 | MR. WEBB: Yeah, I apologize. Let's deal |
| 16 | just with Exhibit 4 right now. Exhibit 4 will just |
| 17 | be that first batch of numbers, so -5042 through |
| 18 | -5049. So that's Exhibit 4. |
| 19 | (Exhibit 4 marked for identification.) |
| 20 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 21 | Q So same question on Exhibit 4. You can |
| 22 | take a look at that to see if it's the same thing. |
| 23 | Does that look familiar to you that those are the |
| 24 | statements you had access to in 2019, this time |
| 25 | period being January of 2019 through March 2019? |
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| 1 | MR. OTTILIE: So the question is: Do |
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| 2 | these look like that account or an account she had |
| 3 | access to? |
| 4 | MR. WEBB: Both. |
| 5 | MR. OTTILIE: (To the Witness) What were |
| б | you gonna say? |
| 7 | THE WITNESS: This is January '19. This |
| 8 | is what I have I think I retrieved from a copy |
| 9 | from the accountant, but I don't have access to this |
| 10 | account from this date. |
| 11 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 12 | Q So I believe your testimony was that the |
| 13 | U.S. Bank account for Copilotco, that you don't |
| 14 | currently have access to that account at the bank |
| 15 | because you've been removed? |
| 16 | A Correct. |
| 17 | Q This looks be true and correct as far as |
| 18 | during 2018 you had access to that account, but |
| 19 | you're saying during these months, in January and |
| 20 | February 2019, your belief is that you did not have |
| 21 | access or take any monies out in 2019, correct? |
| 22 | A I did not have I have not had access to |
| 23 | that U.S. Bank for Copilotco account since |
| 24 | November exact date I don't know. I'm not aware |
| 25 | of it 2018. |
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| | Trang Q. Reed February 4, 2022 |
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| 1 | Q If you'll look at Exhibit 4, page -5045, |
| 2 | it's a check made out to you for \$800. |
| 3 | A This, I'm not aware of. I did not do |
| 4 | this. |
| 5 | MR. OTTILIE: He didn't ask you a |
| 6 | question. He asked you to look at it. Now he's |
| 7 | gonna ask you the question. |
| 8 | THE WITNESS: Okay. |
| 9 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 10 | Q So this check did you deposit this |
| 11 | check for \$800 in your account in January or on |
| 12 | or after January 4, 2019, when it was written? |
| 13 | A This, I am not I'm not recall at this |
| 14 | time. I don't remember. |
| 15 | Q Okay. So you don't remember, but could it |
| 16 | be possible that in January 2019 you actually did |
| 17 | have access to that account? |
| 18 | A I did not have access to the Copilotco |
| 19 | account. |
| 20 | Q How is it that you were who caused this |
| 21 | \$800 check to be written to you in January 2019? |
| 22 | A I don't know who wrote this check. I did |
| 23 | not have the access to the account. |
| 24 | Q Okay. You see on the check it says, "This |
| 25 | check has been authorized by" with a signature on |
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| 1 | file Se you're gaving that you did not authorize |
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| | file. So you're saying that you did not authorize |
| 2 | or cause this check to be issued by U.S. Bank? |
| 3 | MR. OTTILIE: Hang on. |
| 4 | Can you tell me where you're referencing? |
| 5 | MR. WEBB: Sure. Same page. |
| 6 | MR. OTTILIE: Oh, I see. In the lower |
| 7 | right-hand side? |
| 8 | MR. WEBB: Right. |
| 9 | MR. OTTILIE: (To the Witness) Can you |
| 10 | read that? |
| 11 | THE WITNESS: Yeah. |
| 12 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 13 | Q Did you deposit that check for \$800 in |
| 14 | your account in January 2019? |
| 15 | A I don't recall. I can't I can't tell |
| 16 | you at this moment. |
| 17 | Q How long after you were separated from |
| 18 | Mr. Reed did you continue to take monies from |
| 19 | Copilotco? |
| 20 | A Tracy help me to pay bills after we |
| 21 | separated, he transfer me money. So I don't know if |
| 22 | that money was the money from Copilotco U.S. Bank or |
| 23 | the money from his checking account. So that, I |
| 24 | don't know. So if you ask the question like how |
| 25 | long I continue to use, I don't know. |
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| 1 | Q So you said he transferred money to you. |
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| 2 | That's electronically or was that with a check that |
| 3 | he gave you? |
| 4 | A He help me to pay bill. He doesn't |
| 5 | transfer me money. He helps me to pay the community |
| 6 | obligations bills that we owe both, both of us. |
| 7 | Q So you're saying that Mr. Reed, after you |
| 8 | were separated, would pay bills directly without |
| 9 | giving you money? |
| 10 | A Correct. |
| 11 | Q And what bills would Mr. Reed pay after |
| 12 | you were separated, directly? |
| 13 | A Yes. To answer your question, because you |
| 14 | said that only help me pay the bill directly, he |
| 15 | also give me cash to have we have a choice of |
| 16 | private school, day care whenever I'm short, yeah. |
| 17 | Q And how much was that, per month? |
| 18 | A I don't remember. It's a few hundred |
| 19 | dollars per month. |
| 20 | Q Was his portion a few hundred or was the |
| 21 | total bill a few hundred per month? |
| 22 | A Sometime this is partial, sometime this |
| 23 | is I believe that we split half and half, so it's |
| 24 | his portion, half of portion of the ESS, of the day |
| 25 | care. |
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| | Trang Q. Reed | | February 4, 2022 |
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| 1 | Q | And how much was the day care per mor | nth? |
| 2 | А | I don't recall. It's different every | Ţ |
| 3 | year; eve | ry month, every year. | |
| 4 | Q | In 2019, do you believe it was closer | r to |
| 5 | \$500 or \$ | 220? | |
| 6 | A | Maybe 300. 300. | |
| 7 | Q | And Mr. Reed would pay half of that : | in |
| 8 | 2019 afte | r you were separated? | |
| 9 | A | Correct. | |
| 10 | Q | And he would pay that to you in cash | |
| 11 | sometimes | ? | |
| 12 | A | Yes. He gave me cash. | |
| 13 | Q | Okay. And did you have access to the | e I |
| 14 | believe y | our testimony is that you did not have | e |
| 15 | access to | see, like, the nine overdrafts that w | were |
| 16 | charged t | o the Copilotco account in February 20 | 019, |
| 17 | correct? | | |
| 18 | A | That is correct. | |
| 19 | Q | Did you see, before you were separate | ed |
| 20 | from Mr. 1 | Reed, numerous overdraft fees with the | e |
| 21 | Copilotco | account? | |
| 22 | A | No. | |
| 23 | Q | But you were still looking at the acc | count |
| 24 | every mon | th, correct? | |
| 25 | A | I did not have access. How can I loo | ok at |

| 1 | the account? |
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| 2 | Q Let me rephrase it. In the immediate |
| 3 | months prior to your separation, you still had |
| 4 | access to the Copilotco account with U.S. Bank? |
| 5 | A Correct. |
| б | Q And you were still looking at it |
| 7 | approximately once a month, correct? |
| 8 | A Toward to our separation, I don't I |
| 9 | don't think that I log in to look at that bank |
| 10 | account as often. I don't recall, to be honest with |
| 11 | you, but I would keep saying once a month, on |
| 12 | average, all through the years. But I can't recall |
| 13 | how many times I log in, yeah. |
| 14 | Q But you sometimes did account withdrawals |
| 15 | for 200, 700 or \$3,000 during November of 2018, |
| 16 | right when you were separated, right, from the |
| 17 | Copilotco account? |
| 18 | A Yes. |
| 19 | Q And Mr. Reed authorized that to be taken |
| 20 | from the business? |
| 21 | A I don't need his authorization to take |
| 22 | cash out. I have never had that with him. |
| 23 | Q Okay. And did you understand that at that |
| 24 | time, in 2018, that Copilotco was still doing |
| 25 | business or did you understand that it was out of |
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| 1 | business? |
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| 2 | A I understand that it's still doing |
| 3 | business. |
| 4 | Q Okay. Did you look and did you look at |
| 5 | the checking account in that month for example, |
| 6 | in November to see that deposits were sufficient |
| 7 | to take withdrawals out and pay the business bills? |
| 8 | A What my belief is that when I take the |
| 9 | fund out and if I'm still able to take fund out from |
| 10 | the business to be able to pay bills, I have never |
| 11 | have a concern that we take too much out that we |
| 12 | can't pay bills. |
| 13 | Q But the servers those servers that were |
| 14 | used to make money, those got pulled and were pulled |
| 15 | into your Copilotco office and they weren't being |
| 16 | used during the last two months before you |
| 17 | separated, right? |
| 18 | A I don't know about that. |
| 19 | Q You don't know about that? |
| 20 | A No. |
| 21 | Q Did you ever know, during the last few |
| 22 | months of your relationship with Mr. Reed, that the |
| 23 | business, Copilotco the operations ceased or |
| 24 | changed? |
| 25 | A No, I did not know that. |

| 1 | Q Was there an unusual amount of machinery |
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| 2 | in the office during months before you separated |
| 3 | with Mr. Reed? |
| 4 | A Several months before separation, it's |
| 5 | very rare for me to go into the office, so I don't |
| 6 | know what's in there. |
| 7 | Q Do you believe you ever went into the |
| 8 | office within one or two months before you |
| 9 | separated? |
| 10 | A I don't recall it at this time. |
| 11 | Q What about just after the separation? Did |
| 12 | you visit Copilotco's office just after the |
| 13 | separation? |
| 14 | A I came in there once, yes, I did. |
| 15 | Q Why did you visit Copilotco's office once |
| 16 | after the separation? |
| 17 | A So I can take my personal documentation |
| 18 | paperwork, like birth certificate and my passport |
| 19 | and my school transcript and all my mother's and my |
| 20 | brother's immigration documents out of that office. |
| 21 | Q So that was after the date of separation, |
| 22 | you went to the office to get paperwork? |
| 23 | A Not the business. That's our office that |
| 24 | we build together that he lock me out. And I had to |
| 25 | come in there when he is in there with Troy. |
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| 1 | Q Okay. That's a home office, right? |
| 2 | A Correct. |
| 3 | Q So after separation you went to the |
| 4 | Copilotco's office at Mr. Reed's house's home |
| 5 | office? |
| 6 | A That's our office. Our home office. |
| 7 | Q And you took things at that time, you're |
| 8 | saying, that belonged to you; is that right? |
| 9 | A That is correct. |
| 10 | Q Did you text Mr. Reed and tell him that |
| 11 | you wanted those things before you went to his |
| 12 | house? |
| 13 | A I don't recall. I mention him that he |
| 14 | need to let me in the office to take those documents |
| 15 | out. |
| 16 | MR. OTTILIE: Were you living in the house |
| 17 | then? |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: I did, yeah. I live |
| 19 | together with him. |
| 20 | MR. OTTILIE: They lived together after |
| 21 | separation. |
| 22 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 23 | Q How long after separation did you live |
| 24 | together? |
| 25 | A Until we divorce. Until the divorce |

| 1 | finalized. |
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| 2 | Q And when was that? |
| 3 | A The divorce finalize in January 8, 2020. |
| 4 | I moved out of our house on February 9, 2020. |
| 5 | Q So within a month after the divorce |
| б | finalized, you moved out? |
| 7 | A Correct. |
| 8 | Q So you were taking money, while you were |
| 9 | still living in the house, from Copilotco sometimes |
| 10 | up to \$5,000 a month; those examples we saw in |
| 11 | November 2018, it was 3,000 and 2700. |
| 12 | What did you use those those monies for |
| 13 | that you took from Copilotco? For example in |
| 14 | November 2018. This is I'm specifically |
| 15 | referring to Exhibit 3, Bates No5142. So if you |
| 16 | look at Exhibit 3, Bates No5142 |
| 17 | A What is your question, again? |
| 18 | Q So you had separated during this month, |
| 19 | November 2018, correct? |
| 20 | A Yes. |
| 21 | Q What day did you separate in 2018? |
| 22 | A When we file for divorce, which is the end |
| 23 | of November, which I don't remember exact date. |
| 24 | Q Was it after Thanksgiving? |
| 25 | A I don't remember the date we file for |
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| 1 | divorce. |
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| 2 | Q So within one to two weeks before your |
| 3 | filed for separation, you took out \$3,000 and you |
| 4 | also took out \$2700 in cash from the business |
| 5 | account? |
| 6 | A It is still our U.S. Bank account that we |
| 7 | join together back then for what I for what I |
| 8 | understand. |
| 9 | Q Did you use the cash for business |
| 10 | purposes, as shown on Exhibit 3, page -5142? |
| 11 | A I use the cash for the community |
| 12 | obligations and interests. |
| 13 | Q What what specific what |
| 14 | specifically did you use this cash for that you |
| 15 | couldn't use and pay with a check or with a credit |
| 16 | card? Why cash? |
| 17 | A We have always functioned that way since |
| 18 | we started the business. Actually, before we start |
| 19 | Copilotco, he only give me cash sometimes, I give |
| 20 | him cash sometimes to pay for stuff, to travel. It |
| 21 | has always been that way. |
| 22 | Q So as I look back through the checks, I do |
| 23 | see some checks to you, but these are some of the |
| 24 | larger checks I've seen. |
| 25 | But you're saying you always pulled out |
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| 1 | cash from Copilotco to operate, in these amounts of |
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| 2 | 3,000 and 2700? This is a regular amount? |
| 3 | A No. You ask me the average before and I |
| 4 | average between 3,000 and 5,000. So some months I |
| 5 | take a lot less, some months I take a little bit |
| 6 | more, and it average out between 3- to \$5,000 per |
| 7 | month. |
| 8 | Q Where would you put all this cash? |
| 9 | A Sometime I |
| 10 | Q Would you do like your mother did and save |
| 11 | it around the house and put it in places? |
| 12 | A No, we don't. |
| 13 | Q No? Why? Why not do what you've been |
| 14 | taught to do by your family? |
| 15 | A 'Cause I need the cash. I don't take the |
| 16 | cash out to save it. I take the cash out to pay for |
| 17 | bills and expenses. |
| 18 | Q Can you account if I leave a blank in |
| 19 | the transcript, can you give an explanation of where |
| 20 | you think these monies went when she sends you the |
| 21 | transcript, as far as where the \$5,700 went; is that |
| 22 | fair? |
| 23 | A I would not be able to recall because a |
| 24 | lot of the time sometimes I'm gonna put it in my |
| 25 | checking account, sometimes I'm gonna give partial |
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| 1 | of it to my mother to grocery shopping, sometime I'm |
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| 2 | gonna give those half of cash out, maybe all of |
| 3 | it, to Tracy. |
| 4 | A lot of the time we drive to the bank |
| 5 | together, I go into the ATM, take the cash out and I |
| б | give him, "Here. Here's 500" and then it's not |
| 7 | consistent every single time, so I won't be able to |
| 8 | put it in this transcript for you. |
| 9 | Q How much cash, on an average month, did |
| 10 | you give your mom from the Copilotco account? |
| 11 | A I don't remember that because sometimes I |
| 12 | use cash out from my checking account, as well. |
| 13 | Sometime Tracy took cash out from his checking |
| 14 | account, as well, and it's mixing. So I don't |
| 15 | remember. |
| 16 | Q Do you remember my admonition earlier |
| 17 | about estimates? I need to know some sort of range. |
| 18 | Would on average, in a given month, you |
| 19 | give your mom cash of between 2- and \$500? Would it |
| 20 | be between 10,000 and 15,000 a month? I need some |
| 21 | sort of range of what an average month of cash would |
| 22 | be to your mother. |
| 23 | A Between 800 and 1200 a month. |
| 24 | Q Per month? |
| 25 | A Yeah. |
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| 1 | Q And that's an average of cash taken from |
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| 2 | Copilotco each month and given to your mother, |
| 3 | correct? |
| 4 | A Not each month from Copilotco account. |
| 5 | That is not correct. |
| б | Q Okay. How much is the average per month |
| 7 | of cash that you would give your mother from |
| 8 | Copilotco's account? |
| 9 | A I would say 800. |
| 10 | Q Okay. 800. And that would be true per |
| 11 | month in 2018, correct, until your separation? |
| 12 | A We always given my mother that money since |
| 13 | my mom moved in with us in 2010 and live with us. |
| 14 | It's for grocery shopping and have some |
| 15 | miscellaneous expense for Troy, yeah. |
| 16 | Q Okay. And if you had text messages, that |
| 17 | would be in there, too, with Tracy confirming that |
| 18 | agreement or that understanding, probably? |
| 19 | A Yeah. We sometimes communicate through |
| 20 | text or verbal, say, "Hey, I take money out for Mom. |
| 21 | Can you take cash out and give it to Mom?" He |
| 22 | personally give my mom cash many times. |
| 23 | (Exhibit 5 marked for identification.) |
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| 1 | BY MR. WEBB: |
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| 2 | Q I'm gonna hand you what I've marked as |
| 3 | Exhibit 5. The Bates numbers are -5148 through |
| 4 | -5162. Now, these I don't need you to look at |
| 5 | before we go through them, but I just want you to |
| 6 | look at them one by one. |
| 7 | On the first page of Exhibit 5, for \$5500, |
| 8 | does that look to be a true and correct copy of your |
| 9 | signature? |
| 10 | A Yes. |
| 11 | Q Okay. And that's a withdrawal for cash of |
| 12 | 5500 in 2016, correct? |
| 13 | A Yes. |
| 14 | Q And this lines up with about the amount |
| 15 | that you said you took out of the business, between |
| 16 | 4- and \$6,000 a month? |
| 17 | A Yeah. |
| 18 | Q And on the next page, \$7,000 that's in |
| 19 | August of 2016 on page -5149 is that also your |
| 20 | signature there? |
| 21 | A Yes. |
| 22 | Q And on the next page, -5150, for \$1500 in |
| 23 | 2016, that's also a true and correct copy of your |
| 24 | signature? |
| 25 | A Yes. |
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| 1 | Q And on the next page this is another cash |
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| 2 | withdrawal for \$2,000 in February of 2017 for |
| 3 | \$2,000 out of the Copilotco account. That's a true |
| 4 | and correct copy of your signature, right? |
| 5 | A Yes. |
| 6 | Q Next page, \$2500 in 2017, in May. That's |
| 7 | a true and correct copy of your signature when you |
| 8 | took cash out of Copilotco's account, correct? |
| 9 | A Yes. |
| 10 | Q If we were to keep on going through this, |
| 11 | can you take a look through the remainder of the |
| 12 | documents and confirm that they are all your |
| 13 | signatures and they look to be accurate. Take your |
| 14 | time. |
| 15 | A These are not my signature. |
| 16 | Q Which page are you on? |
| 17 | A This is -5158. |
| 18 | Q Okay. So -5158 everything until then |
| 19 | is your signature, but -5158 you're saying is not |
| 20 | because that's Tracy Reed's signature for a thousand |
| 21 | dollars, correct? |
| 22 | A Correct. |
| 23 | Q Okay. Keep on going. And so I'll just |
| 24 | ask you to put a tab on the one with Tracy Reed's |
| 25 | signature in the middle of the page. |
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MR. OTTILIE: It's No. -5158. 1 2 MR. WEBB: Thank you. MR. OTTILIE: I mean, these are going with 3 me, so I'm not sure what the tab does. 4 5 MR. WEBB: I might need to refer back to it. 6 7 MR. OTTILIE: You got it. 8 BY MR. WEBB: 9 Earlier, you mentioned that sometimes you 0 were a signatory and sometimes you weren't. Did you 10 understand that --11 12 I understand that at one point you were no 13 longer signatory on the Copilotco U.S. Bank account, but did you ever understand that you were removed 14 and then put back on at any time? 15 16 А Yes. When were you put back onto the Copilotco 17 0 18 account after you had been removed? 19 А I was removed sometime the end of 2017. Maybe early -- late 2017 or early 2018. I don't 20 know when. 21 22 What caused you to understand or to know 0 23 that you had been removed from the U.S. Bank 24 Copilotco account? 25 А That one day I go on and then I do all of

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| 1 | the normal routine, like make sure that the |
| 2 | transaction that we run from the credit cards went |
| 3 | through, and I can't log in anymore. I went to the |
| 4 | bank, and the bank teller told me that I was |
| 5 | removed. |
| 6 | Q And that was in approximately what month? |
| 7 | A Exact, I don't remember. Sometime late |
| 8 | 2017. |
| 9 | Q And how long had you when you were |
| 10 | removed, that was removed, and so it caused you to |
| 11 | not be able to do what? |
| 12 | A Not be able to have any access to |
| 13 | Copilotco U.S. Bank account. |
| 14 | Q Could you still access online? |
| 15 | A No. |
| 16 | Q Was that you were removed as a debit |
| 17 | your debit card wouldn't work anymore or you were |
| 18 | removed as a signatory? |
| 19 | A I don't know. That, I don't know. |
| 20 | Q So it might just be that the debit card |
| 21 | didn't work anymore or that debit card was removed? |
| 22 | A I was told by the bank teller that I was |
| 23 | removed. |
| 24 | Q Okay. And sometime thereafter, did you |
| 25 | get a new debit card or a new so you could access |
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| 1 | the account? |
| 2 | A At some point Tracy and I both have new |
| 3 | credit card debit card because this expired. So |
| 4 | I don't recall if I got that new debit card, |
| 5 | because |
| 6 | Q How many days, weeks or months after that |
| 7 | late 2017 day did you get a new debit card? |
| 8 | A Exact, I would not remember, but sometimes |
| 9 | in early 2018. |
| 10 | Q So within a couple weeks to a month or so |
| 11 | you got a new debit card and you had access again? |
| 12 | A I don't remember the timeline. I'm not |
| 13 | recalling at this time. |
| 14 | Q So it could have been a week later, it |
| 15 | could have been five or six weeks later? You don't |
| 16 | know? |
| 17 | A I don't know. |
| 18 | Q Okay. I'm gonna give you what's marked as |
| 19 | Exhibit 7A. Unfortunately, it's not Bates-numbered, |
| 20 | so I'm gonna write on the bottom of it with a "7" in |
| 21 | the middle of the page and a dash for each page. |
| 22 | (Exhibit 7A marked for identification.) |
| 23 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 24 | Q The silver lining is that they are |
| 25 | numbered pages 1 through 5. So it's gonna be "7A-1" |
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| 1 | through "7A-5." |
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| 2 | MR. OTTILIE: Was there an Exhibit 6? |
| 3 | MR. WEBB: I'm skipping it. |
| 4 | MR. OTTILIE: Permanently or temporarily? |
| 5 | MR. WEBB: It will be a surprise, |
| 6 | depending on what your client says when we come |
| 7 | back. |
| 8 | (To the Witness) I'm gonna let you know |
| 9 | that "7A" is a document you received in response to |
| 10 | your request for bill particulars from my client. |
| 11 | And page 2 of "7B" and I'll give you that now, as |
| 12 | well has the exact same data but it's sorted |
| 13 | under the "Purpose" column alphabetically. So I'm |
| 14 | gonna give you "7B," pages 1 through 5. |
| 15 | (Exhibit 7B marked for identification.) |
| 16 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 17 | Q Have you seen these before today's date? |
| 18 | A That bill in particular? |
| 19 | Q When it was produced by my client? |
| 20 | A Yes. |
| 21 | Q Do you have any comments as to what was |
| 22 | produced by my client shown in Exhibit 7A or 7B? |
| 23 | A This is "AA" and "7A" again. So there is |
| 24 | two "7As." There is no "B" for me. |
| 25 | Q Hang on. Handing you "7B," pages 1 |
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through 5. 1 2 MR. OTTILIE: It's got 1 through 5? THE WITNESS: Yes. 3 MR. WEBB: Yes. 4 5 BY MR. WEBB: 6 On "7B," pages 3 and 4, there is a page 0 7 and a half of overdraft paid fees. Do you know what 8 caused these to occur with the Copilotco account? 9 No, I don't. Α When you withdrew monies from the account, 10 0 did it sometime cause the account to become 11 12 overdrawn? 13 А I understand that if we don't have enough money in the bank and we withdraw, it will cause 14 overdraft. But when I make the transaction to 15 16 withdraw, I was not aware it was gonna cause an overdraft fee. 17 18 And that's because you didn't check the 0 19 balance before you made the withdrawal, correct? 20 А Correct. 21 Do you realize that you could have checked 0 22 the balance before you made a withdrawal? 23 Α It never want to be on my mind because 24 when I make a withdrawal, if there was not enough 25 money in the account, I can't withdraw the money.

| 1 | They're gonna tell me, "You don't have enough to |
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| 2 | withdraw." |
| 3 | Q Is that actually what happened or would |
| 4 | they still give you the money but charge you a fee, |
| 5 | as well? |
| 6 | A That's what happened before. |
| 7 | Q And you didn't realize that was what was |
| 8 | happening? |
| 9 | A What happened was that when they when |
| 10 | we don't have enough money in Copilotco checking, |
| 11 | they're gonna tell me the bank teller tell me, |
| 12 | "Ma'am, you don't have enough to withdraw." And |
| 13 | that's how I will know how much money in Copilotco |
| 14 | bank account. |
| 15 | Q But sometimes then why would you get a |
| 16 | page and a half of overdraft fees? When would that |
| 17 | happen? |
| 18 | A I don't know why this causes what |
| 19 | happened. |
| 20 | Q When you first saw the overdraft fees on |
| 21 | the account 'cause you checked them once a |
| 22 | month what did you do about those overdraft fees? |
| 23 | A Nothing. I'm waiting for Tracy to tell me |
| 24 | what to do. |
| 25 | Q Did you get did you let him know that |
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| 1 | you were you were the one in charge of the client |
| 2 | income and there was a concern about income? |
| 3 | A I believe right then I was telling Tracy |
| 4 | that we were way behind in paying bill and Copilotco |
| 5 | checking account was not in my top priorities back |
| 6 | then because our community obligations bills were |
| 7 | way behind for both of us. |
| 8 | Q And when was that? |
| 9 | A It was sometimes probably starting some |
| 10 | in 2018. |
| 11 | Q Okay. 'Cause these overdraft fees are all |
| 12 | the way back in the 2016, '17, '18, '19, and '20 |
| 13 | well, there is actually only one in 2020. |
| 14 | So it looks like it's just in the first |
| 15 | month of 2019 when those checks were made payable to |
| 16 | you, and 2018 and '17. There look to be a couple in |
| 17 | 2019, the month after you left, but then they end, |
| 18 | it looks like, other than a few about a year |
| 19 | later, there are two or three. |
| 20 | So you didn't do anything about the |
| 21 | overdraft fees and when you wrote checks to yourself |
| 22 | you didn't check to did you ever write checks to |
| 23 | yourself and deposit them in your Bank of America |
| 24 | account? |
| 25 | A Yeah. |
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| 1 | Q When you wrote checks to yourself and |
| 2 | deposited them in the Bank of America account, did |
| 3 | they ever get rejected for not enough money from |
| 4 | Copilotco? |
| 5 | A Not that I recall. Not that I recall. |
| 6 | Q When they would still go through, was it |
| 7 | your understanding that there would be a fee to |
| 8 | Copilotco because of insufficient funds? |
| 9 | A No, I don't. |
| 10 | Q You didn't know? |
| 11 | A No. |
| 12 | Q Did you ever check to think to check on |
| 13 | the bank statement to see what was happening with |
| 14 | those checks you were writing? |
| 15 | When you wrote checks to yourself, how |
| 16 | much did you know to write to yourself if you didn't |
| 17 | check the account balance first? |
| 18 | A I usually write 600 to 800, just the same |
| 19 | amount that I with the check one, I feel like |
| 20 | Tracy and I agree that, you know, whenever I write |
| 21 | checks, he knows. |
| 22 | And I always tell him, you know, like, |
| 23 | "I'm writing a check to myself for 800 for the |
| 24 | grocery." And whenever I do it, I have been doing |
| 25 | it and there is no say and there is no protest or |
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| 1 | anything from Tracy. |
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| 2 | Q When you say whenever you write a check, |
| 3 | Tracy would know, would you always 'cause he's |
| 4 | not the one writing the check, you were the one |
| 5 | writing the check would you always text him and |
| 6 | get authorization? |
| 7 | A No, I don't. Because when we do tax |
| 8 | together, those money claims our profit. |
| 9 | Q So you're saying at the end of the year, |
| 10 | when you'd meet with your tax consultant to do your |
| 11 | tax together, then Tracy would know, correct? |
| 12 | A That, I'm not sure. Tracy has the access |
| 13 | to the U.S. Bank account, as well, and he check that |
| 14 | account and fund, as well. So I would think that |
| 15 | anything I associate with that account Tracy is |
| 16 | aware whenever he check it. |
| 17 | Q But if you're the one writing the check, |
| 18 | not Tracy, how would he know that you are writing a |
| 19 | check and depositing it? |
| 20 | A It's not from my handwriting check. I can |
| 21 | write my check. We do everything electronic so that |
| 22 | nothing behind the door, everything will show in the |
| 23 | bank statement. So you can issue a check just |
| 24 | log in to the account and issue a check |
| 25 | electronically. That's how we pay the other |
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employee, as well. And that's how we pay the other 1 2 employees, as well. Sure. And so would you tell him before 3 0 you would issue an electronic payment to yourself 4 5 and ask him permission each time? 6 No, I don't. А 7 0 Why not? 8 А I have never had to. 9 Shouldn't you want to make sure that 0 there's -- let me ask you this: Were you aware of 10 all the expenses that Copilotco had? 11 12 I am not aware all of the expenses of А 13 Copilotco. So then how did you know that there was 14 0 enough funds to pull out if you're not aware of the 15 expenses? 16 'Cause I always been able to pull out the 17 А 18 fund. If there is no sufficient fund, I won't be 19 able to do so. Now, the overdraft items total about 20 0 21 \$2988, so about \$3,000 of overdraft fees. Do you 22 believe that you are responsible for a portion of 23 these? 24 А No. 25 Q Why not?

| 1 | A I'm not aware of these. |
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| 2 | Q So you never saw any overdraft fees on the |
| 3 | account statements when you logged in? |
| 4 | A Prior the time I was locked out of the |
| 5 | account, there are time, I told you before, we |
| 6 | were don't have enough fund in the U.S. Bank |
| 7 | account, Tracy or I personally put money in the |
| 8 | account to make it all positive again. |
| 9 | So since the date I was removed out of the |
| 10 | Copilotco U.S. Bank account, I have no idea what is |
| 11 | going on with that account. |
| 12 | Q So before you were removed, the 82 charges |
| 13 | on there for overdraft, do you you had access to |
| 14 | the account during that time and so you could see |
| 15 | those overdraft charges, correct? |
| 16 | A I don't recall at this time. If I'm |
| 17 | logged in, I don't scroll through and stalking the |
| 18 | account, every single transaction. I just go in |
| 19 | there and make sure that how much we we charge |
| 20 | the clients and if the transaction is completed. |
| 21 | Q Who is Audi Financial? |
| 22 | A Audi Financial is the mortgage the |
| 23 | finance company for the Audi, our car back then. |
| 24 | Q And that's your car, correct, or is it his |
| 25 | car? |
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| 1 | A It's our car. We both own that. |
| 2 | Q Okay. And who is on the loan for the |
| 3 | Audi? |
| 4 | A Both of us. |
| 5 | Q Okay. And did you use that as a company |
| 6 | car or is that a personal car for you? |
| 7 | A It's a community car for Tracy and I. |
| 8 | It's a family car. |
| 9 | Q Who drove it what did you drive to |
| 10 | Costco to work? |
| 11 | A I drive Audi the Audi for work to |
| 12 | work. |
| 13 | Q Okay. So when you'd drive the Audi to |
| 14 | Costco, you drove that primarily or sometimes, or |
| 15 | what what was your primary driver to go to |
| 16 | Costco? |
| 17 | A That Audi. |
| 18 | Q What was your primary driver to take your |
| 19 | kid around? |
| 20 | A That's Audi. No, I take it back. It's |
| 21 | split half and half, Tracy car and my car. The |
| 22 | company car back then was the Land Land Rover, if |
| 23 | I remember correctly, and my car, 'cause his he |
| 24 | has a bigger car. |
| 25 | Q Okay. And so you said you do everything |

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| 1 | through the computer, right, as far as sending |
| 2 | invoices via email, checking online. So why would |
| 3 | you need a company car? |
| 4 | A Tracy would answer that question. I don't |
| 5 | know. |
| 6 | Q Okay. So you didn't use it to do |
| 7 | marketing or to drive, to take things to customers |
| 8 | or to deliver anything for Copilotco? That's not |
| 9 | what you used the Audi for? |
| 10 | A No. |
| 11 | Q Okay. So you use it for your personal, to |
| 12 | take to get to your own job at Costco and to take |
| 13 | Troy, your son, around, right? |
| 14 | A And to travel with family and with Tracy. |
| 15 | Q And you didn't drive to the data center |
| 16 | regularly in the Audi, did you? |
| 17 | A No. |
| 18 | Q You didn't haul server equipment in the |
| 19 | Audi? |
| 20 | A We did at some point, maybe a couple |
| 21 | times. |
| 22 | Q A couple times during how many years? |
| 23 | A Probably a year. A year. |
| 24 | Q And what about the other years? Did you |
| 25 | haul around server equipment in the Audi other |

| 1 | years? |
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| 2 | A No. We just bought it in 2017. |
| 3 | Q Okay. And so where you drove server |
| 4 | equipment around once or twice, you said, in the |
| 5 | Audi? |
| 6 | A Yeah. |
| 7 | Q Okay. And the payments for the Audi were |
| 8 | out of the company account? |
| 9 | A It is either from Tracy Bank of America |
| 10 | account, my Bank of America account or the U.S. Bank |
| 11 | Copilotco account, not always from one account. |
| 12 | Q Why was it ever deducted from the |
| 13 | Copilotco account? |
| 14 | A When we don't have enough money from my |
| 15 | checking account or from Tracy checking account, we |
| 16 | use U.S. Bank Copilotco account to pay for it. |
| 17 | Q Why would you deduct monies from for |
| 18 | Audi straight from the business account instead of |
| 19 | deducting it from your personal? Why wouldn't you |
| 20 | just move your personal some monies from |
| 21 | Copilotco to your personal and pay personal |
| 22 | expenses? |
| 23 | A We have always done it this way and I |
| 24 | don't know why. Tracy told me that anything that we |
| 25 | do with the business U.S. Bank account, we will |
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| 1 | always claim as our profit as joint income and we |
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| 2 | pay tax at the end of the year. It has always been |
| 3 | that way. |
| 4 | Q Did anyone ever tell you that you should |
| 5 | pay personal expenses out of your personal bank |
| 6 | account? |
| 7 | A No. |
| 8 | Q You don't remember being at a gym with |
| 9 | Mr. Hamby and Mr. Reed and them telling you that you |
| 10 | have to pay personal expenses out of a personal bank |
| 11 | account? |
| 12 | A No. |
| 13 | Q What is MB Financial? |
| 14 | A This is our mortgage company for our |
| 15 | house. |
| 16 | Q And that was for your personal home, |
| 17 | right? |
| 18 | A It's for Tracy and my home our home. |
| 19 | Q And did you set it up so MB Financial was |
| 20 | taking its payment from the company, Copilotco |
| 21 | account? |
| 22 | A I don't recall if I set it up or Tracy set |
| 23 | it up. |
| 24 | Q What about, on "7B" there is 26 line items |
| 25 | that are entitled "Customer Withdrawal," totaling |
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\$77,000. MR. OTTILIE: What page? THE WITNESS: "7B." MR. OTTILIE: "7B," page what? THE WITNESS: "7B," customer withdrawal from here to here. BY MR. WEBB: 0 Earlier you testified there was one document on the customer withdrawals that was signed by Mr. Reed. Other than that, though, these customer withdrawals were all signed by you, correct? А I would not be able to match all of these with the signature page. So if I say it's correct, I'm --0 I understand. But Exhibit 5, I think we've already confirmed that all those were your signature except for one for \$1500, correct? А Yeah, correct. So you would agree that any customer 0 withdrawals that you took out, all of Exhibit 5 -and I'll represent to you that that was \$76,099 of withdrawals --MR. OTTILIE: On Exhibit 5? MR. WEBB: Correct.

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| 1 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 2 | Q Do you have any reason to dispute that it |
| 3 | was 76,000 on Exhibit 5 as customer withdrawals that |
| 4 | you took out of the Copilotco account? |
| 5 | A No. |
| б | Q What is Apple Online? |
| 7 | A I don't know if that some Applecare or |
| 8 | Apple stores or any Apple account. |
| 9 | Q It appears to be a new phone or iPad or |
| 10 | laptop. Do you know, in October 2018, if you |
| 11 | purchased one of those types of devices? |
| 12 | A I don't recall I purchase it or Tracy |
| 13 | purchase it. We purchase many of the devices |
| 14 | through the years. |
| 15 | Q Did you get a new device in October of |
| 16 | 2018? It was with your debit card. I'll try to |
| 17 | help you out here. |
| 18 | A Which debit card? |
| 19 | Q Yours. The Copilotco account. |
| 20 | A I might have. |
| 21 | Q What device was it? |
| 22 | A I can't recall. I don't I have to look |
| 23 | it up. I don't I don't have the receipts to |
| 24 | know. |
| 25 | Q Sure. That device was purchased by |
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Copilotco company accounts. Can you agree that 1 2 within two weeks you'll return that device to the 3 company? MR. OTTILIE: Well, let's not agree to 4 5 anything here. Is that a request? 6 MR. WEBB: Yes. 7 MR. OTTILIE: Okay. 8 BY MR. WEBB: 9 Do you understand my request? 0 I do, but I --10 А 11 MR. OTTILIE: Hang on. Hang on. That's all he asked. What is this you --12 13 BY MR. WEBB: Can you explain to your attorney what 14 0 device this is. 15 I don't know what device that was. I 16 А don't remember -- I don't know what I bought it 17 18 with. I don't remember. I don't have the receipt 19 of it. I don't know what device that was purchased. MR. OTTILIE: So this is -- we'll get some 20 21 help here from counsel. 22 What are we talking about? Which entry? 23 MR. WEBB: It's -- on "7B" it's the first 24 line item for \$1345.80. MR. OTTILIE: First line item on "7B," 25

page what? 1 2 THE WITNESS: Yeah, right here. MR. OTTILIE: Apple Online. Who do you 3 want that returned to? 4 5 MR. WEBB: My office. 6 MR. OTTILIE: But to whom? Is it going to 7 you or --8 MR. WEBB: To me. For my client, for the 9 Copilotco, care of me. 10 MR. OTTILIE: Do you represent Copilotco? 11 MR. WEBB: Yes. BY MR. WEBB: 12 13 0 On "7B" there is an item dated February 12 called "DRUS Collection for \$1995." Do you know 14 what -- it's on page 2 of Exhibit 7B, about a third 15 16 of the way down. It's for \$1995.92. What is DRUS Collection? 17 18 It's our community debt settlement. А 19 0 Let's look at the next page. There is IRS 20 and Franchise Board. There is charges for \$52,000. 21 And I'll just represent to you that there is line items with the IRS and the Franchise Tax Board on 22 23 Exhibit 7B on pages 2 and 3. 24 Weren't some of these involving your 25 personal tax payments from -- that were paid by

| 1 | Copilotco bank account? |
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| 2 | MR. OTTILIE: When you say "personal" |
| 3 | MR. WEBB: Individual, not corporate. |
| 4 | MR. OTTILIE: Her individual tax returns |
| 5 | or are they joint tax returns? |
| 6 | MR. WEBB: Either. |
| 7 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 8 | Q Either yourself as an individual or |
| 9 | yourself as a married party, did you cause payments |
| 10 | to the Franchise Tax Board or the IRS, either one, |
| 11 | for any individual responsibilities or debts you had |
| 12 | from the Copilotco account? |
| 13 | A Tracy and I agree that we gonna use |
| 14 | U.S. Bank account to pay for our joint income tax. |
| 15 | This is all tax payment. |
| 16 | Q Why didn't you pay out of your personal |
| 17 | account with monies that had been distributed from |
| 18 | the company to your personal account? |
| 19 | A Because we don't have enough on either of |
| 20 | our checking account and Bank of America to make |
| 21 | payment. |
| 22 | Q But you did have enough funds in the |
| 23 | Copilotco account? |
| 24 | A Back then, yes. |
| 25 | Q And so why didn't you move those monies |
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| 1 | from Copilotco's account and then cause a |
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| 2 | distribution to your personal account to then pay |
| 3 | your tax obligations? |
| 4 | A I don't know. Tracy told me to do so. |
| 5 | Q There is also a section in Exhibit 7 |
| 6 | entitled "ATM Withdrawal," and that's on page 7B |
| 7 | (sic), page 1, totaling \$6,980; 20 different line |
| 8 | items. |
| 9 | Do you believe that you caused a lot of |
| 10 | those ATM withdrawals to happen for approximately |
| 11 | \$6,980? |
| 12 | A Where are we at? |
| 13 | Q On page 1 of Exhibit 7B. There is 20 |
| 14 | different line items. |
| 15 | A I don't have all the I withdraw ATM, as |
| 16 | well, but I don't recall every single transaction. |
| 17 | Q Do you have any reason to dispute that you |
| 18 | made approximately 20 deductions of ATM withdrawals |
| 19 | from the Copilotco account, as shown here on |
| 20 | Exhibit 7B? Do you have any reason to dispute that? |
| 21 | A No. |
| 22 | Q So it's probably accurate? |
| 23 | A I don't know if it's accurate. It's |
| 24 | probably some of these could be my withdrawal, but I |
| 25 | don't know if it's all of them would be my |
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| 1 | withdrawal. |
| 2 | Q Do you have any reason to dispute or think |
| 3 | it's a different number than 20 ATM withdrawals that |
| 4 | used your ATM card to deduct cash from Copilotco's |
| 5 | account? |
| 6 | MR. OTTILIE: Do you know? |
| 7 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 8 | Q No, that's not my question. Do you have |
| 9 | any reason to dispute that these 20 are from your |
| 10 | debit card? |
| 11 | A The only reason I might dispute do I |
| 12 | have any reason? I do. |
| 13 | Q What's your reason? |
| 14 | A Because I'm not the only person who |
| 15 | withdraw these ATM withdrawal. Tracy usually |
| 16 | withdraw the fund from U.S. Bank Copilotco account |
| 17 | through ATM, as well. |
| 18 | Q With his ATM card? |
| 19 | A Correct. |
| 20 | Q And you would do it with your ATM card? |
| 21 | A Yes. |
| 22 | Q Did you ever borrow his ATM card? |
| 23 | A No. |
| 24 | Q Did he ever borrow your ATM card? |
| 25 | A No. |
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| 1 | Q So if it's your card, it was your |
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| 2 | withdrawal of cash from the Copilotco account, |
| 3 | correct? |
| 4 | A Correct. |
| 5 | Q Okay. Thank you. And when you withdrew |
| 6 | those monies, you were using those funds, that cash |
| 7 | to pay your mom approximately \$800 a month, to buy |
| 8 | groceries, to buy clothes, those kind of expenses: |
| 9 | Gas, groceries, et cetera, correct? |
| 10 | A Not only that. I sometimes give the cash |
| 11 | to Tracy, as well, for his expenses. |
| 12 | Q Approximately how much cash would you give |
| 13 | on an average month to Tracy? |
| 14 | A I can't recall. It's a recall of ten |
| 15 | years of a lot of personal transactions. |
| 16 | Q Let's say when you were fighting in 2018, |
| 17 | how much, on average, in an average month, would you |
| 18 | give to Tracy in cash each month? |
| 19 | A In 2018 Tracy and I do not exchange cash |
| 20 | through ATM. Like, I don't withdraw cash and give |
| 21 | it to him in 2018. |
| 22 | Q Did you ever hand him cash in 2018 on a |
| 23 | regular basis? |
| 24 | A I don't recall. No, not on a regular |
| 25 | basis. |
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| 1 | Q | What about in 2017? Would you ever hand |
| 2 | Tracy cash | n on a regular basis cash in 2017? |
| 3 | A | What do you mean, "regular basis"? |
| 4 | Q | Every month. |
| 5 | A | No. |
| 6 | Q | Around 2016, would you give Tracy cash on |
| 7 | a regular | basis in 2016? |
| 8 | А | Not on a regular basis, no. |
| 9 | Q | On what kind of basis would you give Tracy |
| 10 | cash in 20 | 016? |
| 11 | А | I can't recall. I take the money out and |
| 12 | we split : | it once for a while. I would say five |
| 13 | times a ye | ear, five months, yeah. |
| 14 | Q | Okay. Okay. Thank you. Would you say |
| 15 | that some | one else did more of the books at Copilotco |
| 16 | than you? | |
| 17 | А | No. |
| 18 | Q | Would you say that you were did more of |
| 19 | the financ | cial bookkeeping than anyone else at |
| 20 | Copilotco | 2 |
| 21 | А | No. I think the bookkeeping I don't |
| 22 | really kno | ow that I I am responsible to do the |
| 23 | bookkeepiı | ng. Most Tracy and I oversee the bank |
| 24 | statement | of Copilotco and know the cash flows. So |
| 25 | for me, th | ne destination bookkeeping, formally, I |
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| 1 | don't have it. |
| 2 | Q Okay. And who other than you did more |
| 3 | than you with the finances at Copilotco? |
| 4 | MR. OTTILIE: Wait, wait. |
| 5 | MR. WEBB: Let's say in 2017. |
| 6 | MR. OTTILIE: Objection. Vague and |
| 7 | ambiguous as to what was the phrase? Financials? |
| 8 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 9 | Q Who other than you and I'll allow your |
| 10 | counsel time to object who other than you did |
| 11 | more with the company finances in Copilotco during |
| 12 | 2017? |
| 13 | A Tracy |
| 14 | MR. OTTILIE: Same objection with respect |
| 15 | to the term financials, as to what that includes. |
| 16 | MR. WEBB: Sure. |
| 17 | THE WITNESS: For what I believe, finance |
| 18 | means that anything relating to cash flows of the |
| 19 | company, make sure that the money is in the U.S. |
| 20 | Bank checking account, make sure that we make money. |
| 21 | That's what I am in my mind that I believe what |
| 22 | finance is. |
| 23 | So to answer your question, in my belief, |
| 24 | in my knowledge of our finance, Tracy is the one who |
| 25 | did that, who would oversee the finance of the |
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| 1 | company. |
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| 2 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 3 | Q And he did that more than you? |
| 4 | A Yes. |
| 5 | Q So earlier, at the beginning of the day |
| 6 | today, you testified about things that you were |
| 7 | responsible for, but what you meant was Tracy was |
| 8 | responsible for those and you actually assisted him, |
| 9 | right? |
| 10 | A Correct. |
| 11 | Q Okay. Do you remember what the last four |
| 12 | digits of your debit card were at any given time? |
| 13 | A No. |
| 14 | Q Do you still have that debit card for |
| 15 | Copilotco? |
| 16 | A No. |
| 17 | Q When is the last time you had a Copilotco |
| 18 | debit card? |
| 19 | A November 2018. |
| 20 | MR. OTTILIE: Did we get an answer to the |
| 21 | pending question? |
| 22 | Madam Court Reporter, did we get an answer |
| 23 | to the question? |
| 24 | THE REPORTER: Yes. |
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| 1 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 2 | Q You had a Target card that was linked to |
| 3 | the Copilotco account, correct? |
| 4 | A What did you mean, linked? |
| 5 | Q There was transactions that were charged |
| 6 | to Copilotco for Target cards, correct? |
| 7 | A That is correct. |
| 8 | Q And what did you buy at Target? Primarily |
| 9 | was it for your home or for Copilotco? |
| 10 | A Mostly I use the Target credit card to use |
| 11 | grocery and all of the community obligations for the |
| 12 | family, for Tracy and I and Troy. Mostly for Troy. |
| 13 | Food for Troy, clothing for Troy. |
| 14 | I also use the Target card to pay for our |
| 15 | tae kwon do class, for our family tae kwon do class, |
| 16 | all three of us, monthly. |
| 17 | Q Have you produced the Target card |
| 18 | statements for November/December of 2018 and |
| 19 | January 2019? |
| 20 | A I have not. |
| 21 | Q Why not? |
| 22 | A I don't have access to it anymore. |
| 23 | Q Did you call Target to ask for a copy of |
| 24 | those statements? |
| 25 | A I called them and they told me they only |
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| 1 | can provide me one. 'Cause I asked for online the |
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| 2 | virtual statement, and they told me what I have was |
| 3 | just back in January 2020. That's what they give |
| 4 | me. So I don't know how to get I don't know how |
| 5 | to get more of the statements from the year. |
| б | Q Did you contact them and ask them for |
| 7 | statements back in 2018 or '19? |
| 8 | A I did. I called them and I say, "Can |
| 9 | I" "how can I have the statement?" |
| 10 | And they told me, "Go online, 'cause you |
| 11 | asked for virtual access." |
| 12 | And I go virtual, and that's all I could |
| 13 | find, is back in January of '20, and I have not |
| 14 | called them back and I don't know how to retrieve |
| 15 | those documents. |
| 16 | Q Okay. I would encourage you to contact |
| 17 | them, because they do have bank statements back that |
| 18 | far. You just have to ask for them. |
| 19 | So I need to understand why these expenses |
| 20 | are here on the Copilotco account for Target because |
| 21 | they have a decent amount of payments that's on the |
| 22 | last page of "7B" and I don't have those, okay? |
| 23 | Especially if they were for expenses that aren't |
| 24 | properly linked to the company. Okay. |
| 25 | And those transactions, it looks like |
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| 1 | there is four of them totaling around \$3200, \$3300 |
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| 2 | right after you separated from Tracy. That seems to |
| 3 | be true and accurate that that amount of money was |
| 4 | spent from Copilotco to pay off Target cards? |
| 5 | A I don't recall at this time. It's been a |
| 6 | long time. |
| 7 | Q That's a lot of Target cards in a very |
| 8 | short period of time, within four weeks. Why was |
| 9 | over \$3,000 spent at Target within four weeks? |
| 10 | A I would not believe that the money I spent |
| 11 | over the four weeks with Target. I don't recall at |
| 12 | this time. |
| 13 | Q And that was right after you separated |
| 14 | from Mr. Reed, correct? |
| 15 | A Yes. Only the one in yes, that's what |
| 16 | happened. |
| 17 | Q Who is MB Financial? |
| 18 | A MB Financial is our mortgage company for |
| 19 | our home. |
| 20 | Q Okay. And same question as earlier: Why |
| 21 | not pay that out of your personal account instead of |
| 22 | the Copilotco account? |
| 23 | A Because we don't have enough money to pay |
| 24 | out of our checking account. |
| 25 | Q Why didn't you transfer to your personal |
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| 1 | checking to pay your personal finances? |
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| 2 | A That's how we have always function. I |
| 3 | don't know why. I just do what Tracy ask me to. |
| 4 | Q Have you ever done a debt settlement of |
| 5 | your personal credit card debt? |
| 6 | A I've done a debt settlement for our |
| 7 | community debt back then. |
| 8 | Q When was when you say "back then," when |
| 9 | are you referring to? |
| 10 | A Sometimes in I can't recall exactly, |
| 11 | but it's prior our separation. I don't remember the |
| 12 | month exactly at this time. |
| 13 | Q Approximately how many months before your |
| 14 | separation? |
| 15 | A Approximately six months. |
| 16 | Q Do you remember making an agreement that |
| 17 | only Tracy Reed would be the manager of Copilotco |
| 18 | when you formed it? |
| 19 | A No. |
| 20 | Q Who did you believe was designated as |
| 21 | manager of Copilotco when you formed it? |
| 22 | MR. OTTILIE: Objection. Lack of |
| 23 | foundation. |
| 24 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 25 | Q Go ahead. |
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| 1 | A | I would think my husband is the manager. | |
| 2 | Q | What leads you to believe that Tracy Reed | |
| 3 | was manag | er of Copilotco? | |
| 4 | А | He ran everything. He set up the server. | |
| 5 | He work w | ith the clients. He deal with negotiation, | |
| 6 | the price | with the clients. He he tell me how | |
| 7 | much to b | ill them. He created invoice. | |
| 8 | Q | Why do you believe in your mind that this | |
| 9 | lawsuit w | as filed? | |
| 10 | A | I believe that it's filed out of the | |
| 11 | anger, bi | tterness, resentment, hatred. | |
| 12 | Q | And what caused that, in your mind? | |
| 13 | A | Because | |
| 14 | | MR. OTTILIE: Wait, wait, wait. | |
| 15 | | Objection. Calls for speculation. | |
| 16 | BY MR. WE | BB: | |
| 17 | Q | To the best of your understanding, what | |
| 18 | caused th | at? | |
| 19 | | MR. OTTILIE: Same objection. | |
| 20 | | THE WITNESS: Am I answering that? | |
| 21 | | MR. OTTILIE: Yeah. | |
| 22 | BY MR. WE | BB: | |
| 23 | Q | Unless he tells you not to answer, yes. | |
| 24 | A | Because Tracy did not want to divorce. | |
| 25 | But I did | not comply with him in certain things in | |
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| 1 | our marriage and he file the divorce without telling |
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| 2 | me that, "I am filing the divorce." |
| 3 | The day that I went to the court to file |
| 4 | for divorce, the clerk told me that he file the day |
| 5 | before, so and he did file for divorce once in |
| 6 | 2018 and then dismissed it and then filed it again |
| 7 | in 2018 and at least six months apart. |
| 8 | Q Say the last part again, I'm sorry. |
| 9 | A He filed a divorce once before and |
| 10 | dismissed it. And he filed again. That's our final |
| 11 | divorce, 2018. |
| 12 | MR. OTTILIE: That's when he filed the |
| 13 | final divorce. That's not when it finalized. |
| 14 | THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah. It's not when it |
| 15 | finalized. |
| 16 | MR. OTTILIE: It's okay. |
| 17 | THE WITNESS: Yeah. He filed a second |
| 18 | time. And that's when our divorce finalized and go |
| 19 | to trial and end. And he many time told me that I |
| 20 | was a very not good person when I am not a good |
| 21 | mother when I divorce him, but he is actually the |
| 22 | one who divorce me. |
| 23 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 24 | Q Do you understand when was the first |
| 25 | time you understood that personal monies should come |
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| 1 | out of the personal account, not the business |
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| 2 | account? |
| 3 | A I never treat Copilotco U.S. Bank account |
| 4 | as a business account. In my mind, since the Day |
| 5 | One we start the business and open that U.S. Bank |
| 6 | account, it is always our joint account and I treat |
| 7 | it just like the other Bank of America account I own |
| 8 | and Tracy owned and we always take the money out in |
| 9 | any account as our income and we file tax for it. |
| 10 | So I don't have that concept of the business account |
| 11 | or use for personal account for personal things. |
| 12 | Q What agreement in writing did you have |
| 13 | with Mr. Hamby to take out personal monies from the |
| 14 | Copilotco account? |
| 15 | A I don't have any handwriting agreements |
| 16 | with Mr. Hamby. |
| 17 | Q Do you have an oral agreement with |
| 18 | Mr. Hamby? |
| 19 | A No, I don't have any oral agreement with |
| 20 | Mr. Hamby. |
| 21 | Q Do you have a text from Mr. Hamby agreeing |
| 22 | for you to take monies out of the Copilotco account? |
| 23 | A I don't have a text from Mr. Hamby. I |
| 24 | don't recall. |
| 25 | Q Have you ever offered to give money back |
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| 1 | to Mr. Hamby and his 33 percent interest that you |
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| 2 | took from the business? |
| 3 | A Not at all. Since Day One I knew him |
| 4 | until today until the lawsuit, I have no |
| 5 | questions are asked about Copilotco U.S. Bank cash |
| 6 | flow or anything. |
| 7 | Q Did you ever tell Mr. Hamby that you were |
| 8 | taking money out of the company bank account to use |
| 9 | for personal expenses? |
| 10 | A No. |
| 11 | Q Did Mr. Hamby have access to the to the |
| 12 | business bank account, online access where you saw |
| 13 | him access it? |
| 14 | A No. |
| 15 | Q Did you ever give him the bank statements |
| 16 | and tell him you were taking money out personally? |
| 17 | MR. OTTILIE: Objection. Compound. |
| 18 | THE WITNESS: I don't hand-give Mr. Hamby |
| 19 | the bank statements, no. |
| 20 | MR. OTTILIE: Pardon? |
| 21 | THE WITNESS: Hand him, personal hand him |
| 22 | the bank statement? No. |
| 23 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 24 | Q Did you ever give Mr. Hamby cash, part of |
| 25 | the cash you took out of U.S. Bank on a regular |
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| 1 | basis? |
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| 2 | A No. |
| 3 | Q Did you ever give Mr. Hamby anything above |
| 4 | \$5,000 a year from the monies that you took out of |
| 5 | the Copilotco account? |
| 6 | A No. |
| 7 | Q Did you ever give Mr. Hamby anything of |
| 8 | value in comparison to the monies that you took out |
| 9 | to run your household? |
| 10 | A No. |
| 11 | Q Did you ever if I was to total this up, |
| 12 | the complaint lists about \$180,000 that was taken |
| 13 | out of the U.S. Bank Copilotco account for you and |
| 14 | you say Mr. Reed's purposes, correct? You |
| 15 | understand that's the allegation? |
| 16 | A It is for our community obligations and |
| 17 | expenses. |
| 18 | Q Was Mr. Hamby a part of that community? |
| 19 | A No. |
| 20 | Q Did Mr. Hamby benefit in any way from that |
| 21 | \$180,000? |
| 22 | A No. |
| 23 | Q Did you understand that Mr. Hamby was |
| 24 | contributing and helping with Copilotco? |
| 25 | A Can you rephrase that question, please? |
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| 1 | Q Do you understand that Mr. Hamby had a |
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| 2 | role to assist with Copilotco? |
| 3 | A No. |
| 4 | Q Why did you think he was a 33 percent |
| 5 | owner? Let me phrase that in a better way: |
| 6 | What do you believe Mr. Hamby was doing in |
| 7 | exchange for his ownership of 33 percent of the |
| 8 | company? |
| 9 | A What I am aware of, Tracy told me that |
| 10 | Mr. Hamby is not interested in any profit of |
| 11 | Copilotco until we sell the company. So my |
| 12 | understanding from Day One is that Mr. Hamby will |
| 13 | entitle 33 percent of what we sell the company. |
| 14 | Q So your understanding was that Mr. Hamby |
| 15 | was entitled to 33 percent of the proceeds of the |
| 16 | company, correct? |
| 17 | A What does "proceeds" mean? |
| 18 | Q What you just described: When the company |
| 19 | is sold, that Mr. Hamby would be entitled to |
| 20 | one-third of it, correct? |
| 21 | A The value of the business when we sell it, |
| 22 | yes. |
| 23 | Q And specifically it's 33 percent, not |
| 24 | really one-third, right, that Mr. Hamby is entitled |
| 25 | to? |
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| 1 | MR. OTTILIE: Well, objection. Calls for |
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| 2 | speculation, misstates testimony. |
| 3 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 4 | Q Correct? |
| 5 | A For what I what Tracy told me, yes. |
| 6 | Q Do you have any reason to disagree that |
| 7 | Mr. Hamby did a lot of server work involving many, |
| 8 | many hours of work for Copilotco? |
| 9 | A Yes. |
| 10 | Q What reason do you have to disagree with |
| 11 | that statement? |
| 12 | A I don't see him working. |
| 13 | Q Do you believe that people can work |
| 14 | remotely? |
| 15 | A Yes. |
| 16 | Q And you said you don't see him working. |
| 17 | Were you regularly at Copilotco's location? |
| 18 | A Means at our home office? |
| 19 | Q Yes. |
| 20 | A Yes. I'm at home all the time. |
| 21 | Q Were you regularly at Mr. Hamby's home |
| 22 | office? |
| 23 | A Say it one more time, sir. |
| 24 | Q Were you regularly at Mr. Hamby's home |
| 25 | office? |
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| 1 | А | I have never known or seen his home. | |
| 2 | Q | Okay. So how would you know if Mr. Hamby | |
| 3 | is workin | g from home while Mr. Reed is working from | |
| 4 | home? | | |
| 5 | А | I don't know anything about Mr. Rod | |
| 6 | Hamby's w | ork from home. | |
| 7 | Q | Did you ever go to the data center to see | |
| 8 | if Mr. Ha | mby was working there? | |
| 9 | А | No. | |
| 10 | | MR. OTTILIE: You never went or you never | |
| 11 | went to s | ee if he was working? | |
| 12 | | THE WITNESS: I never went to see him | |
| 13 | working t | here. | |
| 14 | BY MR. WE | BB: | |
| 15 | Q | Did you ever how many times do you | |
| 16 | believe y | rou went to the data center? | |
| 17 | А | On average? | |
| 18 | Q | Yes. | |
| 19 | А | Through the entire since | |
| 20 | Q | Per year, on average. | |
| 21 | А | Twice a year. | |
| 22 | Q | And in that twice a year, on average, that | |
| 23 | you went | to the data center, did you ever see | |
| 24 | Mr. Hamby | working there? | |
| 25 | A | I've never seen him working there when I | |
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| 1 | was in t | he data center. |
| 2 | Q | Did you ever see him at the gym? |
| 3 | A | Yes. |
| 4 | Q | How often would you see Mr. Hamby at the |
| 5 | gym; | |
| 6 | A | Through all average the years since |
| 7 | since I | know him or what year? |
| 8 | Q | Sure. 2017. |
| 9 | A | 2017? None. |
| 10 | Q | 2018? |
| 11 | A | None. |
| 12 | Q | 2019? |
| 13 | А | None. |
| 14 | Q | 2016, Mr. Hamby at the gym? |
| 15 | A | I don't recall at this time. |
| 16 | Q | And so it's possible you saw Mr. Hamby at |
| 17 | the gym | in 2016? |
| 18 | A | Yes. |
| 19 | Q | And in 2015, you saw Mr. Hamby at the gym? |
| 20 | А | Probably, yes. |
| 21 | Q | Playing racquetball? |
| 22 | А | Yes. |
| 23 | Q | And that would be in 2015 and '16, |
| 24 | probably | z? |
| 25 | A | Yes. |
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| 1 | Q And you'd have discussions before and |
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| 2 | after racquetball games with you, Mr. Hamby, and |
| 3 | Mr. Reed? |
| 4 | A I don't play racquetball, but Mr. Rod |
| 5 | Hamby. |
| 6 | Q But you were there when they were playing |
| 7 | racquetball? |
| 8 | A I was there at the gym, yes, while they |
| 9 | were playing. |
| 10 | Q And you'd have sometimes discussions |
| 11 | before or after racquetball games? |
| 12 | A No, I don't. |
| 13 | Q You never talked to Mr. Hamby? |
| 14 | A I talked to Mr. Hamby, but I don't I |
| 15 | don't understand what you mean, discussion. I say, |
| 16 | "Hi, how are you doing." Yes, I do. |
| 17 | Q And that would be true in 2016, '15, '14? |
| 18 | A Yes. |
| 19 | Q How often how many times a month would |
| 20 | you go to the gym and see Mr. Hamby during those |
| 21 | years, on average? |
| 22 | A I don't go to the gym to see Mr. Rod |
| 23 | Hamby. |
| 24 | Q How many times per month, on average, |
| 25 | would you see Mr. Hamby at the gym in 2015? |
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| 1 | A Once a month or maybe even less than that. |
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| 2 | So I would say a few times a year. |
| 3 | Q Were you aware that Mr. Hamby bought |
| 4 | servers for Copilotco? |
| 5 | A I was not aware. |
| 6 | Q Were you aware that Mr. Hamby bought |
| 7 | hardware for Copilotco? |
| 8 | A When you said that, if I was aware, it |
| 9 | means that the information was told I was told by |
| 10 | Tracy, so |
| 11 | Q Or otherwise made aware. Any in any |
| 12 | way, shape or form did you know Mr. Hamby at any |
| 13 | point |
| 14 | A No. |
| 15 | Q contributed hardware or supplies to |
| 16 | Copilotco? |
| 17 | A So Tracy told me Mr. Rod Hamby contribute |
| 18 | a server to Copilotco. |
| 19 | Q When did Mr. Reed tell you that? |
| 20 | A In 2010. |
| 21 | Q Okay. Do you have any reason to dispute |
| 22 | that? |
| 23 | A No. |
| 24 | Q Do you believe that Mr. Hamby contributed |
| 25 | anything else other than a server in 2010 to |
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| 1 | Copilotco? |
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| 2 | A I don't know the answer to that question. |
| 3 | Q Did you ever show or indicate to Mr. Reed |
| 4 | the amount or frequency of the cash you would |
| 5 | deposit into your personal Bank of America account? |
| 6 | A I don't. |
| 7 | Q I'm sorry? |
| 8 | A I don't. Can you ask that question one |
| 9 | more time, please? |
| 10 | Q Did you ever give or show Mr. Reed all the |
| 11 | cash you were depositing in your Bank of America |
| 12 | account? |
| 13 | MR. OTTILIE: You mean Mr. Reed or |
| 14 | Mr. Hamby? |
| 15 | MR. WEBB: Mr. Reed. |
| 16 | THE WITNESS: Have I ever showed Tracy? |
| 17 | Yes. |
| 18 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 19 | Q Did you ever show Mr. Hamby cash that you |
| 20 | were depositing into your account and you were |
| 21 | taking out of the Copilotco account? |
| 22 | A No. |
| 23 | Q Did you ever tell him |
| 24 | A No. |
| 25 | Q Mr. Hamby? |
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| 1 | A No. |
| 2 | Q How much cash did you have on hand when |
| 3 | you separated from Mr. Reed? |
| 4 | A I don't recall at this time. |
| 5 | Q Approximately, please. |
| 6 | A A few hundred. |
| 7 | Q That's it? |
| 8 | A Yes. |
| 9 | Q How much cash had you given your mother at |
| 10 | the time of separation for her to hold for you? |
| 11 | MR. OTTILIE: I think that might be |
| 12 | compound and somewhat vague. I don't have any |
| 13 | problem with her answering that but |
| 14 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 15 | Q Go ahead. |
| 16 | A Two hundred, a hundred. Just for her gas. |
| 17 | Q How much how much in cash has your mom |
| 18 | returned to you or given to you |
| 19 | Let me clean that up. How much in cash |
| 20 | has your mom distributed to you in any way since the |
| 21 | date of separation to now? |
| 22 | A I don't remember. I don't recall. |
| 23 | Q I need an approximate. |
| 24 | A I would say a few thousand, less than |
| 25 | 5,000. Since like since separation until today? |
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| 1 | Q | Yes. |
| 2 | А | I would say 10,000. |
| 3 | Q | 10,000? |
| 4 | А | Yeah. |
| 5 | Q | And she gets does she have a regular |
| 6 | job where | she has income from? |
| 7 | A | No. |
| 8 | Q | So that 10,000 she got to pay you back or |
| 9 | to give yo | ou money, do you believe those are monies |
| 10 | that came | from Copilotco proceeds that you gave her? |
| 11 | А | No. |
| 12 | Q | Where do you believe she got that \$10,000? |
| 13 | А | She travel back to Vietnam and take it out |
| 14 | of my step | pfather, who passed away already, account, |
| 15 | and bring | it back and help me out. |
| 16 | Q | What's the status of the home that you |
| 17 | lived in v | with Mr. Reed? |
| 18 | А | The status? What do you mean? What do |
| 19 | you mean, | "the status"? |
| 20 | Q | You know more about this than me. What |
| 21 | happened v | with that home? |
| 22 | | MR. OTTILIE: She just doesn't understand |
| 23 | some of th | ne words. |
| 24 | | THE WITNESS: Since the divorce? |
| 25 | | MR. WEBB: Yes. |

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THE WITNESS: In the divorce our community 1 2 asset, the home was divided as Tracy bought me out of that home. 3 4 MR. WEBB: Why don't we take a lunch 5 It's noon. It's 12:00 O'clock. break. 6 Madam Court Reporter, is that okay with 7 you? 8 THE REPORTER: Yes. MR. WEBB: Let's go off the record. 9 10 Counsel, is that agreeable? MR. OTTILIE: Yeah, that's fine. Yeah, 11 12 sure. 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the 14 record. The time is 12:10 p.m. 15 (At 12:10 p.m., the luncheon recess was 16 taken until 1:04 p.m.) 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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| 2 | 1:04 p.m. |
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| 4 | AFTERNOON SESSION |
| 5 | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back on |
| 6 | the record. The time is 1:04 p.m. |
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| 8 | EXAMINATION (RESUMED) |
| 9 | BY MR. WEBB: |
| 10 | Q You understand you're still under oath? |
| 11 | A Yes. |
| 12 | Q Is there any testimony that you said today |
| 13 | that after meeting with your counsel for lunch you |
| 14 | want to change? |
| 15 | A No. |
| 16 | Q Anything you want to add after meeting |
| 17 | with your counsel? |
| 18 | A No. |
| 19 | Q Okay. I have a lot of papers I want to go |
| 20 | through. The problem is, I need the text messages |
| 21 | between yourself and Mr. Reed to hang the |
| 22 | conversations from and to go back and correlate the |
| 23 | dates. |
| 24 | So what I'm gonna do is and your |
| 25 | counsel is not gonna agree with this, probably |

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| 1 | but I'm gonna suspend the deposition |
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| 2 | MR. OTTILIE: Oh, no, not again. |
| 3 | MR. WEBB: and wait for that production |
| 4 | of those text messages that you have on your phone |
| 5 | you confirmed today and I appreciate you have |
| 6 | those and produce those so we can finish the |
| 7 | deposition with all the documents here, 'cause I |
| 8 | can't finish without those. I understand they went |
| 9 | back to |
| 10 | MR. OTTILIE: Somewhere in '19. |
| 11 | MR. WEBB: August 24 of 2018. |
| 12 | MR. OTTILIE: '18? Okay. Yeah, we talked |
| 13 | about getting those. So we're happy to do that, |
| 14 | actually. |
| 15 | MR. WEBB: So I'm gonna resume this after |
| 16 | we have those. We can work out some dates with your |
| 17 | counsel. That way, we can ask there are |
| 18 | questions that are informed with the document |
| 19 | production and the documents that are all together. |
| 20 | So we'll just do this once instead of twice. |
| 21 | MR. OTTILIE: We got time. I'm fine. I |
| 22 | could care less. |
| 23 | THE WITNESS: I am very have a little |
| 24 | window of vacation times left and right now I am |
| 25 | expect to take care of my son in the next two months |

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| 1 | on my own. So it's gonna be really difficult for me |
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| 2 | to ask for a day off and change my schedule. |
| 3 | MR. WEBB: Let's go off the record. |
| 4 | (Discussion off record.) |
| 5 | MR. WEBB: Yeah, can we go back on and do |
| 6 | a stipulation, sorry. |
| 7 | I propose to relieve the court reporter of |
| 8 | her statutory duty to maintain custody of the |
| 9 | transcript and to allow the transcript to be mailed |
| 10 | to my office for safekeeping. |
| 11 | I assume that the deponent is going to |
| 12 | visit her attorney's office to review the transcript |
| 13 | copy that he's ordering, I'm assuming. And if there |
| 14 | is any changes to be made, he'll send that to me by |
| 15 | both email and fax just to make sure I get that |
| 16 | errata sheet signed under penalty of perjury |
| 17 | within |
| 18 | Would 20 days be sufficient from the time |
| 19 | you receive the transcript? |
| 20 | MR. OTTILIE: So you want her to review a |
| 21 | partial transcript and do that much? |
| 22 | MR. WEBB: Yeah, because I don't know when |
| 23 | we're gonna be back in session. |
| 24 | MR. OTTILIE: Yeah. Twenty-five days. |
| 25 | MR. WEBB: Twenty-five days from receipt |
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| 1 | of the transcript? | |
| 2 | MR. OTTILIE: Sure. | |
| 3 | MR. WEBB: That way, you'll have enough | |
| 4 | time to review and get it back. | |
| 5 | MR. OTTILIE: It's not that difficult. | |
| 6 | MR. WEBB: Thank so much. | |
| 7 | And now we'll really go off the record. | I |
| 8 | appreciate that. | |
| 9 | (TIME NOTED: 1:09 P.M.) | |
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| 4 | I, TRANG Q. REED, do hereby declare under |
| 5 | penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing |
| 6 | transcript; that I have made any corrections as |
| 7 | appear noted in ink, initialed by me, or attached |
| 8 | hereto; that my testimony as contained herein is |
| 9 | true and correct. |
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| 2 | I, the undersigned, a Certified Shorthand |
| 3 | Reporter of the State of California, do hereby |
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