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

Thomas Neely, :

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Plaintiff,

:

vs. : Case No. 3:05-cv-304

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Fox of Oak Ridge, : Jury Trial-Day 1

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Defendant. :

Transcript of proceedings before the Honorable H. Bruce Guyton,

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

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- 1 Q. Have you gone out, at my request, and measured how high that
- 2 | hump is that they have to turn over?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- 4 Q. How high is that?
- 5 A. It's seven inches.
- 6 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a picture which has been marked
- 7 | Exhibit 5. I'm going to put it up on the screen, hopefully, and I
- 8 need some help in adjusting this, I believe. Right side up. Does
- 9 Exhibit No. 5 show the hump you're talking about?
- 10 A. Yes, it does.
- 11 Q. Can you see that, Tom?
- 12 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. Can the members of the jury see that? Is this the hump you're
- 14 talking about right-right here?
- 15 A. Yes, it is. There is a large hump there. The road is real
- straight, and you can see a good distance.
- Q. When the car, the vehicle in front of you, slowed down, what
- did you do? How fast were you going when it started to turn?
- 19 A. The road was wet and everything, so I was going maybe 35
- 20 miles an hour. It's a 45 zone through there.
- 21 Q. Okay. Four lanes?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And whenever the car stopped in front of you or slowed down
- 24 to turn, what did you do?
- 25 A. I also slowed and come almost to a dead stop.