## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Thomas Neely,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No. 3:05-cv-304

Fox of Oak Ridge,

Jury Trial-Day 1

Defendant.

Transcript of proceedings before the Honorable H. Bruce Guyton,

U. S. Magistrate Judge, on June 20th, 2006.

Appearances:

On behalf of the Plaintiff:

Robert J. English, Esq. Michael C. Inman, Esq. Knoxville, Tennessee

On behalf of the Defendant:

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same question. Would you have any problems, if we prove our case, as we must, by a preponderance of the evidence, not beyond a reasonable doubt, in awarding an adequate award in this particular case, if we prove it?

JUROR NO. 154: I wouldn't have any problem with it.

MR. ENGLISH: Thank you very much.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you, counsel. there are peremptory challenge forms on your table. If you'd please execute those promptly, and, Madam Clerk, if you'll collect those.

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Yes, your Honor.

(Counsel filled out juror strike sheets; Court reviewed them.)

THE COURT: All right. Mr. (Juror 154), you are excused; and Ms. (Juror 8), you are excused; and Mr.—I'm sorry—Ms. (Juror 29), you are excused. If you'll just report back tomorrow morning, please. Thank you.

(Jurors 8, 29 and 154 excused and left the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Madam Clerk, if you could give us three jurors, please.

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Yes, your Honor.

(Whereupon, Jurors 27, 7 and 18 were called to the jury box.)

THE COURT: Good morning to you folks. Have all of you had a chance to hear the questions that have been asked and the answers given so far? If so, please raise your right hand, all three of you. Thank you.

Do any of you know Mr. Neely? Do any of you know Mr. Fox?

(No response.)

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THE COURT: Have any of you had any association or business dealings, personal dealings, or anything of that nature, with the Plaintiff or with Fox of Oak Ridge in the past or currently?

(No response.)

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THE COURT: Do any of you know the attorneys here, Mr. English or Mr. Inman for the Plaintiff, Mr. Woodfin for the Defendant? Ever had any dealings in the past with them or any family members had any dealings with them?

(No response.)

THE COURT: Have you heard anything about this case prior to today, any of you? No? Okay. Are any of you or a family member currently a party to a lawsuit of any kind? Have any of you been a party to a lawsuit in the past of any kind?

(No response.)

THE COURT: This is a civil case, of course. Have any of you served on a civil jury before? No? How about a criminal jury? All three of you. Was that here in federal court recently? (Jurors nodded.)

THE COURT: Okay. Any of you have any difficulties or problems that would give you some trouble if we had to have you here for a couple days on this case? No? Okay. Do any of you know of any reason why you could not sit on this jury and render a fair verdict based on the evidence presented and in the context of the Court's instructions on the law as the Court gives it to you?

Pilot, sir?

(No response.)

THE COURT: Okay. Very good. Mr. English, the Court will find these three prospective jurors qualified. Would you like to question them?

MR. ENGLISH: Yes, your Honor. Ladies and gentlemen, I'll just direct my questions to Mr. (Juror 7), Ms. (Juror 27), and Ms. (Juror 18). Could you hear all the questions that I previously asked the members of the jury? Would you have answered any differently than they did?

(No response.)

MR. ENGLISH: If we prove our case by a preponderance of the evidence, would you have any problems in awarding an adequate award to Mr. Neely for the injuries he suffered if the medical proof shows that he is entitled to it, a substantial award? Can you do that?

Mr. (Juror 7), I believe you work with Pilot in the accounting department?

JUROR NO. 7: That's correct.

MR. ENGLISH: And how long have you been with

JUROR NO. 7: I believe four years.

MR. ENGLISH: Four years?

JUROR NO. 7: That's correct.

MR. ENGLISH: Do you work with Mr. Bietz

(phonetic), Jerry Bietz (phonetic)?

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1	JUROR NO. 7: Yes, sir, I do.
2	MR. ENGLISH: Ms. (Juror 27), you're an accountant
3	at TVA?
4	JUROR NO. 27: Yes.
5	MR. ENGLISH: Okay. And how long have you been
6	with TVA?
7	JUROR NO. 27: Five years.
8	MR. ENGLISH: Okay. Would the fact that you are
9	with TVA, would that cause you any problems in sitting in this
10	case, if it ran over a couple days?
11	JUROR NO. 27: No.
12	MR. ENGLISH: Okay. Ms. (Juror 18), I believe you're
13	an engineer?
14	JUROR NO. 18: (Nodded.)
15	MR. ENGLISH: What type?
16	JUROR NO. 18: Quality.
17	MR. ENGLISH: Quality? Okay. Got two of you back
18	there together. Who are you with, ma'am?
19	JUROR NO. 18: Siemens Medical.
20	MR. ENGLISH: Okay. What does your job as a quality
21	engineer with Siemens Medical require you to do? Does it have
22	you interact with doctors on doctors' offices, on a basis-
23	JUROR NO. 18: No, no interaction.
24	MR. ENGLISH: Okay. Would the fact that we sued
25	and there are medical issues involving Mr. Neely's future in this

case, would that cause you any problems one way or the other? 1 JUROR NO. 18: No, sir. 2 MR. ENGLISH: Of the three of you that were just 3 seated, Ms. (Juror 18), Ms. (Juror 27), Mr. (Juror 154)-I mean, Mr. 4 (Juror 7), do any of you have any feelings one way or the other about lawsuits? 6 JUROR NO. 7: No. 7 JUROR NO. 18: (Shook head.) 8 JUROR NO. 27: (Shook head.) 9 MR. ENGLISH: We've had a very candid interchange 10 among the jurors today, and I appreciate that. All we want is a fair 11 shot; all we're entitled to is nothing less than that. Can you all do 12 that? 13 JUROR NO. 7: Yes, sir. 14 JUROR NO. 18: (Nodded.) 15 JUROR NO. 27: (Nodded). 16 MR. ENGLISH: Thank you. 17 THE COURT: Thank you, counsel. Mr. Woodfin? 18 MR. WOODFIN: Thank you. Ms. (Juror 18), Mr. (Juror 19 7), and Ms. (Juror 27), I had asked the earlier folks that were sitting 20 in your seat if they had ever been involved in an automobile 21 accident. Have any of you three ever been involved in an 22 automobile accident? 23 JUROR NO. 7: Several. 24 MR. WOODFIN: All three of you are shaking your 25

heads, and it's part of driving in East Tennessee, I think, sometimes. Was anyone injured in that accident?

(All three jurors shook heads no.)

MR. WOODFIN: Was there any type of lawsuit filed over any of those issues that were involved in that accident?

JURORNO.7: No.

MR. WOODFIN: Was it such an accident that there was just minor damage done to the automobiles involved?

(All three jurors nodded yes.)

MR. WOODFIN: Do you think that will impact your ability to listen to the evidence in this case? We're going to see some pictures of the cars, hear testimony about how the accident happened. Do you think that will impact you any way, negatively or positively?

(All three jurors shook heads no.)

MR. WOODFIN: Okay. Thank you all.

THE COURT: All right. Counsel, the forms are on your table. Madam Clerk, if you would collect those, please.

All right. Mr. (Juror 7), you are excused, sir. You need to report back in the morning. Appreciate your patience this morning.

(Juror 7 excused and left the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Madam Clerk, if you would call another juror, please.

(Whereupon, Juror No. 19 was called to the jury box.)

THE COURT: All right. Mr. (Juror 19), is now going