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The recorded meeting of LINDA NEEZY

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1 TAPED STATEMENT OF LINDA NEEZY:

2 BY MIKE WASHINGTON:

3 Q Okay. We'll be conducting the first interview of  
4 this criminal investigation here at Cypress  
5 Bayou Casino. My name is Master Trooper Mike  
6 Washington. I'll be facilitating this interview  
7 with Linda Neezy who is the Human Resource  
8 Director --

9 A Manager.

10 Q -- Manager at Cypress Bayou Casino. Today's  
11 date is January 20th, 2016. The time is 2:45  
12 p.m. and we have Sergeant Preston Savoy who is  
13 sitting in and participating with the interview.  
14 But, Linda, [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED].

16 A [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

17 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED]

19 Q Okay. And what's your position here at Cypress?

20 A HR Manager.

21 Q Okay. How long have you been here?

22 A Since August of '94.

23 Q Okay. And like I explained to you, this is a  
24 criminal investigation concerning some bonus  
25 lists that was generated and we understand there

1 was an original list that came out and then  
2 there was a subsequent list that was amended to  
3 include some persons who may not have qualified  
4 for those bonuses. So can you explain that --

5 A Now as far as the list that -- I didn't see any  
6 list with his name on it. The list I have does  
7 not have his name on it.

8 Q Okay.

9 A But after the bonuses were distributed I did get  
10 a request to reactivate him so that he could get  
11 paid a bonus.

12 Q Okay. Who -- who is this? O'Neil Darden, the  
13 chairman, O'Neil Darden?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Okay. Who requested --

16 A My --

17 Q O'Neil to be added?

18 A Anthony Patrone sent me an email asking us to do  
19 what we -- to activate him so they could  
20 generate a check for him.

21 Q And this was at what point was the first list?  
22 This is a --

23 A Bonuses were distributed in December.

24 Q Okay.

25 A This came up after that sometime in January.

1 Q Okay, in January. Did he say why he wanted  
2 O'Neil to be added?

3 A No, he did not.

4 Q Okay. Was that -- what's the rules in terms of  
5 the chairman receiving bonuses as far as your  
6 knowledge?

7 A Well to my knowledge the way this happened is  
8 O'Neil was employed here during that bonus  
9 period.

10 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

11 A And since I've been here that's the first  
12 chairman we've had that was an employee.

13 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

14 A But most of the time if you're not here, if  
15 you're not actively employed, you do not get a  
16 bonus.

17 Q Okay.

18 A But we never had a chairman who was an employee  
19 of the casino before.

20 Q Okay. And what did the email say? Do you have  
21 a copy of it?

22 A Yes, I do.

23 Q Yeah, you may have to provide that, if you don't  
24 mind, at some point.

25 A That's not a problem.

1 MR. SAVOY:

2 You have it on your phone or --

3 A I don't know. I don't know if it goes back that  
4 far. But I have a copy in my office.

5 MR. SAVOY:

6 Yes, a copy of it --

7 A I can forward it to you. And after that I did  
8 get an email from Montie Spivey, the CFO,  
9 telling us to undo that.

10 Q Okay.

11 A To -- see, our part in HR all we could do it  
12 activate him far enough in the system for  
13 payroll to generate a check.

14 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

15 A Okay. That was -- that's what we were  
16 instructed to do. So I got the information, the  
17 PAF was generated that was signed. A PAF is a  
18 personnel action form.

19 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

20 A Montie Spivey signed it to activate him and he  
21 also signed it to deactivate him.

22 Q At what point did they decide to deactivate?  
23 Did Montie make that request to deactivate him?  
24 What's your time line?

25 A I forgot all of my stuff. Probably about maybe

1           like a week in between. It was like a week, a  
2           week and half in between the request to do so  
3           and the request to undo it.

4                   MR. SAVOY:

5                           When was this? You remember?

6    A       It was the end of -- it had to be some time  
7           again in January.

8    Q       Early January?

9    A       Uh-huh (affirmative response). If you want I  
10           can go get you all that stuff.

11   Q       No.

12                   MR. SAVOY:

13                           Did you question it at all when he sent  
14           you that email?

15   A       Yes, I did question it. I went to his office  
16           and I'm like, you know, this is different. Why  
17           are we, you know, why are we doing this? And  
18           he's like well he did work part of the fiscal  
19           year time when we earned it. And basically it  
20           was a request from Anthony Patrone. So when he  
21           requested it to be done, it was done.

22   Q       Did you guys -- do you guys generate the bonus  
23           list, Human Resource, do y'all generate?

24   A       We normally have more of a part in it. This  
25           year we really didn't. Montie generated it --

1 Q Okay.

2 A -- and he sent it to me. I don't even have the  
3 amounts on my list.

4 Q Okay.

5 A My list is just who was eligible for it. I  
6 don't have a list of -- I don't even know what  
7 amount this was, this check was for.

8 MR. SAVOY:

9 And the original list that you  
10 generated, that was the end of December?

11 A Uh-huh (affirmative response). I have that on  
12 my computer as well.

13 MR. SAVOY:

14 Is that like December 31st or like  
15 before?

16 A No. We got our bonuses before December.  
17 Somewhere around mid-December maybe.

18 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

19 Q Okay.

20 MR. SAVOY:

21 Okay.

22 A And I have that too.

23 MR. SAVOY:

24 And that original list, O'Neil was not  
25 on that list?



1 A No, he was not.

2 MR. SAVOY:

3 Okay.

4 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

5 Q How much did they approve the bonus, you  
6 remember, for O'Neil?

7 A I don't know. I didn't see -- I didn't even see  
8 the check --

9 Q Oh, he just --

10 A -- if it was printed, I didn't.

11 Q -- he just added basically the name was added --

12 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

13 Q Not, not the amounts?

14 A Yeah, my list has only names. I don't know --  
15 unless I go in the system and look a person, I  
16 don't know what the amounts were, were given.

17 Q And what, it may be a strange question, but what  
18 -- did you expect me, the state police, to call  
19 you at some point?

20 A Not at all. Not at all. Because, I mean, I  
21 just really didn't even think about, you know,  
22 doing anything other than what my boss asked me  
23 to do.

24 MR. SAVOY:

25 Right. Did you have discussion with

1                   anybody? Anybody bring any discussion about  
2                   this investigation that was coming up?

3   A    Uh-uh (negative response).

4                   MR. SAVOY:

5                   Or any questions about that?

6   A    Not -- no. You got me good today. I'm very  
7                   surprised.

8                   MR. SAVOY:

9                   Okay. But you keep all your  
10                  documentation when -- which is that was out  
11                  of the norm because like you said --

12   A    I kept all of my stuff.

13                  MR. SAVOY:

14                  -- this is the first --

15   A    I kept all of my stuff for that.

16                  MR. SAVOY:

17                  This is the first time that --

18   A    This has ever been a question.

19                  MR. SAVOY:

20                  The chairman has been --

21   A    Yeah.

22                  MR. SAVOY:

23                  -- a former employee?

24   A    You know that, you know that left from here to  
25                  go there, yes.

1 MR. SAVOY:

2 Okay.

3 A Since I've been here. And that's the first  
4 request I've gotten from anyone to give someone  
5 a check that wasn't actively working.

6 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

7 Q Okay. Because he's got -- when did he become  
8 chairman?

9 A In June.

10 Q Okay.

11 MR. SAVOY:

12 June 29th. Was that the elections? I  
13 think --

14 A The election was like the beginning of June. He  
15 got sworn in maybe July 1st, something like  
16 that.

17 MR. SAVOY:

18 The -- I think that had June 29th --

19 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

20 Q So they tried to give him a bonus, I guess, for  
21 that period of time he worked? Like from  
22 January to June or is that --

23 A Our fiscal year is September -- October 1 to  
24 September 30th.

25 Q Okay.

1 A So from October 1 to June 29th, his last day --

2 Q Yeah.

3 A -- I guess they probably gave him a portion. I  
4 don't even know what it was. I don't know.  
5 Normally a director would get ten percent of  
6 whatever their pay was. But I don't know if  
7 they were prorating it or how they were working  
8 it.

9 Q Okay.

10 MR. SAVOY:

11 That has to be approved by --

12 A The council.

13 MR. SAVOY:

14 The council.

15 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

16 Q Do you have the paperwork or the policy for the  
17 bonuses and all of that?

18 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

19 Q And if you can provide us with that so --

20 A Okay.

21 Q -- in terms of the rules --

22 A I got that.

23 Q -- and eligibility and type of stuff.

24 A I have that.

25 Q So you were well aware that O'Neil was basically

1           -- for you to challenge Anthony I'm sure you  
2           must have been suspicious about that?

3       A     I did question. I'm like, you know, you know,  
4           you know why we doing this? You know, and they  
5           were like he worked part of the fiscal year. We  
6           want to make sure he's compensated for the time  
7           he worked.

8       Q     What did the policy say?

9       A     That is not addressed in the policy at all.  
10          Anyone who's not here at the time bonuses are  
11          generated normally wouldn't get a bonus.

12      Q     Yeah, because I guess that's no different from  
13          somebody who gets -- who resigns? You know,  
14          they may have worked, you know what I'm saying?

15      A     Yeah. And they could have worked on September  
16          29th and they wouldn't get a bonus if they  
17          weren't here.

18      Q     Right. That's what I say but I'll have to -- I  
19          would like to look at the policy and read it and  
20          see what it says.

21      A     Okay.

22      Q     Let me flip through this because we had a few  
23          little questions in particular. Let's see.  
24          Okay. What about the one day hire of O'Neil?

25      A     That's what we had to do. We had to reactivate

1 him in the system --

2 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

3 A -- in order for payroll to be able to generate a  
4 check. Our systems work together.

5 Q Okay.

6 A So we activated him and then payroll, after they  
7 cut the check, I deactivated him.

8 Q Okay. So you had to -- explain the process.

9 You had to go into the system --

10 A Uh-huh (affirmative response). And make him --

11 Q Make him an employee --

12 A Active.

13 Q -- or what did you make him? What was it

14 titled? You had to put a title?

15 A The same title he had and just --

16 Q Okay.

17 A -- activating him back to what he was.

18 Q And then you deactivated the next day or the --

19 A The next couple days after they cut the check.

20 I got an email from payroll saying we cut the  
21 check so then he was deactivated. Jolinda in my  
22 office does activations.

23 Q Well who did that, you?

24 A No, I didn't physically do it. But she did it  
25 based on a PAF I gave her.

1 Q Jolinda?

2 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

3 Q What's her last name?

4 A Latham.

5 Q Okay. Jolinda.

6 MR. SAVOY:

7 That's what I was trying to think too.

8 How it works. Okay so Patrone tells you to  
9 reactivate him?

10 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

11 MR. SAVOY:

12 You go in the system, you reactivate  
13 him and then it goes from you --

14 A Payroll cuts the --

15 MR. SAVOY:

16 Okay. Well who's in charge of payroll?  
17 Who would be the authority for that?

18 A Montie Spivey, CFO.

19 MR. SAVOY:

20 Montie.

21 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

22 Q Okay.

23 A And you know, like, like, they told me to do  
24 something. Jolinda did what I asked her to do.

25 MR. SAVOY:

1 Right.

2 A His people did what he asked them to do.

3 MR. SAVOY:

4 Right. They're just following orders.

5 A Yeah. But he didn't physically do it either is  
6 what I'm trying to tell you. He had his payroll  
7 people do it.

8 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

9 Q Who? Who was --

10 A That would be Cindy Blanchard.

11 Q Up here?

12 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

13 Q I'll have to write these names down because I  
14 got -- Linda, I'm gonna have to get you to write  
15 a statement at some point.

16 A Okay.

17 Q You don't have to do it now. You can take it  
18 with you. But we gonna need you to put all of  
19 this information in there because it's pertinent  
20 to the investigation. And like I say, this is  
21 all a confidential.

22 A Yes.

23 Q You're not gonna -- so just put the truth down.

24 A Well I mean, it is what it is.

25 Q So Cindy in payroll and accounting -- what's her



1 last name?

2 A Blanchard.

3 Q Yeah, okay, Blanchard. So Cindy basically --  
4 what does she do now? She --

5 A They're the ones who ran the check. They, they  
6 process the check.

7 Q She cut the check or she --

8 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

9 Q Okay. I know that's what they do, payroll.

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. And Jolinda --

12 A Yes.

13 Q Latham. She basic -- put in the system is what  
14 she done?

15 A Yes, she just put --

16 Q Activated?

17 A And she just put in the system the paperwork I  
18 gave her.

19 Q And all this, I mean, was at the request of  
20 Anthony?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Is what you're saying?

23 A Yes.

24 MR. SAVOY:

25 Okay. He's the sole authority to get

1           that or he has to get that -- would there be  
2           a second signature?

3 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

4 Q       Would Montie, would Montie, the CFO? I mean, I  
5       know, a lot of times when they sign checks and  
6       everything there's three of them.

7 A       Now I don't know who signed the check. That I  
8       can't tell you because I never saw the check. I  
9       don't know who signed the check. But those were  
10      paper checks. It wasn't a -- no, it was not.  
11      It was a direct deposit.

12 Q      So he direct deposited it to his account?

13 A      Yes. All of, all of everybody else's checks was  
14      a paper check. This I know was a direct  
15      deposit.

16 Q      Oh, okay.

17 A      Because I got an email from, I don't know who it  
18      was from, but they were asking did, did he  
19      reimburse the money, to give it back.

20                   MR. SAVOY:

21                   Did he? Do you know?

22 A      I don't know. I got that email too.

23 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

24 Q      Yeah, keep all that. We gonna need every copy  
25      you got.

1 A I am.

2 Q All right. And this was the only check?

3 O'Neil's check was the only one direct  
4 deposited?

5 A As far as I'm aware.

6 Q You know if it was a checking -- well I guess  
7 checking or savings?

8 A I'm not sure what kind but it's on --

9 MR. SAVOY:

10 It'll be --

11 A It's on record. Yeah, it's on record.

12 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

13 Q All right. And you said as far as that -- Okay.

14 So it was actually a couple days, I guess --

15 A It was --

16 Q -- he was employed for --

17 A It was a --

18 Q -- how many days?

19 A It was a --

20 Q A week, few days?

21 A It was probably less than a week. It wasn't  
22 that long.

23 Q Like several days? Three, four, five?

24 A I'm not sure exactly. I have to look at my  
25 paperwork.

1 Q Okay.

2 A But I have the PAF that we activated him with  
3 and I have the one that was deactivated.

4 Q And you did both? You activated -- well who  
5 activated? Did Jolinda activate and deactivate?

6 A Jolinda did, yeah. Jolinda activated him and  
7 deactivated him. And Montie signed both of  
8 them.

9 Q Okay. Did Montie -- what interaction did you  
10 have with Montie in all of this?

11 A I just had him to sign the paperwork because I  
12 didn't feel like I should sign it.

13 MR. SAVOY:

14 Did you physically bring it?

15 A I brought it to him.

16 MR. SAVOY:

17 You witnessed him signing it?

18 A Uh-huh (affirmative response). I walked it  
19 upstairs to him both times.

20 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

21 Q Oh, okay. So you did not sign it?

22 A Uh-uh (negative response). No.

23 Q That's smart.

24 A Not really.

25 Q Well, I mean --

1 A No, I did not sign anything.

2 Q Okay. And so you said you didn't have anything  
3 to do with the list? Generating -- human  
4 resources doesn't have anything to do with  
5 generating the list?

6 A We normally do but Montie --

7 Q In this case --

8 A -- sent it to me. He did this last year too  
9 though.

10 Q Oh, okay.

11 A The last year I had the list with all the  
12 amounts on it. This year I didn't have that.  
13 We just made sure that once he did it, he sent  
14 it to me and we made sure that everybody on  
15 there didn't have corrective issues. You know,  
16 we just verified that should be the people who  
17 get it. And that was pretty much it.

18 Q Was it everybody?

19 A Yes, it's everybody. It's based on --

20 Q All employees?

21 A Uh-huh (affirmative response). It's based on  
22 how long you've been here, if you had corrective  
23 counseling, things like that. And certain  
24 levels get certain percentages.

25 Q Okay.

1 MR. SAVOY:

2 So everybody on the list qualified for  
3 a bonus?

4 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

5 MR. SAVOY:

6 All right.

7 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

8 Q Any other person was ineligible for bonuses that  
9 you know of, besides O'Neil?

10 A Yes, other people were ineligible but it was  
11 based on if they had corrective counseling, if  
12 they hadn't been here long enough. If they  
13 weren't here at least a year they didn't get a  
14 bonus. If they had more than two write ups they  
15 didn't get a bonus. Things like that but it  
16 wasn't, it wasn't because they were no longer  
17 employed.

18 Q Well, any other non-employees I guess is what  
19 I'm asking?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay. Okay. And who approves the bonuses? I  
22 mean, once the list is generated, that -- you  
23 have anything to do with that?

24 A Once the list is generated it's basically --

25 Q The council?

1 A The council approves giving bonuses period.

2 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

3 A I don't -- they don't individually look at the  
4 people.

5 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

6 A They just say okay you can pay out whatever the  
7 amount is for bonuses. And they probably do  
8 have to ask for if they want to give someone a  
9 different amount than what they qualify. But  
10 that's between Anthony and the council.

11 Q Okay. Another issue we have with the bonuses.  
12 At what point did the council -- what's the  
13 normal protocol for the council approving those  
14 bonuses? Don't they have to give the approval  
15 before they're issued?

16 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

17 Q How does that work?

18 A But I, I think what that is basically, you can  
19 pay this amount, this much money out in bonuses.

20 Q Oh, okay. They don't quantify the, you know,  
21 each?

22 A No. The only thing I think if he would say, say  
23 I'm a manager. If he wanted to give me more  
24 than five percent he probably would have to ask  
25 them that, but I'm not in on those meetings.

1           That's his meetings with them.

2       Q       Because what they're saying -- one of the issues  
3           that we have was that the bonuses were actually  
4           paid before the council's approval.

5       A       No. I don't believe. I don't think that.

6       Q       Was it a verbal? Does it have to be written or  
7           verbal or it doesn't --

8       A       He goes to -- he has his own meetings with the  
9           council.

10      Q       Uh-huh (affirmative response).

11      A       And he let's us know they approved --

12      Q       Okay.

13      A       -- bonus payout. And they were not cut until  
14           after that conversation as far as I know. I  
15           don't think that he could give a bonus without  
16           them having some knowledge of it.

17      Q       Okay.

18      A       Because bonuses cannot be paid out until after  
19           the auditors are here. That's why it's always  
20           December and our fiscal year ends in October.  
21           They have to do the audit before bonuses are  
22           paid out.

23      Q       Okay. You got anything else, Sarge? I mean,  
24           I'm trying to see if we touched on -- anything  
25           else you want to share why we got you on record?



1           Because I mean if we find out something else I'm  
2           going to have to bring you back in here.

3           Because we got to interview a lot of people and  
4           I don't know what they gonna tell me so if you  
5           know --

6   A       Well that was pretty much my --

7   Q       Main thing?

8   A       -- my part of it. But what I did understand is  
9           that the council was talked to about O'Neil at  
10          some point. I don't know when.

11   Q       Uh-huh (affirmative response).

12   A       But from what my understanding is, they knew  
13          that they wanted to pay him a bonus and they  
14          probably approved it.

15   Q       The council?

16   A       That's what -- that's what my understanding is.

17   Q       And your understanding is based on what?

18   A       Based on what I was told by Anthony. Based on  
19          what Anthony had said. He said they don't --  
20          they, they --

21   Q       But you don't, you don't know for certain it's  
22          just based on what he told you?

23   A       No. It's just what he said.

24   Q       Okay.

25   A       I've not spoken to anybody about that.

1 Q Okay. Okay. Let me flip through to make sure  
2 we have covered everything. I think that's --  
3 Okay. And you said you were not familiar with  
4 the -- well I guess you wouldn't have modified  
5 the list? Because if my understanding -- there  
6 was two list. The original list that did not  
7 include O'Neil and then the modified list.

8 A The only, the only list I've seen is the one  
9 that I have in my computer that does not have  
10 O'Neil on it. It just has active people on that  
11 list.

12 Q And you said you can provide us --

13 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

14 Q -- a copy? Okay. Yeah, just -- yeah, we gonna  
15 definitely need a copy of everything that you  
16 have.

17 A You want me to email you this or bring it to  
18 you?

19 Q Nah, I'll probably -- what you think, Sarge?

20 MR. SAVOY:

21 It -- probably print it out.

22 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

23 Q Yeah, print it out that way we'll have the  
24 documents because that way --

25 MR. SAVOY:

1                   That way we can initial it and whatnot.

2                   We can --

3 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

4 Q       Yeah.

5                   MR. SAVOY:

6                   We can give her a receipt for it.

7 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

8 Q       Yeah, yeah, we'll just -- yeah, if you can print  
9           it all out and we'll give you a receipt that we  
10          received it from you.

11                  MR. SAVOY:

12                  Same with the emails.

13 A       Okay. Okay.

14 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

15 Q       And let's see, let me just make sure -- any, I  
16          guess --

17                  MR. SAVOY:

18                  Only kind of -- you got to kind of  
19                  revert back if you need to check your  
20                  emails.

21 A       I'll put my notes --

22                  MR. SAVOY:

23                  I'm just trying to get the progression  
24                  straight.

25 A       Yeah. Well I have, I have from the -- I have my

1 email me that tells me to do it.

2 MR. SAVOY:

3 Right.

4 A And I have email that tells me it was undone.

5 MR. SAVOY:

6 Right.

7 A And anything in between I have.

8 MR. SAVOY:

9 But, but generally that original list  
10 was closed out in December, well, December  
11 1st? Is that right?

12 A It wasn't the 1st. We got bonuses, like, in the  
13 middle of December, like, the 14th, 15th.

14 MR. SAVOY:

15 But what I'm saying is when is that  
16 list finalized? The list --

17 A The list was finalized before they cut those  
18 checks.

19 MR. SAVOY:

20 Well I'm sure, so that would have been  
21 somewhere in December?

22 A Say between December 1st and the 10th.

23 MR. SAVOY:

24 Okay.

25 A Something like that.

1 MR. SAVOY:

2 So once that list is finalized and  
3 closed, that's it, generally. That how --

4 A Normally.

5 MR. SAVOY:

6 -- it normally works. And then prior  
7 to the bonuses being paid out you were asked  
8 by Patrone to add O'Neil to the list?

9 A No. After bonuses were paid out.

10 MR. SAVOY:

11 After they were paid out.

12 A Uh-huh (affirmative response). See because this  
13 -- what happened is December was closed out when  
14 they asked for this.

15 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

16 Q Yeah, that's what -- that's what I'm  
17 understanding. The financial aid over there  
18 that was her problem that she, you know, that's  
19 --

20 A Yeah, because it's --

21 Q Yeah, the books are closed out --

22 A Uh-huh (affirmative response).

23 Q -- and she can't -- yeah.

24 A That's why -- and I -- that's why it would have  
25 looked like he had earnings in 2016. Because

1 2015 was closed out.

2 Q Right. So she couldn't -- yeah. That's  
3 probably why they gave it back too.

4 A Because, because when Montie asked me to do --  
5 when Montie, you know, I got the email and I  
6 went to Montie to sign it. I'm like, why y'all  
7 doing this? I said, this is gonna be earnings  
8 for 2016 because a bonus is considered wages.

9 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

10 A A bonus is wages. And O'Neil left here in 2015.  
11 So, you know, maybe that's why they may have  
12 thought about it.

13 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

14 Q Yeah, that's why they backed off it, you see.

15 A Because this will come up as wages and, you  
16 know, how you have wages after you left? So  
17 maybe that's, I'm thinking, why it was backed  
18 out.

19 Q Yeah, it makes sense. That's probably why  
20 because I was trying to figure -- yeah, because  
21 if it was direct deposited that's probably what  
22 -- yeah.

23 A Well what happens is for 401K, because that's  
24 what I was saying, I was like this is gonna come  
25 up on audit. Because this is gonna be wages for

1 a year he didn't work.

2 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response).

3 A So, you know, maybe that's why it ended up when  
4 they thought about it probably. That's just  
5 what I think. No one has told me that, but --  
6 because that's a request that never has been  
7 asked for.

8 Q Uh-huh (affirmative response). Anything with --  
9 are you familiar with Anthony's bonus?

10 A No. I never see his bonus.

11 Q Increase? Okay. Anything with him? Okay.

12 MR. SAVOY:

13 You hear any conversation about that?

14 Any discussion?

15 A I know that he received an increase in pay. And  
16 if he got an increase in pay, his bonus probably  
17 went up because that's a percentage of that too.  
18 But I don't know what his percentage is. I  
19 don't know if it's ten percent like the highest  
20 one or not.

21 BY MR. WASHINGTON:

22 Q Okay. Were any requests made from the Gaming  
23 Commission to you all about receiving some  
24 documents? Because I understand they said you  
25 guys refused to give them documents, is what

1           they --

2   A       Documents for what?

3   Q       Like some of this stuff I'm requesting.

4   A       I have not heard anything about this until  
5           today.

6   Q       Okay. And that -- it was just -- that's what I  
7           heard. And I figured y'all -- I knew you would  
8           be cooperative.

9   A       No. I would never refuse anybody anything.

10   Q       Okay. All right. Well I appreciate it, Linda.  
11           Sarge, you got anything else?

12                   MR. SAVOY:

13                           No.

14   BY MR. WASHINGTON:

15   Q       We got a few more people.

16                   MR. SAVOY:

17                           Just to let you know that we are  
18                   recording. This is audio recording, you  
19                   have any issues with that?

20   A       No.

21                   MR. SAVOY:

22                           Okay.

23   BY MR. WASHINGTON:

24   Q       I think I let you know that initially.

25   A       Yeah, you did.



1 Q I say, I want to make sure --

2 A You told me before you turned it on.

3 Q Yeah, okay. And it's mainly just to document to  
4 go back and, you know, for reporting purposes  
5 too and stuff. That way we can't twist your  
6 words either so. And I -- but I -- we will give  
7 you this statement. I guess this is the one she  
8 can fill out.

9 A Okay.

10 Q And just write what you told me, Linda,  
11 everything. And if you need any additional,  
12 anything else just call us.

13 A Okay.

14 Q I mean, you got my card.

15 A Oh, I can find you.

16 Q Yeah, that's what I say, just -- but I  
17 appreciate you taking the time out and coming.

18 A You scared the hell out of me.

19 Q We gonna end this recording. January 20th at  
20 15:08.

21 (AUDIO CONCLUDED)

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