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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
Plaintiff,

v. CASE NO. 01-2021-CF-3691-A  
ANDRE ABRAMS, SR.,  
Defendant.

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DEPOSITION OF: M [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]

DATE: August 2, 2024

PLACE: 209 Southwest Second Street  
Gainesville, Florida

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By Aubroncee S. Martin    3

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(No exhibits offered.)

1 NOTARY PUBLIC: And it is August 2, 2024. It's  
2 approximately 9:50 a.m., continuing depositions today in  
3 State versus Andre Abrams, Sr. Miss, please raise your  
4 right hand. Do you swear or - excuse me. Do you swear or  
5 affirm the testimony you're about to give will be the  
6 whole truth?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

8 NOTARY PUBLIC: Please state your full name for  
9 the record.

10 THE WITNESS: N [REDACTED] - middle name too?

11 NOTARY PUBLIC: Yes, ma'am.

12 THE WITNESS: N [REDACTED] B [REDACTED].

13 NOTARY PUBLIC: Can you speak up just a little  
14 bit for me?

15 THE WITNESS: N [REDACTED] B [REDACTED].

16 Okay.

17 NOTARY PUBLIC: Can you spell your first and  
18 middle name?

19 THE WITNESS: Uh-huh. My first name,  
20 N- [REDACTED] My middle name, [REDACTED].

21 NOTARY PUBLIC: Thank you. You can put your  
22 hand down.

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. MARTIN:

25 Q. Hey, good morning, Ms. B [REDACTED]

1 A. Good morning.

2 Q. My name is Aubroncee Martin, and I'll be  
3 representing Mr. Andre Abrams here today. Now, Mr. Abrams  
4 has been charged with the offense of aggravated assault  
5 with a deadly weapon. And your name has been listed as  
6 someone who - who was involved in that case in some  
7 manner. So let me ask you this, do you have some idea why  
8 you're - why you're here today?

9 A. No.

10 Q. All right. So your name's been listed as  
11 somebody who is a witness to an aggravated assault.

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. All right. So the accusation is that Mr. Abrams  
14 was - had shot a flamethrower at some people.

15 A. Wait, so I'm not a victim? I was in the car.

16 Q. Right.

17 A. So -

18 Q. Yeah. Okay.

19 A. So I'm confused.

20 Q. That's fine. And I don't want to confuse you.  
21 So let me ask you this, have you ever given a deposition  
22 before?

23 A. I don't think so. Probably like when it first  
24 ever happened.

25 Q. Right. So I suspect what that was, was

1 testimony where you went in to the state attorney's office  
2 and spoke with an assistant state attorney. I don't know.  
3 It could have been recorded, may not have been recorded.

4 A. Uh-huh.

5 Q. This is very similar to that. You may have been  
6 under oath. You may not have been under oath. Today,  
7 you're definitely going to be under oath.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. And so the idea here is that you're supposed to  
10 be as truthful and forthright as possible. This is only  
11 being recorded by audio means.

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. So it's important that you do your best to speak  
14 up. And when you respond to a question, do so out loud.  
15 Try not to shake your head no or yes or go uh-huh or uhn-  
16 uhn. Because the court reporter may have some difficulty  
17 understanding what you mean. All right?

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. All right. So how I'm going to start is begin  
20 by asking you a few questions about who you are. All  
21 right?

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. All right. So, ma'am, Ms. B [REDACTED], what is your  
24 present address?

25 A. [REDACTED]

1 Q. And do you - was this - one more time. I'm  
2 sorry.

3 A. .

4 Q. How long you been living there?

5 A. About - I don't want to be wrong. Six years.

6 Q. Six years?

7 A. Seven? I'm not sure. We've been in the same  
8 neighborhood for a long time, so I can't -

9 Q. All right. And do you expect to be there for  
10 like the next six, seven months or so?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. All right.

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And so what's your date of birth?

15 A. .

16 Q. And that makes you how old?

17 A. 18. I turn 19 in September.

18 Q. All right. And do you go to - do you - do you  
19 work? Go to school? Both? What?

20 A. I just finished work. I just stopped working.  
21 I started school on the 19th.

22 Q. All right. Where are you going to school at?

23 A. Santa Fe.

24 Q. What are you studying in Santa Fe or planning to  
25 study?

1 A. Phlebotomy.

2 Q. And where were you working at?

3 A. Hagios Early Learning.

4 Q. And please don't be offended by this question.

5 I ask everyone this question. Have you ever been  
6 convicted of a felony?

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. How about a crime of dishonesty, like petty  
9 theft, worthless check, anything like that?

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. All right. Do you know Andre Abrams from the  
12 neighborhood?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. All right. So like - like I said he has the  
15 allegation that Mr. Abrams threatened some individuals  
16 with a flamethrower. Do you know something about that?

17 A. Yeah. Are you still speaking on my case or  
18 anybody else?

19 Q. I'm talking about you. What you know about it?

20 A. I just - same stuff in the neighborhood. He  
21 never like threatened us with his words, but it was just  
22 always like, he can do what he want.

23 Q. So let me ask you this, did he ever shoot a  
24 flamethrower at you?

25 A. No. Other than when I was in the car.

1 Q. Huh?

2 A. No. Other than when we was in the car.

3 Q. Okay. So no, other than when you were in the  
4 car?

5 A. Uh-huh.

6 Q. All right. So you went "uh-huh" and shook your  
7 head on that.

8 A. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

9 Q. So is that yes or no?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. All right. Tell me about the situation in the  
12 car.

13 A. Okay. We just came back from school. We was  
14 going to north Central Florida and -

15 Q. And I'm sorry - sorry to interrupt. So who's  
16 we? You said "we."

17 A. It was me, my cousin M [REDACTED], and A [REDACTED]. A [REDACTED]  
18 was pregnant.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. When we was in the - when that happened, and we  
21 were sitting in the car, because usually after school we  
22 just sit in the car and talk, play music and stuff. And  
23 A [REDACTED] was parked in front of my mom's house. He didn't  
24 like when our neighbors parked in front of our house  
25 because he said it kept him from backing out. So



1 something like - I don't want to get off subject, but  
2 that's - he didn't like that. And we were sitting in the  
3 car. A [REDACTED] was sitting in the front-driver's seat. She  
4 drove us back and forth to school. I was sitting behind  
5 the driver's seat and M [REDACTED] was sitting on the side of  
6 me. Yeah, M [REDACTED] was sitting on the side of me. And we  
7 seen him come out with the flamethrower, but we didn't  
8 think he was going to blow it our way. Like, he usually  
9 just do it, like, when he want the kids to get from off  
10 the side - like they playing on the side, football and  
11 stuff, that's the only time he do it. He didn't like  
12 nobody playing around his house or being near his house,  
13 none of that. And so we were sitting in the car and we  
14 seen him come out. And it looked like he was checking the  
15 gas on it or something. I'm not sure. Like, he's  
16 checking the gas on it, so we seen  
17 him - something - because I'm - I'm scared of him just  
18 from like past stuff that happened. So like I was - I  
19 kept looking at him just to make sure, but, like, I didn't  
20 think he was going to do anything. So my attention got  
21 off of it when we was like conversating and stuff. And  
22 then, only thing I remember is him just shooting the  
23 flamethrower and it came like towards the car. He was  
24 standing in the middle of the road when he blew it at us.  
25 And when he blew it towards the car, I remember like

1 feeling the heat, like, from inside the car. And I - I  
2 remember trying to jump over my cousin and she was trying  
3 to get out too, because she was sitting on the other side  
4 of me. And I was trying to hurry up and jump over her,  
5 but she was trying to get out too. And then A [REDACTED], she  
6 jumped over from the driver's seat to the passenger seat  
7 to get out. Then about time we got out, I had - my mama  
8 and him had ran to the door because they heard us  
9 screaming.

10 Q. Your mama and what?

11 A. My mom. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to say him.  
12 But my mom and my grandma was in the house also.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. And she came after my - she heard my mama  
15 yelling like, what the - going on? Blah, blah, blah. And  
16 so, yeah. When we finally got out the car and she seen  
17 us, she was like - and I'm gonna call the police. Because  
18 I guess my mom was still seeing him with it in his hand.  
19 And of course, she seen us get out the car running and  
20 stuff. And I was like, he just blew it - he just blew it  
21 at the car. And so my mom was like, she's going to call  
22 the police. And she called the police and that was kind  
23 of what happened.

24 Q. All right. Can you describe this car? What  
25 kind of car was it?

1           A.    It's like a white - all I can remember is the  
2 color. I can't think of like the kind of car  
3 specifically.

4           Q.    Okay.

5           A.    She - A [REDACTED] got a new car since then. She drive  
6 Infinity now, so I don't know.

7           Q.    Say that one more time.

8           A.    A [REDACTED] drives a new car now. She drives  
9 Infinity, so I'm not sure what brand car it was.

10          Q.    What she had then? Right?

11          A.    Yes, what she had then. I can't remember.

12          Q.    So let me - let me ask you this. When you were  
13 in the car playing the music, was the car on or was it  
14 off? I mean the engine. Was the engine running or was  
15 the engine off?

16          A.    I can't remember.

17          Q.    All right.

18          A.    I can't.

19          Q.    But the music was on?

20          A.    Yeah. But the music wasn't loud -

21          Q.    Okay.

22          A.    - because we were having conversations.

23          Q.    Okay. What time of year was this?

24          A.    This was 2021.

25          Q.    I mean - I'm sorry. Was it - was it - and - and

1 let me be more specific. Was it cold outside? Was it hot  
2 outside?

3 A. Feel like it was hot. I - it's - I feel like it  
4 was hot. It's bits and patches. It was so long ago, so I  
5 don't remember. So I don't know.

6 Q. I guess what I'm trying to say - so, you know  
7 you had the radio on?

8 A. Yeah. But - and then when we was talking, I  
9 don't think that it was like - it wasn't, like, up.


10 Q. Right. Right.

11 A. We were able to still talk. We couldn't - we  
12 probably could barely hear the music when it was playing.  
13 That's just what we do after school. We sit in the car  
14 and just talk and stuff.

15 Q. Right. And so I was like - and I guess I'm  
16 trying to see, was the car on? Was the air condition on?  
17 Was it -

18 A. I can't really remember. That's probably no  
19 more - I just don't remember.

20 Q. Okay. Were the windows up or down?

21 A. We had - my window was up. I think, A   
22 passenger window was down.

23 Q. And when you say "your window was up" -

24 A. Yeah, my window was up.

25 Q. And that - was that - were you in the passenger?

1 The front-passenger seat or the back-passenger seat?

2 A. No. I was in the back seat. A [REDACTED] was in the  
3 driver's seat.

4 Q. All right.

5 A. I was in the back seat. Okay. The car is this  
6 way. I was on the left.

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 A. M [REDACTED] was on my right.

9 Q. Uh-huh.

10 A. And A [REDACTED] was in the driver's seat.

11 Q. All right. And so - and where is - in relation  
12 to where you were parked, where - where was your house at?

13 A. Right here.

14 Q. Okay. I don't know where. So was it on  
15 the - okay. Go ahead. But you're going to have to  
16 get - I don't - I don't want to put words -

17 A. I'm trying to demonstrate. Okay, let's say this  
18 is the car.

19 Q. Yes. You know, so here's the problem. I want  
20 to - yeah. This is just recording it, so yeah, they  
21 can't -

22 A. Oh.

23 MR. MCCAIN: They can't see your hands.

24 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

25 A. The car was in my yard.

1 Q. It was in your yard? Okay. Now, was it pulled  
2 into your yard or just right next to it? Like, was  
3 it - was it kind of -

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. - pulled into a driveway? Was it parallel with  
6 your house?

7 A. Kind of, but we have like a ditch. Everybody  
8 has like this ditch. It was like part of one in front of  
9 my house in the ditch area.

10 Q. In the -

11 A. But it was definitely in my yard. It wasn't  
12 like in the road. Halfway in the road.

13 Q. All right. And you were in the  
14 passenger - back-passenger seat? All right.

15 A. The passenger is - the driver. I was behind the  
16 driver's seat.

17 Q. Right.

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. Yeah, all that - all that in the  
20 back - back-passenger seat.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. So - and was - were you seated? Was your seat  
23 closest to the road or on the - closest to your house?

24 A. Closer to the road.

25 Q. Okay. And who was in that - and who - and so

- 1 they were how many people inside this car?
- 2 A. It was three of us.
- 3 Q. All right. And so was anybody in the back seat
- 4 with you, or were you in the back seat by yourself?
- 5 A. I was in the back seat with M [REDACTED]
- 6 Q. M [REDACTED]?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. So she was in the back-passenger seat on the -
- 9 A. Passenger seat.
- 10 Q. - side that's closest to the house. You shaking
- 11 your head. Is that a yes?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. All right.
- 14 A. Sorry.
- 15 Q. And then A [REDACTED] was in the driver's seat?
- 16 A. Yes. A [REDACTED] was in the driver's seat.
- 17 Q. And your window was -
- 18 A. My window was up.
- 19 Q. Was up?
- 20 A. My window was not down. It was up.
- 21 Q. It was up?
- 22 A. Uh-huh.
- 23 Q. All right.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. All right. So - all right. So you're in the

1 car. You get out the car and so you get out on the side  
2 closer to your house?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. All right. So you don't open your -

5 A. No. I didn't touch my door just because I felt  
6 the heat and I reacted so fast. I was - I was scared, so  
7 I jumped over. I tried to hurry up and get out.

8 Q. All right. So - and I assume you're able to  
9 successfully get out of the car?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Everybody got out the car?

12 A. Yes, we got out.

13 Q. All right. Did Mr. Abrams say anything to you  
14 when you got out the car?

15 A. Probably to my mom. I know my mom  
16 had - probably had words with him because she came halfway  
17 to the yard. Like, she didn't go past the car, but she  
18 was just telling him like I'm calling the police on you.  
19 And he was like call them. Call them.

20 Q. So he never said a word to you?

21 A. He didn't say nothing to - I went home. I went  
22 in the house. He didn't say anything to me.

23 Q. Did he say anything to any of the other girls  
24 that were in the car?

25 A. No, sir.



1 Q. All right. So you felt the heat from the  
2 flamethrowers?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All right. Can you tell me - estimate about how  
5 far away the flames were from you?

6 A. I really can't. Because I was sitting and all I  
7 could see was the - the fire come.

8 Q. Uh-huh.

9 A. Like, in that situation, I don't know how to - I  
10 don't - I did not know how to react. Like, I just felt  
11 heat. I seen fire and I knew because he always blew it.  
12 He don't like us. He don't like kids playing around his  
13 house. He did not play about his yard. So when he had  
14 blew it, like I said and it - you remember, I was told - I  
15 was the only person who was like I feel like he going to  
16 throw - he going to blow that thing. But because he  
17 always get in the road, he'll blow it. His stuff - so I  
18 was already in my head feeling like he was going to blow  
19 it, but I was trying to like not - because my mom used to  
20 tell us, don't look at him. Don't say anything to him or  
21 anything. So I was trying not to even look at him or just  
22 make him like - you know? And so when he blew it, I seen  
23 the fire shoot our way. I seen it shoot towards the car.  
24 And I just - when I felt the heat, I really wasn't  
25 thinking. I was trying to get out the car. That's my

1 main focus. I was trying to get out of the car. When you  
2 hear fire in the car, I think of crazy stuff.

3 Q. Right.

4 A. Like, I think if the car going to blow up or  
5 something. That's what I'd be thinking. So I didn't - I  
6 never been in a situation like that. I was trying to get  
7 out the car.

8 Q. Right.

9 A. I don't know how far it was.

10 Q. Did Mr. Abrams give you any indication that he  
11 was aware that you and your friends were in the car?

12 A. Yes, he seen us.

13 Q. Okay. Tell me about that. How do you know he  
14 saw you all?

15 A. He - okay. So when we pulled up, he was already  
16 on his porch. He sit on his porch all the time. He would  
17 just sit on his porch, have his phone out, stuff like  
18 that. Hear him having fits in his cameras and stuff. He  
19 seen us pull up and we never got out the car. We never  
20 got out the car. When he walked out, he was looking  
21 around. I said I wasn't trying to look at him. Because  
22 I'm saying don't look at him and stuff. So he was  
23 looking. He was looking in the car and stuff. She didn't  
24 have tints either.

25 Q. All right. When you say "she," who you

1 talking -

2 A. [REDACTED] did not have tints on her car.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. And, like, I probably made eye contact with him  
5 a few times. Just because I just kept looking. Trying  
6 to - and I was trying to stop looking at him. But  
7 he - I - he knew he was in the car. He was sitting on the  
8 porch when we pulled up. When he got up and came out, I  
9 just really just kept looking at him and trying to stop  
10 looking at him.

11 Q. Okay. So you saw that while you were in the  
12 car, you saw the flame, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you got out the car. When he got out - when  
15 you got out the vehicle, did he continue to shoot the  
16 flamethrower or did he stop?

17 A. He stopped. He didn't shoot in the air.

18 Q. Once you got out the car, he stopped?

19 A. Yeah. Once we got out of the car, he stopped.

20 Q. Okay.

21 A. And then ,that's - again, that's when my mom  
22 came out.

23 Q. All right. And so you said there were other  
24 incidents?

25 A. Yeah. It was, but it wasn't like big stuff. It

1 was just like - I remember one time my mom got in an  
2 argument with him. And I think this was because I think  
3 this when he first started shooting that flamethrower, and  
4 it was about the kids. It was about the kids because my  
5 little brother, he used to like record my little brother,  
6 anything he was doing. And - and I think he had threw a  
7 ball in his yard and he took the ball. My brother - my  
8 little brother threw a ball in his yard and Abram - right,  
9 Abram? What's his - that's his name?

10 Q. Oh, you - Mr. Abrams?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. He took my brother's ball after it landed in his  
14 yard. And like I remember him and my mom getting into it  
15 and it was like in the middle of the road. Like he came  
16 to - he came to the end of his yard, my mom came to the  
17 end of hers and they was just like going back and forth.  
18 And then she was just like telling him about himself.  
19 Like, you don't like these kids playing out here. It's a  
20 neighborhood. Such and such. I'm trying to think of  
21 another situation. One situation, where it's my - I have  
22 a little sister, her name is XXXXXXXXXX. She has a god-mom  
23 named "Crystal." And Crystal came and she parked like at  
24 the - she parked like where our ditch at in front of our  
25 house that I was saying, she parked in our yard. Her car

1 was like a little off the road and - and he backed up and  
2 hit her car, and then, just pulled off. And he would tell  
3 my mama, like, he don't like how our - we - we have too  
4 much company. We don't need people parking where he can't  
5 get out. It was just a whole bunch of situations with  
6 him. It was always situations with him. Neighborhood The  
7 flamethrower is probably the biggest ones. Like, even our  
8 neighbors across the road had problems with him by the  
9 flamethrower because they was right next to him and we  
10 across from him. So that was probably like the biggest  
11 problem, just the same thing. I can't think of nothing  
12 else.

13 Q. Okay. I know you said you can't think of  
14 anything else, but I got to ask you, anything else you  
15 want to add?

16 A. I'm trying to think. So much that happened.  
17 Been like a long time. There's nothing other than like  
18 the cameras and him recording us and stuff. Like, he  
19 would record us. And then one time I was at the health  
20 department. I don't know if he probably was there. He  
21 had something to handle or anything, but I had a WIC  
22 appointment with my son. And I was sitting at the  
23 bus-stop part because my - my grandma, she ended up  
24 leaving. She had to come back again. And I seen a car  
25 park and I seen a man with his phone up. I'm like, I

1 haven't seen him since like 2021. And this was like this  
2 year when I had to go to my WIC appointment. And I seen a  
3 man, he looked like he had his phone up recording me, but  
4 I was like, no. Maybe I'm overdoing it and stuff. And my  
5 baby wasn't walking at the time. So I just picked my baby  
6 up and I called my grandma and I was like, I feel like  
7 this man up here recording me, but I can't even see who it  
8 is. And then when she had finally pulled in and I walked  
9 by to get in the car, I seen his face. I seen his face  
10 because he had his little visor up. When I seen his face,  
11 I seen it was him. And that was like my first time seeing  
12 him since that incident. And he moved from the  
13 neighborhood and stuff. And I told my grandma and she was  
14 just like, if you speak to somebody else, just tell them.  
15 Tell them about that too. So that's the only thing I  
16 really remember.

17 Q. All right. Is there a phone number we can reach  
18 you at again, if we have questions?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What's the number?

21 A. It's [REDACTED].

22 Q. [REDACTED]?

23 A. [REDACTED].

24 Q. [REDACTED]?

25 A. [REDACTED].

1 Q. [REDACTED]?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. All right.

4 MR. MARTIN: I don't have any other questions.  
5 State might have some questions for you.

6 MR. MCCAIN: I don't have any other questions  
7 for you, ma'am. So you have the right, if you would like  
8 to read through the transcript of this conversation if it  
9 gets transcribed and at the end of that, you'd have the  
10 opportunity to make comments about the transcription,  
11 whether or not words had been mistyped or if you needed to  
12 add something. You can't change the transcript but you  
13 can put a little errata sheet at the end. You can also  
14 waive that right where you don't have to read the  
15 deposition and you don't have to make those comments.  
16 Would you like to read those - the transcript or would you  
17 like to waive that right?

18 THE WITNESS: I will wait for it.

19 MR. MCCAIN: You would - say that again.

20 THE WITNESS: I will wait. I can wait.

21 MR. MCCAIN: You can - you - but you would like  
22 to read it?

23 THE WITNESS: Oh, yeah.

24 MR. MCCAIN: Okay. Oh, sorry. We were not  
25 making the transcript. That's from the recording.

1 Someone may transcribe it in the future. If they do,  
2 we'll need a way of contacting you to give you the  
3 transcript so you can read through it. What would be your  
4 email address?

5 THE WITNESS: [REDACTED].

6 MR. MCCAIN: All right. So we'll put that down  
7 as a read.

8 MR. MARTIN: All right. Thank you, ma'am.

9 MR. MCCAIN: Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you, too.

11 (The deposition was concluded.)

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I, Jodi Moore, do hereby certify that the deposition of N [REDACTED] B [REDACTED], taken on August 2, 2024, in the case of State of Florida versus Andre Abrams, Sr., pending in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, Case No. 01-2021-CF-3691-A was transcribed by me and that the foregoing is true and accurate.

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