

DEPOSITION OF DUSTY STOCKARD
June 30, 2010

1 Q: State your name for the record please.

2 A: My name is Dusty Stockard.

3 Q: Where do you live?

4 A: Bootleg, Lone Star. Out on Highway 66 west of Armadillo. Little place, you could miss
5 it if you don't slow down through the blinking yellow light.

6 Q: How are you employed?

7 A: I work as an engineer at the local plant.

8 Q: What does the local plant manufacture?

9 A: Basically, it's the place where nuclear weapons go for a tune up after they've been out in
10 the field for a few years. We rework them and send them back on their merry way.

11 Q: Are you the spouse of Kim Stockard?

12 A: Yes, I am.

13 Q: And were you the parent of Channing Stockard?

14 A: Yes, I was. I am also the personal representative of her estate in terms of this lawsuit.

15 Q: How old was Channing at the time of her death?

16 A: She was just seventeen.

17 Q: Where was she in school at that point, a junior or senior?

18 A: She was in the summer before her senior year.

19 Q: Did she have college plans at that point?

20 A: Yes, she had been offered and had accepted a scholarship from MIT to study physics,
21 which was really her passion. She wanted to become a nuclear physicist. Family
22 business, I guess.

23 Q: What happened to Channing that caused her untimely death?

24 A: Mitch Murphy happened to her is what happened. Sorry, I should be more detached and
25 professional than to say that. What I meant was that she sustained fatal injuries at

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1 approximately 7:30 p.m. on June 22, 2009 in a vehicular accident involving a parked
2 tractor trailer unit and Kim's red automobile, being driven at the time by the bastard
3 Mitch Murphy.

4 Q: Why was she in the car with Mr. Murphy at the time?

5 A: Kim asked Mitch to go pick up Channing at the Armadillo Airport on that day. Channing
6 had been away for three weeks on a European vacation and was returning to the
7 Armadillo Airport. Kim and I could not go get her because we were both working, and
8 could not get off of our jobs. Because of that, Kim asked Mitch to go pick up Channing.

9 Q: Why did Kim ask Mitch Murphy to go get Channing?

10 A: Beats me. If I'd been consulted, I would have said "no." Murphy was a notoriously bad
11 driver. This is not his first rodeo with vehicular accidents, you know.

12 Q: Were you familiar with Mitch's reputation in the community for driving above the speed
13 limit?

14 A: You bet. I heard that he drove like Dale Earnhart. The son, not the dead one.

15 Q: When did you hear this?

16 A: Probably a year or so before the accident. Some of the people at the café were talking
17 about it one day. But to answer your specific question, his reputation in the community
18 for speeding was bad. He drove fast all the time, way beyond the speed limit regardless
19 of what the speed limit was.

20 Q: How many accidents had he been involved in before this one?

21 A: I personally know of two, both of them his fault. Since he killed Channing, I've been
22 told that he had a couple I was not aware of. So that's four and counting before Kim
23 turned him loose with that sports car. And one of the two I know about involved some
24 impairment on his part, ganja as I recall.

25 Q: Ganja?

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1 A: Weed. Mary Jane. Pot. Grass. Herb. Reefer. Marijuana, for Pete's sake. You born in
2 this state?

3 Q: Can you identify Exhibit 5?

4 A: Yes, that's a certified copy of an arrest report where Mitch was arrested at the scene of
5 one of his many wrecks. You can see that he was charged with speeding and being
6 stoned. You familiar with that word?

7 Q: Somewhat. Did you talk to Channing on that day?

8 A: Yes, a couple of times. She called when her plane landed and again as she and Mitch
9 were hurtling toward home.

10 Q: Do you recall the substance of the conversation after Mitch picked her up?

11 A: Yes, it must have been just moments before the smashup. I called to see where they
12 were. She answered and you could hear Mitch yakking in the background and Channing
13 was alternating between talking to me and talking to him. I heard her say to Mitch
14 "Mitch, we must be doing 105."

15 Q: What else did she say?

16 A: Right after she said "we must be doing 105," the cell signal faded or something and her
17 voice got garbled and I couldn't understand what she said. Then the signal came back
18 and I heard her say "Hey Mitch—things can happen pretty fast."

19 Q: Were you able to hear Mitch say anything in response?

20 A: I heard Mitch say "whoopee" in a really excited voice.

21 Q: Were you aware of any romantic relationship between Mitch and Channing?

22 A: No, I had no idea that there was any kind of relationship going on between those two
23 kids. Channing never said anything to me about it. She wasn't interested in boys, far as
24 we could tell. She had her mind on more important things, usually. A very serious girl.

25 Q: Did you later discover there might have been such a relationship?

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1 A: Yes, I suppose so. You know, one of the hard things we had to do was gather up her stuff
2 from the inside of that wrecked out car. One of the things we found was her computer, an
3 Apple of all things. We turned it on to see if it was still working and found ourselves on
4 her Facebook page. It appeared she was somehow involved with Mitch from some of the
5 messages we saw there.

6 Q: Can you identify Exhibit 6?

7 A: Yes, that's a screen print from Channing's computer. Pretty out of character for her, I
8 must say, but there it was on her computer, protected by the family password we all used
9 at the time. "NUCLARE."

10 Q: Any doubt that this was her Facebook page and her message to Mitch?

11 A: No, I was puzzled by it because it's so not like her, so I had one of the computer jockeys
12 at work take a look. He said it was in fact her page and her message.

13 Q: Did Kim pay Mitch anything to go pick up Channing?

14 A: Kim says she offered to pay Mitch, but he adamantly refused any compensation.

15 Q: Did you personally give Mitch permission to take Kim's car to Armadillo to pick up
16 Channing?

17 A: Have you listened to anything I've said? I absolutely did not give that person, Mitch
18 Murphy, permission to drive any car at any time for any reason.

19 Q: How did you hear about the accident?

20 A: After that last call, I didn't hear from her for awhile and they didn't get home, so I called
21 Trooper Tim Williams, who made some calls and then came over to the house. When I
22 saw him on the front porch, I knew he had some bad news.

23 Q: Are you familiar with the site of the accident?

24 A: Yes, we pass by there every time we go to Armadillo. When the officer told me where it
25 happened, I knew exactly where that was.

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1 Q: What is the road like at the point of the collision?

2 A: Well, of course you have that little hill just before the overpass, and as soon as you top it
3 you start down into a long gradual slope to the underpass where Highway 66 and
4 Speedway Road cross.

5 Q: Have you ever had trouble seeing other vehicles as you came over that little hill?

6 A: Not at all. It's very straight and very easy to see for a long way out in our part of the
7 state.

8 **CROSS EXAMINATION**

9 Q: When you've driven the highway where the accident happened, have you ever seen a
10 truck stopped in the middle of the road?

11 A: No, can't say we've ever seen exactly that.

12 Q: Or anything close?

13 A: We saw a deer there at that exact spot a couple months after the accident, and we didn't
14 have any trouble avoiding that accident.

15 Q: Can you identify 12?

16 A: It's an even dozen. Not a prime number. Square of 3.4641016151.

17 Q: Can you identify Exhibit 12?

18 A: Yeah, that's a letter I received.

19 Q: How far is Clinton, Oklahoma from Bootleg?

20 A: Right at 92 miles by highway.
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