

### **Meeting with Sheriff Lee Cannon, February 3, 1995: Transcript**

This transcript is intended to accompany the compact disk (CD) audio or data recording and/or audiotape of the title meeting from which it was transcribed; namely: a dub of the enhancement prepared by West End Recording, Tampa, Florida, Brian McKown, Sound Engineer.

My, Robert F. Blevins' letter of December 7, 1997, to the United States Department of Justice (USDJ) should be used as a reference, particularly several pivotal events: a) October 18, 1994, attempted murder, terrorist raid(ref. Pp. 25-27); b) William R. "Bill" Webb's investiture, January 27, 1995 (pp. 27-28); c) Meeting with Sheriff Cannon on February 3, 1995 (page 28); d) Ruth's and my October 13, 1995, report to State Attorney Bernie McCabe about the Webb/Sheriff Cannon terrorizing incident of October 18, 1994 (page 30); and e) the October 15, 1996, cover-of-darkness Sheriff Cannon raid (pp. 31-32). I recommend at least these sections be reviewed prior to, or concurrent with listening to the recording and reviewing this transcript.

The meeting below was attended by: Sheriff Lee Cannon, his note taker Vicki Clark, Ruth's and my daughters Connie B. Cieszynski and Kimberly Blevins, and myself Robert F. Blevins.

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| 00:06          | MR. BLEVINS          | Uhh, Sheriff Cannon? You're Sheriff Cannon?  |   |
| 00:08          | SHERIFF CANNON       | That's correct.  |   |
| 00:09          | MR. BLEVINS          | You don't object to this recording being made?   |   |
| 00:11          | SHERIFF CANNON       | Not a bit!   |   |
| 00:12          | MR. BLEVINS          | Uh, you're Kimberly Fornof, uh, Kimberly Blevins, you don't object?  |   |
| 00:15          | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | No, sir.   |   |
| 00:18          | MR. BLEVINS          | You're, uh, Connie Cieszynski, pardon if I can't pronounce your last name -- I'm only your father. You don't object? |   |
| 00:22          | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | No.  |   |
| 00:22          | MR. BLEVINS          | And, uh, you? Your name?   |   |
| 00:24          | VICKI CLARK          | Vicki Clark.   |   |
| 00:25          | MR. BLEVINS          | Vicki?   |   |
| 00:26          | VICKI CLARK          | Clark.   |   |
| 00:28          | MR. BLEVINS          | And you don't object to this recording?  |   |
|                | VICKI CLARK          | [Inaudible No].  |   |
| 00:29          | MR. BLEVINS          | Then we're ready to go!  |   |
| 00:32          | SHERIFF CANNON       | How can I help you?  | <i>Sheriff Cannon had called the meeting.</i> |

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| 00:34   | MR. BLEVINS    | I don't know why I'm here.  | <i>Ruth and I had tried to prevent William R. Webb from being sworn in as judge. Now that Sheriff Cannon had seen to it that that had been done, what was the point of the meeting?</i>   |
| 00:36   | SHERIFF CANNON | Well, uh, if, if I understand correctly, you, uh, feel that in some ways you have been wronged, and I wanted to give you the opportunity to express to me in what manner you feel your... your instances of problems with now Judge Webb, is something totally outside our purview: we don't have anything to do with his representation. But as far as the sheriff's office: that was my concern--that you wrote a couple of letters here, uh, complaining about the sheriff's office, and I want to find out what your complaint is, see if we can address those. | <i>Ruth and I had tried in vain to get a response personally from Sheriff Cannon -- our first letter to him dated, October 20, 1994. In all, we sent some nine letters to him between that time and this meeting. Also, Connie had scheduled a meeting with him on or about Nov. 4, 1994, but he canceled and did not reschedule.<sup>1</sup></i> |
| 01:07   | MR. BLEVINS    | Well, I think we expressed it very well in the letters, Sheriff.  | <i>The letters are self-explanatory.</i>  |
| 01:10   | SHERIFF CANNON | Okay.   |   |
| 01:11   | MR. BLEVINS    | Do you have the letters?  |   |
| 01:12   | SHERIFF CANNON | Yeah, they're in the files.   | <i>Why weren't they in front of him?</i>  |
| 01:14   | MR. BLEVINS    | I believe we expressed what we had to say there.  | <i>Again, attempted murder was the key issue, although it would be some time before we would call it that.</i>  |
| 01:16   | SHERIFF CANNON | Okay, then, I don't guess we have anything to talk about today.   | <i>Note: Cannon had not so much as answered a single one of the letters!</i>  |
| 01:18   | MR. BLEVINS    | I guess not. Thank you.   |   |
| 01:20   | SHERIFF CANNON | Heh, Heh, Alright.  |   |
| 01:22   | MR. BLEVINS    | [turned off the recorder and started to leave] Okay, we are back again. Okay, Connie, you had something to say?   |   |

<sup>1</sup> Log of Correspondence from Robert F. Blevins and/or Ruth E. Blevins to Sheriff Cannon:

- ❑ 10/20/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 061 854
- ❑ 10/21/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 061 854
- ❑ 10/21/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 062 272
- ❑ 10/24/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 062 701
- ❑ 10/24/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 062 272
- ❑ 10/25/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 062 701
- ❑ 10/31/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 062 289
- ❑ 11/02/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z364 063 703
- ❑ 12/24/94 Delivery Date to Sheriff Lee Cannon Z113 575 124

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| 01:25   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | I, I would like to understand or know what, if any, action has been taken on that complaint.   |   |
| 01:32   | SHERIFF CANNON    | The complaint was totally unfounded, and we talked to the deputies, the issue of the bush, we understand, he doesn't even own the property, and did not own the property...  | <i>Sheriff Cannon avoided what he knew was the concern at hand -- the October 18, 1994, attempted murder raid, and he reaches back to something that occurred some thirteen months prior to this meeting.</i>                               |
| 01:40   | MR. BLEVINS       | Who didn't?  | <i>Court records showed Robert F. Blevins and Ruth E. Blevins to be the property owners. Where was Cannon getting his information?</i><br><br><i>Interestingly, that property would be taken from Robert Blevins, by fraud (CA98-2771).</i> |
| 01:42   | SHERIFF CANNON    | ...when he made the complaint concerning the bush...   |   |
| 01:44   | MR. BLEVINS       | Who didn't?  |   |
| 01:45   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Uh, so there really isn't any complaint there, they looked at it, and the officers come to me and said that it was unsubstantiated, so I said...   |   |
| 01:52   | MR. BLEVINS       | Wait a minute, Sheriff!  |   |
| 01:53   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | We're talking about two different issues, apparently...  |   |
| 01:54   | MR. BLEVINS       | We're talking about two different issues.  |   |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON    | Okay.  |   |
| 01:56   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Uh, you know, the, that's one issue. My father and we are here out of our concern for a totally different matter.  | <i>Sheriff Cannon knew our concern was about October 18, 1994.</i>  |
| 02:04   | SHERIFF CANNON    | And what matter is that?   | <i>Based on the letters, Cannon is assumed to have known the answer.</i>  |
| 02:07   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | [Deep sigh] Uh, an event that occurred on October 18 <sup>th</sup> , in which, uh, deputies came on my parents' property, uninvited and unannounced.   | <i>(refer to excerpt herein, pp. 3-5, taken from pp. 25-27 of my, Robert F. Blevins December 7, 1997, letter to USDJ).</i>  |
| 02:16   | SHERIFF CANNON    | They do not have to be invited, and they do not have to announce. They have the right to come up to the door and knock on the door--they do have that right. They were following up on a complaint that they had received, uh, in reference to harassment -- that's what they were doing. They looked at that one too, and it was determined that there was nothing improper or illegal done by the, uh, deputies, in following up on the other complaint that had been made here... | <i>As prior indicated, it was hardly a matter of deputies coming up and knocking on the door. They had no lawful excuse for being there.</i>  |

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| 02:40   | MR. BLEVINS    | You're saying they had probable cause?  | <i>An appropriate remark and one I had a right to ask.</i>   |
| 02:41   | SHERIFF CANNON | Sir, I don't want to get into the legal area, because you really won't understand legal.  | <i>Sheriff Cannon's remark was inappropriate and insulting -- he had no way of knowing what I knew. It was not up to Cannon to make such a judgment or statement: it was up to him to provide information and explanation, after all, was that not the reason for the meeting?</i>   |
| 02:46   | MR. BLEVINS    | Oh, I think I will.   | <i>Spoken in self-defense, in the face of Cannon's insult.</i>   |
| 02:47   | SHERIFF CANNON | I'm sorry, sir. I thought we were going to sit down here today and have a friendly conversation, but you come in here with a chip on your shoulder again.   | <i>Since when does asking a question one has a right to ask, regarding a matter of most grave concern, constitute having a chip on one's shoulder?</i>   |
| 02:54   | MR. BLEVINS    | That's your determination, Sheriff.   |  |
| 02:56   | SHERIFF CANNON | So, uh, we don't really have a whole lot to discuss. If you want to leave the room, I can probably discuss this with your daughters a lot better, and we can probably resolve some of this. But, that's your choice. You're welcome to stay, they're welcome to stay, WHATEVER! But, the officers did have a right to come on your property. This is America. By law, they have a right to go up, to follow up on a complaint. If not, we could never investigate anything. We do not need warrants to go up and knock on doors. We do not need warrants to knock on people. We do not need probable cause to talk to people. That's not required under the law. They were following up on an investigation of a complaint that had been made here. | <i>In order for Sheriff Cannon to avoid ever mentioning again that I had challenged the legality of Sheriff Cannon's actions on October 18, 1994, Sheriff Cannon refers to my statement, "I don't know why I'm here," as rude and an indication that I was angry. Nothing could have been further from the truth. Moreover, Cannon seems to infer that "This is America..." equates to "This is a police state..."</i> |
| 03:35   | MR. BLEVINS    | Sheriff, would you direct, would you direct your conversation to them? I'm just an observer from here on out.   |  |
| 03:41   | SHERIFF CANNON | I think you better leave, sir. I've had it with you. I don't think you and I are going to be able to communicate.   | <i>Note: this was not even four minutes into the meeting!</i>  |
| 03:45   | MR. BLEVINS    | May I sit just silent as an observer?   |  |
| 03:48   | SHERIFF CANNON | No, sir.  | <i>Why not?</i>  |
| 03:49   | MR. BLEVINS    | ...with a, with no promise, with a promise that I won't open my mouth?  |  |
| 03:53   | SHERIFF CANNON | No, sir. Be glad to talk to your daughters, but not with you in the room. You've made it quite obvious that you want to be an antagonist, and you don't want to listen. If anybody says anything that you don't like, you totally think everybody in the world is wrong except you, and that's not true because you   | <i>Cannon, by his own admission later on in this meeting, had only met me once, and had never met Ruth. He had prevented us from getting through to</i>  |

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|         |                   | won't even listen to anybody else's side of the story!   | <i>him personally October, 1994, until this meeting. Who <u>had</u> he been listening to during that time? Where had he gotten such a prejudiced view of us? Why did <u>he</u> bother to call the meeting if he was not going to listen and answer legitimate questions?</i> |
| 04:14   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | I, uh... From my observation, I did not observe that that was true. He merely asked a question. And he asked if they had probable cause [as Sheriff Cannon tries to cut in] and you took offense and became offensive, it appeared. You know, I think he had a right to ask that question. | <i>Connie, our firstborn, standing up for her father's rights, which had been violated by Sheriff Cannon.</i>  |
| 04:30   | SHERIFF CANNON    | He certainly has a right to ask that question, and I've answered your question. They do not have to have probable cause to go up on somebody's property--no--they do not have to.  | <i>Sheriff Cannon admitted I had the right to ask the question. He had not, however, up to that point, answered the question, as he claims to have done.</i>   |
| 04:39   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | At what point in investigating a case like that would, uh, any paperwork be filed on the case, and what access would we have to that paperwork?  | <i>Kimberly, among other things a Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) asks procedural, technical questions.</i>   |
| 04:48   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Any time that there's a public record created you all have a right to have access to it.   |  |
| 04:52   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | Okay. So, some kind of report was taken when the complaint was filed?  | <i>This was a key concern -- the deputies had left no indication they had even been to Ruth's and my isolated home. Their manner of coming, including leaving no paper trail, constituted their coming by stealth and lying in wait.</i>                                     |
| 04:56   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I'm sure there was. Yes.   | <i>There was not! Did he really not know?</i>  |
| 04:57   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And I'm not real familiar with the exact particulars of the complaint myself--uh, in your record keeping, how do you keep track of that complaint?   |  |
| 05:07   | SHERIFF CANNON    | There's a report made.   |  |
| 05:09   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | So there's a, some kind of a case number assigned to it?   |  |
| 05:11   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Yes, ma'am.  |  |
| 05:13   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | Okay, and that's done initially, when the complaint is filed?  | <i>Kimberly was trying to discern why the delay of a week in our being told what the case number was.</i>  |
| 05:16   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Yes ma'am.   | <i>This was <u>not</u> done in regard to the October 18, 1994, raid -- which was a major reason for the concern!</i>   |

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| 05:17   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And anything ...  |   |
| 05:18   | SHERIFF CANNON    | In most instances.  | <i>Cannon now qualifies the previous statement.</i>   |
| 05:20   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And anything that's done in, uh, follow up to that would be under that case number?   | <i>Kimberly was still concerned about the possible threat to her parents, including whether the so-called criminal action complaint was still open and active.</i>  |
| 05:24   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Not necessarily, not necessarily.   |   |
| 05:27   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | But...  |   |
| 05:27   | MR. BLEVINS       | If you will excuse me, I don't want to be accused of being an antagonist, uh, here--I feel I've been unfairly treated in this meeting, so, if you'll excuse me, please...   | <i>I didn't want to stay where I was obviously not welcome.</i>   |
| 05:39   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | We'll be out in a few minutes.  |   |
| 05:42   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | If, if the follow up to that were not filed under that case number, where would it be?  | <i>Mystery paperwork and what is or is not included in the public records remains a concern to date -- having seen the records tailored.</i>  |
| 05:47   | SHERIFF CANNON    | It could be filed under a different case number. It depends on what happened and what the circumstances. They could have created several different reports if they were going out there on different things.  |   |
| 05:55   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And what's the time frame for that being done?  | <i>Again, the raid took place on October 18, 1994, but it was October 25, 1994 before a case number was provided. Why? The number also seems to be out of sequence with others at that time.</i>  |
| 05:57   | SHERIFF CANNON    | They, they do that immediately in most instances, unless they're still under investigation and then the report would not be available because anything that is still under investigation, they do not make reports available.   | <i>Here, Cannon shifts. The question was not when the reports would be available, but when the record would be created, where the information would be filed, and when.</i>   |
| 06:09   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | I see--and are you familiar with this case that we're talking about? And do you know how long it remained under investigation?  |   |
| 06:16   | SHERIFF CANNON    | No, ma'am, I sure don't.<br><br>I'm familiar with the complaint that came in because your father and your mother wrote a letter making every sort of allegation in the world against us and, uh, it came to my attention, I referred it over to the people, and I said, "Look at this and tell me what this is about." Um, They told me that your | <i>Again, who were Sheriff Cannon and his "people" listening to at the same time they were <u>not</u> listening to Ruth and to me -- not public officials, but two elderly citizens in ill health? Sheriff Cannon's reference to our making</i> |

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|         |                  | <p>father has had this ongoing battle with Mr. Webb for a number of years, because he felt Mr. Webb, uh, did not adequately represent him.</p> <p>I said we have nothing to do with that – that’s between him, Mr. Webb and the Florida Bar. That’s not our, our realm of responsibility, nor do we have the right to get involved in that. And they looked at it.</p> | <p><i>"every sort of allegation in the world" is a unprofessional, untrue sweeping statement. Our allegations were specific, and well founded given the facts.</i></p> <p><i>Webb did not fulfill obligation of contract, and had not, and still has not, obtained a lawful withdrawal from representing us. He was then, and remains today, my attorney, legally obligated as such.<sup>2</sup></i></p> |
| 06:56   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | Except that it was Mr. Webb who initiated the complaint against my parents...  | <p><i>When it was Webb making the complain against Ruth and me, Webb's own clients, the Sheriff did get involved! For some reason, it was terribly important to Sheriff Cannon and to State Attorney Bernie McCabe that William R. Webb be sworn in as judge. Why? There are no free lunches!</i></p>  |
| 06:59   | SHERIFF CANNON   | [interrupting] He had a right to do that.  | <p><i>No, he did not. Webb had no lawful basis for making the allegation that he did: and again, Cannon's deputies' actions constitute attempted murder based on Webb's allegation that we had called his office too many times.</i></p>   |
| 07:00   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | ...that caused the deputies to go out there.   |  |

<sup>2</sup>Log of correspondence from Robert F. Blevins and/or Ruth E. Blevins to the Florida Bar

**THE FLORIDA BAR**

- ❑ 08/29/94 Delivery Date to The Florida Bar Z321 877 967
- ❑ 09/06/94 Delivery Date to The Florida Bar Z321 877 220
- ❑ 09/14/94 Delivery Date to The Florida Bar Z321 877 484
- ❑ 09/15/94 Delivery Date to The Florida Bar Z321 877 481
- ❑ 11/01/94 Delivery Date to Bonnie Mahon Z364 062 289
- ❑ 11/04/94 Delivery Date to Jos. Corsmeir Z364 063 694
- ❑ 12/27/94 Delivery Date to Bonnie Mahon Z367 226 251

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| 07:05   | SHERIFF CANNON   | Yes.   |  |
| 07:07   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | Okay, it seems to me from what I know about this case, Sheriff Cannon, that your office was extremely responsive to Mr. Webb's concerns in sending out the deputies. It does not seem to me that the office was similarly responsive to my parents when they tried to find out details about it. It took them quite some time before they were able to find out anything about it and even to get a case number on it, and I'm wondering what was the nature of the investigation that was going on after that -- is it now open for us to review?   | <i>Case No. 94-40513 was eventually provided on October 25, 1994, a full week later. Sgt. Kinsella (sp?) told us on October 26, 1994, that the case had been turned over to the State Attorney's office, and not to call the Sheriff's office again on this particular case.</i>   |
| 07:38   | SHERIFF CANNON   | If there was a report on it, you do have a right, as a public record, to access to all of that.  |  |
| 07:42   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | And it is no longer considered under investigation...?   |  |
| 07:44   | SHERIFF CANNON   | <p>I couldn't tell you that, I do not know at this point in time, whether it is.</p> <p>I asked your father to come here because he was at the swearing in, uh, creating a disturbance, just about to the point of causing himself to be arrested, and I asked him to please calm down, if you want to sit down and talk about it, I would be glad to come in here or have him come in and sit down and talk about it.</p> <p>I don't understand it's immediately that if anybody disagrees with your father or your mother or apparently you all, you get upset without asking anybody else's side of the, of the, uh, story or any other point of view. You cannot think that I have any personal vendetta -- I don't even know your parents-- don't know them from nobody. I treat everybody equally. I do not like people coming in and making accusations that we've treated somebody unfair.</p> <p>If Mr. Webb made a complaint, the complaint was investigated. If your father makes a complaint, if it's something we can investigate, we will investigate it. We will do as thorough a job for your father as we will do for Mr. Webb or for anybody else.</p> | <p><i>I have no idea how close I may or may not have been to getting arrested. All I know is that I was not doing anything that would warrant a lawful arrest: however, that is no protection against Sheriff Cannon and the likes of him.</i></p> <p><i>No such words as "Please calm down" were spoken to me by Sheriff Cannon at the time of the swearing in -- there was no need, as prior indicated.</i></p> <p><i>Again, Sheriff Cannon expressed strong prejudice against Ruth and me, without having ever met Ruth, and having only met me once -- who had he been talking to, and where had he been getting his information? We had been trying in vain to get with Cannon personally for months! Who had access to him during this time when we did not?</i></p> |
| 08:47   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | Sheriff Cannon, I really don't know why you would make a statement like that in reference to myself or my sister, I think -- or my father for that matter -  | <i>Kimberly's self-defense against Sheriff Cannon's inaccurate portrayal -- and attempt to set the record straight.</i>  |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON   | [interrupting] Ma'am.  |  |
|         | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | I think we, especially, have sat here and we have tried to be very reasonable -- I think we are trying to find out something and..   |  |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON   | [interrupting again] And you have every right to, and we certainly want to   | <i>Since when does an attempt to discuss</i>   |



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|         |                  | make sure that you find out everything that you can to find out, but don't come in here with chips on your shoulders and expect everybody to hug you. It doesn't work that way.<br><br>I'm more than willing to talk to you, to work this thing through, to be totally cooperative, we want to be totally, totally cooperative with you. We want you to be satisfied, we want you to be happy with the investigation. We want that, I want that.   | <i>and gain information amount to having a chip on one's shoulder?</i><br><br><i>Also, hugs were not the objective here - answers were!</i>  |
| 09:28   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | Then why are you making sweeping condemnations of me or my sister, or my father...   | <i>Kimberly points out the inconsistency between Cannon's claims and his actions.</i>  |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON   | [interrupting] Because of your attitude sitting here right now. You both are very -- your sister here doesn't seem to be as angry as you are, but it's showing all over your face that you are very upset and angry. I extended my hand to your father and said, "Let's please come in and talk. Let's try to work this out." And I'm still wanting to do that, but if it's going to be an antagonistic session, then what are we going to accomplish? I want to work this thing out so that y'all are content with the fact that we played fair with everybody, and I think that your allegation was that we did something special for Mr. Webb, but that we have your mother and father a hard time. I don't know anything about that. | <i>Kimberly was not angry as Sheriff Cannon alleges -- but even if she were, is he suggesting that warranted his making sweeping condemnations of her and her family? Evidently, in his mind, it did.</i><br><br><i>It is a matter of irrefutable record that Sheriff Cannon did do something special for Webb -- and that something special was to attempt to murder Ruth and me in order to enhance Webb's being fraudulently sworn in as judge.</i> |
| 10:10   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | I expressed an opinion, and an observation, which is my own to own, which, in spite of the image that you are trying to portray, which I don't think is accurate--I'm not sitting here angry with you or anybody else... and I would like that recorded, and I feel that the image that is being presented is not accurate, and  | <i>Again, Kimberly, seeing how Sheriff Cannon was attempting to tailor the tape and taint her and her family, attempts to set the record straight.</i>   |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON   | [interrupting again] Ma'am, are you here to talk, or are you here to make legal mumbo jumbo for the tape recorder?   | <i>Nothing Kimberly had said involved the legal -- just verbal self defense.</i>   |
|         | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | What legal mumbo jumbo have I ...  | <i>Kimberly, truly nonplused.</i>  |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON   | [Interrupting] Do you want to talk about what's going on, or are we going to continue to be antagonistic?  |  |
| 10:45   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | I'd say, sir, that that's your choice.   |  |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON   | It's your choice, ma'am. What would you like to know about the investigation? We're getting into all the semantics. What would you like to know?   | <i>It was Sheriff Cannon who had avoided Kimberly's previous line of questions by launching into details extraneous to the discussion at hand, and had introduced</i>  |

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|         |                   |   | <i>the need for her to defend herself -- and thereby be distracted.</i>   |
|         | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Have you had an opportunity to review the records of that investigation?  | <i>Connie gets things back on track.</i>  |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON    | Some months ago, yes I did.   |   |
|         | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | And it seems that there were some things about that investigation that were not what I would expect to be the normal course of things...  |   |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON    | Are you a law enforcement officer, ma'am? Let me just ask you that first-- just so we got the record straight.  |   |
| 11:11   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | No, no, I'm not. I'm not. But as a citizen, I would expect that there would be certain things that would be followed through on. It's my understanding that my parents did attempt to make a counter complaint against Mr. Webb which was not followed through on -- not even considered for follow through.... | <i>Law enforcement officers, including Sheriff Cannon, operate on a <u>grant of limited authority</u> from the community.</i>   |
| 11:27   | SHERIFF CANNON    | What was the complaint?   |   |
| 11:28   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | The complaint was harassment against him as well.   |   |
| 11:31   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Because he came and filed a complaint here?   |   |
| 11:35   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | No, it's, it's a long-standing history of intimidation tactics and failure to follow through on Mr. Webb's part in his representation of them.  |   |
| 11:45   | SHERIFF CANNON    | May I interrupt a second?   |   |
| 11:47   |                   | Uh, I know you don't want to get into that...   |   |
| 11:48   | SHERIFF CANNON    | We can't. That's not a crime, ma'am. If it was a crime, we would investigate it, but it's not a crime. We cannot intervene in a disagreement between your father and his attorney. We can't!  | <i>Sheriff Cannon did intervene on Mr. Webb's behalf, as Connie points out.</i>   |
| 11:59   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | But, it appears that, you know, it was done on the other way, you know, on Mr. Webb's behalf. Mr. Webb filed a complaint--did he have any proof?  |   |
| 12:12   | SHERIFF CANNON    | No. He had an allegation that there had been numerous harassing phone calls to his office.  | <i>I had asked Deputy Allison how many times we were alleged to have called -- upon hearing the number, I said it had been at least twice that number -- "After all, he is our attorney." Allison shot back, "He says he's not!" Whereupon I countered, "The Law says he is!" The Statute does not apply to business dealings, such as between a client and attorney.</i> |
| 12:20   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And he was believed, based on his allegations.  |   |
| 12:21   | SHERIFF CANNON    | No, ma'am. He was not believed. I don't think your father was charged with  | <i>Sheriff Cannon/his deputies followed up</i>  |

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|         |                   | anything. He was, it was followed up on based on his allegations. That's something that is against the law. Harassing phone calls is against the law. The fact that Mr. Webb did or did not represent your mother and father to the degree of their satisfaction has nothing to do with us. We can't intervene in that.   | <i>on Webb's allegations with no proof, but failed to follow up on Ruth's and my allegations, with proof.</i>  |
| 12:42   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | We understand that. We understand that. But it's just that they sort of overlap because one grew out of the other. Uh, it is not considered harassment if a client makes an attempt to contact his attorney--is that correct?   |  |
| 12:57   | SHERIFF CANNON    | That is correct. The problem is, and I think that there's been, there is some court documents, he is not, Mr. Webb is NOT your father's attorney, has NOT been, in fact, your father's had somebody, one or two people, in between then. That's an issue that the Florida Bar will have to resolve.<br><br>We are in America. When an attorney does not want to represent somebody, they have the right to withdraw, and Mr. Webb, from appearances, apparently withdrew from the case, and in fact your parents went to another one or two attorneys, but apparently your family was not satisfied with those attorneys also, also or that one attorney. | <i>This is Sheriff Cannon's second reference to "This is America..." -- the first in regard to deputies having the "right" to investigate, and the second in regard to attorneys having the "right" to withdraw. The fact is, an attorney must have lawful excuse to withdraw, which Webb most certainly did not and <u>does not!</u></i>  |
| 13:35   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | That's, that's sort of, again, an overlapping issue. Uh, Mr. Webb never did legally withdraw from the case through the courts at the time that my parents sought other counsel, but was not pursuing representation of them -- they felt they had no other choice. Uh, he did put a lien on their case, but in essence, in terms of his contract with them, he was not withdrawn from the case at that time. I really don't want to get into that issue.  | <i>The only documentation Webb could ever claim for withdrawing was his letter of October 9, 1989, to me (but not to Ruth, his other client) and the Court Records from October 13, 1994. Neither constitutes the basis for a lawful withdrawal. What Webb has done and continues to do is: unlawfully refuse to represent -- there is a world of difference between that and a lawful withdrawal.</i> |
| 14:01   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Well, and I don't know that, because I wasn't there. I wasn't there.  |  |
| 14:02   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | I think in a way it seems to be a side issue from the point that my sister was trying to make. Just, can we forget about the client-attorney contract and if it exists or not and suppose these are two citizens of Pasco County, and one lodges a complaint against the other -- alleging harassment. And the other lodges a complaint, a counter complaint -- alleging harassment. Should the second one receive any less consideration than the first one?   |  |
| 14:33   | SHERIFF CANNON    | No, ma'am. No, ma'am. They should not, and I don't think that that has happened here. Case file and all the paperwork that came in has been   | <i>The issue, as prior indicated, was one of attempted murder terrorization, a</i>   |

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|         |                   | <p>reviewed, and we know that it is a long-standing disagreement between your parents and attorney Webb. We know that there have been allegations flying back and forth, that unfortunately, has not been able to resolve, and I'm sorry because I'm sure it's caused a lot of heartache for your family and for Mr. Webb. I'm sure both sides have suffered greatly because of it. But that's not an issue that the sheriff's office can get involved in. We try very hard... [audible knock at the door] Come in!</p> <p>We try very hard not to get caught in the middle of civil litigations. Sometimes it makes people upset because we don't get involved in the middle of civil litigation, but we cannot get involved in it. And that's what has been going on here, and it is sad, it's a very sad situation. I, I, you know, I'm sure your parents wish that this thing was resolved, and I'm sure you both wish that it was resolved.</p> | <p><i>claim which to date, no one has challenged -- neither has anyone said that Ruth was not murdered, including by Colonial Penn Insurance Company and those Ruth and I were forced to face because of Colonial Penn's wrongdoing, and of course, because of William R.. Webb and Carlson Meissner, P.A., who refused to do all they could have done and should have done to help us, their clients.</i></p> <p><i>As for any heartache William R. Webb may have felt, would have been easily resolved had he simply done the job he committed himself and his law firm to do in getting himself hired, and allowed to resume about two months after having been fired.</i></p> <p><i>The sheriff certainly has an obligation to get involved in allegations of murder -- the problem here being, that Sheriff Cannon/his deputies aided and abetted that attempted murder -- a fact from which he cannot escape.</i></p> |
| 15:38   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | It's been extremely stressful. Our mother was just recently back in the hospital with another heart attack. Uh, the stress has been tremendous on her. We might not have her much longer. Uh...  | <i>Ruth's hospitalization during this time serves as evidence of the effectiveness of the murder-in-progress which Webb had commenced to carry out as to her and to me, at least since February 1, 1988.</i>  |
| 15:50   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I'm sorry to hear that.  | <i>Sheriff Cannon's actions prior to and subsequent to this meeting suggest otherwise.</i>  |
| 15:50   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Mr. Webb, you know, uh, knew her physical condition and had never shown any compassion or caring for that, uh, has shown total disregard for her health and any need to be considerate of it. Uh, it does NOT just involve my parents. It has filtered through to all the grandchildren -- to my sister, to me,  | <i>The lawlessness of Sheriff Lee Cannon, State Attorney Bernie McCabe, and William R. Webb who sits as judge, have long-since affected every family</i>  |

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|         |                   | to our husbands.   | <i>member, and most injuriously so.</i><br><br><i>Josiah R. Fornof was seven years old when the onslaught against this Blevins-Cieszynski-Fornof family commenced in late December 1987, and was thirteen at the time of this meeting.</i>  |
| 16:17   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I'm sure. I'm sure.  |   |
| 16:18   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | You know, it affects all of us [starting to cry softly] and this situation with the sheriff's office coming there, without a complaint number, refusing to give a case number, uh, until days after the fact, they finally agreed that they would assign a case number, initially they didn't have one, or wouldn't give one to my parents, uh, and even, you know, when, when a dog was accused of attacking a steer behind their home, there was a case number assigned. Um, it, it just really has been a domino effect--one thing has led to the other, and uh...  | <i>The manner in which the deputies came was <u>by stealth, lying in wait</u> -- including that there was no paper trail -- and may never have been any written record had it not been for Ruth's and my insistence on a case number -- even today the case seems only to have appeared on a few person's lips.</i> |
| 17:02   | SHERIFF CANNON    | If--and I'm going to check--if the complaint of the allegation that Mr. Webb in some way harassed your parents, and if -- and I will have my attorneys revisit it -- if there is any instance there that it looks like it's a criminal violation, I will make them go back and reinvestigate it. I will go back and look at it. I don't want anybody to think that we would do anything special for one citizen that we won't do to another citizen. I've been told that they've looked at it. I will <i>personally</i> make sure that they revisit it -- If Mr. Webb's complaint can be investigated, your father's complaint can be investigated--I, I'm sure that it has been, but I will go back and revisit that and make sure that it has been investigated. I don't know what the outcome is going to be, because if it's, if it's as you say, and if you are saying that Mr. Webb harassed your father, your father's going to have to give me some specifics as to how he was harassed. In what manner was he harassed? | <i>Attempted murder is, unquestionably, criminal. Sheriff Cannon did not, and does not, want to face that fact, including the fact that he aided and abetted Webb in so doing, as did State Attorney Bernie McCabe.</i>   |
| 18:06   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | He has documentation of letters that were sent, and intimidation tactics that were used, and things over the years, it's uh, it really would make a good book, uh, and I don't, I'm not kidding about that.<br><br>I, I must interject something too, it really, it really hurts me, because I really feel that Mr. Webb has blackballed my father and my mother as far as the legal community is concerned. I don't know of any more honorable, more honest person than my father. He is, you know, a straight arrow all the way. Things should be done by the book. He doesn't want a, you know, he doesn't want any favors, and he won't give anyone short shrift.  | <i>Indeed, with this matter now into its thirteenth year, the documentation is voluminous and detailed, and quite revealing.</i>  |

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|         |                   | He sometimes is, and I must say he's misunderstood! He, he gets excited. He expresses himself in a way that is occasionally abrasive--and, it hurts me that that was your immediate reaction to what he was saying. I personally feel that he's been very wronged here, and he's again, been misunderstood, and he's again, going to, you know, the stress is going to build up and he's going to feel worse and worse and worse about the quote, unquote: System.   |  |
| 19:28   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Well, would you not say that when your father came in today, his first thing was very rude, and "I don't know why I'm here." I didn't, I didn't force your father to be here. I gave him the opportunity if he wanted to come in. I didn't, I mean, my goodness, why is he angry already?  | <i>This was not what Cannon objected to at the beginning of the meeting! It was my challenging his legal authority by asking whether the deputies had had probable cause that he had objected to.</i>  |
| 19:46   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | He really wasn't angry, but I believe from what I understand when the two of you met at the college, you, you had said we need to get together, or words to that effect, and...  |  |
| 19:55   | SHERIFF CANNON    | <p>I tried to give your father the opportunity that day--he was getting very close to being arrested. It was not going to help your father's mental health, your mother's mental health, your mental health, no one's mental health, for your father to have been arrested that day. I explained to your father that once that judge ceremony started and they convened court, that is actually a court of law, that if he created a problem, that unfortunately, the judges there, very well may hold him in contempt -- I said <i>may</i> -- I said, "You know, Mr. Blevins, why don't, why don't you come by and let's sit down and talk about this thing?"</p> <p>We had a very cordial, friendly conversation out there, and I thought that's what we would have here today. I didn't force him to come down here. He wasn't under subpoena or anything else. But when he came in, he was already angry, uh, "I don't know why I'm here," and "I don't have anything to say I haven't already said."</p> <p>Well, he, he has written some letters. I was trying to give your father the opportunity to get it off his chest, and let's talk about it, to let's see if there is anything that we can do--much like we are doing right now. That's what I wanted to do with your father. But I can't, I can't sit here and allow somebody to be angry, and, and rude, uh, we're not going to accomplish anything if I do that. We're going to accomplish something if we talk as we are talking now. I don't expect you all to be happy with him, and if I were in your shoes, I would be unhappy, I, I assure you I would be. If I had the</p> | <p><i>Again, this reference to my being close to being arrested on the day of the swearing in is bizarre. I had done nothing to warrant getting arrested.</i></p> <p><i>Why the talk of mental health?</i></p> <p><i>Again, it was my question about probable cause that Sheriff Cannon had had the problem with -- not my statement that I didn't know why I was there.</i></p> <p><i>Even if my daughters and I had been angry, didn't we have a right to be? After all, Sheriff Cannon/his deputies had attempted to murder Ruth and me on October 18, 1994 -- a fact Sheriff Cannon has yet to face. Getting protection was an issue of concern--not getting something off my chest.</i></p> |

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|         |                  | understanding that my parents had been done wrong, which obviously you do, I would be unhappy--of course I would. I'm trying to find out if there's anything we can do to help.   |  |
| 21:30   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | <p>In defense of my father in getting off on the wrong foot, unfortunately, I know that it was in his mind that you had invited him here, and therefore, it was in your purview to set the agenda and say what you had in mind first, and what you were interpreting as rudeness, really was deference to you for having invited him here. And again, in spite of the tone of voice, or whatever you read into it, was reading into it something that was not there.</p> <p>I do want to make a couple of points: when your deputies came up on the property, they used what seemed to be a more AGGRESSIVE manner of trying to get the door answered or get attention for doing this investigation than you would expect with a deputy just coming up and ringing the doorbell, or knocking lightly on the door.</p> | <i>Kimberly's clarifying that the event of October 18, 1994.</i> |
| 22:25   | SHERIFF CANNON   | [interrupting] Can I interject: Were you there?   | <i>Why this question?</i>  |
| 22:28   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | No, I was not.  |  |
| 22:30   | SHERIFF CANNON   | So, you are going by what your -- and I'm not insulting or calling your mother or father any kind of a liar -- I just said, were you there?   |  |
| 22:33   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | The person who was there has been sent out of the room, so I'm speaking based on...   |  |
| 22:40   | SHERIFF CANNON   | So, your father is, is, relaying the conversation to you, what happened.  |  |
| 22:41   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | And my mother -- two people -- who we've already established we believe to be true and honorable people.  |  |
| 22:49   | SHERIFF CANNON   | Just for the record, we want to make sure as to who was there, and who was telling, that's all. I'm not saying that your parents were lying, I'm not saying that.   |  |
| 22:56   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | And as a couple of elderly people in ill health, sitting out in the middle of ten acres, when they heard LOUD knocking on the door, people walking, deputies walking around, people walking around the house, more LOUD knocking on the door -- this was UPSETTING! You know, you feel vulnerable when you are out there as a couple of elderly people. In fact, I've been concerned enough about their being alone out there, not just for this, but for general health reasons, and so forth, that I've allowed my oldest son to go and live with them. He's eighteen, and he's been there to help them out. But this was an upsetting situation, and if it were just a case of somebody coming up and ringing the doorbell, then that's one scenario...  |  |
| 23:52   | SHERIFF CANNON   | Now, if I may say, we did talk to the officers, and they tell a totally different story as to what, what occurred. I'm not saying your parents are lying, I'm   |  |

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|         |                   | only telling you the officers tell a different story as to what happened, and they don't TELL it in that manner—that, that they were there, to say that they were rude, or anything of that nature.   |  |
| 24:08   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | Well, then it ends up to be my parents' word against their word, and it would be in your deputies' best interest not to tell, the version that my parents tell ...<br><br>Also, on the other matter that you brought up, that we did not discuss, and I just want to relay this message from my dad, that they have always owned that property and still do, via land contract for five years.  | <i>Ruth and I had no reason not to tell the truth about what happened. The deputies, on the other hand, had no reason to tell the truth.</i> |
| 24:38   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | We're going back to the, your, reference to the bushes...   |  |
| 24:41   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And then the bushes remained, on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of January, 1994, we owned the property, and that's where we have proof of wrongdoing, by the wrongdoer's own admission.<br><br>And also on the matter of Webb withdrawing legally and court documents to support it--there aren't any--and this is a packet of documentation of the correspondence that has happened back and forth, there was never any formal withdrawal from the case through the court system or any court documents to support that.   |  |
| 25:11   | SHERIFF CANNON    | And was it an oral withdrawal before the court -- I, I was led to believe that Mr. Webb orally withdrew from the case.  |  |
| 25:18   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Quite recently, I believe the date was October, uh, I'm not, I'm not, well, maybe not--August 31 <sup>st</sup> was the date of one hearing, that was my mother's birthday...  | <i>Actually, this did not constitute a lawful withdrawal either.</i>   |
| 25:31   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Of what year?   |  |
| 25:32   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Of, uh, '94.  |  |
| 25:34   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Okay.   |  |
| 25:35   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | And I can't recall--there was another one, either, either shortly before or after that date, um, and at the final of those, he appeared in court only after my father wrote him a letter reminding him that he was still his attorney, uh, that he felt it necessary to appear in court that day, uh, verbally saying he did not represent my parents nor had any intention of representing them in the future. Um, and he did not present any documentation requesting a withdrawal, uh, it -- I do not recall -- I was at the meeting -- I do not recall, uh, the judge saying that he was honoring that request, but it does say in the, uh, record of the hearing that he did grant his approval for the withdrawal as of that day. |  |
| 26:32   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Yeah, but now which hearing: the one in October, or...  |  |



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| 12:34   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Of 1994. Um hmmm. So, uh, anytime prior to that, back to the time my parents initially engaged him, or contracted with him, uh, he remained their attorney, because there was never any legal withdrawal from the case. It's my understanding that in order... that an attorney can decide to withdraw, but in order to do that he needs to file papers and appear in court.  | <i>An attorney must have a lawful excuse to withdraw, which William R. Webb did not and does not have. He cannot lawfully do so arbitrarily.</i> |
| 26:59   | SHERIFF CANNON       | That's right. It has to be accepted by the court. You are correct.  |  |
| 27:01   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | And it absolutely never was. Mr. Webb has no documentation of anything of the kind.   |  |
| 27:07   | SHERIFF CANNON       | If I may -- it is my understanding that you all have addressed this to the Florida Bar.   |  |
| 27:12   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Yes.  |  |
| 27:12   | SHERIFF CANNON       | And they have not seen fit to, in any way, sanction Mr. Webb, or to find out if he did anything improperly, improperly?   |  |
| 27:23   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Interesting you should ask. [taking out the response from the Florida Bar, Connie commences to read it to Sheriff Cannon].  |  |
| 27:27   | SHERIFF CANNON       | [chuckling] Okay.   |  |
| 27:28   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | "We are in receipt of your recent letter to John T. Barry, staff counsel, together with your complaint against William Robert Webb, received in this office on January 30, 1995. Please be advised that the Florida Bar has no jurisdiction to investigate or discipline attorneys who are serving as judges. Your complaint against Judge Webb should be directed to the Judicial Qualifications Commission." <sup>3</sup> |  |

<sup>3</sup> Log of correspondence from Robert F. Blevins and/or Ruth E. Blevins to the Judicial Qualifications Commission

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|         |                      | So now we are in a Catch 22 situation where the Bar is going to claim that he's not their responsibility, and I feel very sure that when they get the reply back from Judicial, they are going to say that he was not yet a judge, therefore, he wasn't their responsibility either.   |                         |
| 28:08   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Was there not a Bar complaint filed before January, of uh, '95?  |                         |
| 28:14   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | There was a, there was a Bar complaint filed against Mr. Webb's partner, which implicated the law firm, because instead of representing my parents on his own, Mr., uh, Webb apparently had delegated the responsibility of representing them to his partner in Clearwater, and the gentleman in Clearwater, uh, sat on the case as well as Mr. Webb had.<br><br>Quite an interesting case history -- um, and again, I know it's not within your purview, but to understand the case...  |                         |
| 28:49   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Yes, ma'am.  |                         |
| 28:51   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | ...explain how frustrated my parents are after all of these years. I feel responsible because I worked with Mr. Webb's wife at the hospital--I know Mary to be a very honorable woman, when they came to me and said they were planning to go see him, and seek his counsel, I said, "Well, Mary's a great gal. If he's anything like her, he's probably a real good attorney." I didn't know him from Adam! But they respected my opinion of Mary, so I feel responsible that they retained him in the first place.<br><br>Um, he, I don't remember the exact chain of events, uh, they retained his counsel, Mr. Webb didn't take action on anything, didn't file, uh, the letter, uh, demand letter to the insurance company, uh, I don't think he even insisted to the insurance company that the, uh, percentage of fault against my father be removed from the claim, even though the uh, deputies' report said that the accident was a hundred percent the fault of the other driver. So, he didn't even take THAT much action on my father's behalf.<br><br>So, after a period of time, my parents FIRED him, so-called fired him, and in essence, he knew--my opinion now--uh, he told them, "No, you can't fire me," and he ingratiated himself back on the case, and we now feel after a period of time has elapsed that maybe one of the reasons he did [audible |                         |

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|         |                      | sigh]--again, our opinion, our feeling, our suspicion--is that in the interim, my father had been maltreated by a physician in town. My parents had no intention of filing a malpractice against this particular physician, um, but my father had gone in, had a cast applied that was <i>extremely</i> painful--had called within twenty four hours, the doctor's office to, uh, see if there could be some remedy. They hadn't given him a prescription for pain pills, he had a broken ankle, he was in excruciating pain. The cast was applied over an ankle that was SWELLING underneath and exerting pressure, plus there were little <i>things</i> inside. |  |
| 31:20   | -----                | [Slight interruption while tape was turned over]  |  |
| 31:27   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Mr. Webb THREW the letter across the desk at my father and in essence implied what an S.O.B. he was, "How could you do this?" inferring that, "This doctor is my friend." And, uh, so the upshot was my father did see Dr. Moss, Dr. Moss couldn't help him, and he ended up going to the emergency room and having to have the cast cut off, and he got pain pills from them. So, you know, this sort of set the stage -- it was quite obvious, and if we had been intelligent at that point, we would have realized that Mr. Webb was taking the side of the doctor and his staff against my father!  |  |
| 32:03   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | And the interesting thing, when, when Mr. Webb decided to run for judge, very prominent among his supporters, appeared this physician's name on the list, among others--which is not, in and of itself incriminating, but it does kind of lend a feeling of, you know, <i>validity</i> to what we were feeling.   | <i>Kimberly is referring to William R. Webb's list of 171 supporters, circulated over Webb's own signature during his run for judge.</i>   |
| 32:24   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | And it's our suspicion, and we have not been able to prove it, and we have dug and we have tried to establish a connection between Mr. Webb and Dr. Hanff. Um, it's my suspicion that he ingratiated himself back on the case and did not allow my parents to fire him because in some way he may have wanted to PROTECT his friend against potential litigation, and in my feeling, that's a conflict of interest on his part going back many years.   |  |
| 32:53   | SHERIFF CANNON       | If I may ask you, was there any type of a documentation created by Mr. Webb telling your parents that they could not fire him?  |  |
| 33:03   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | They have letters, uh, going... they've kept very careful records. They have a journal, they've kept of all his phone calls and basically what was said in the phone calls, they've kept records of all of the letters. They have four big notebooks of all of the letters so far back and forth. [starting to cry] They've been to, I don't know how many attorneys, and nobody will listen to them because they've been blackballed...  | <i>Webb's list of 171 supporters is comprised primarily of attorneys. Over the years, Ruth and I had contacted all the attorneys that could be contacted, and all unlawfully refused to represent, including Daniel Diskey, who now sits as judge, and Craig Villanti, who was not on the list, but does now sit as judge as well.</i> |

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| 33:32   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | This hostility that you read in or think you observed at, at that meeting and here, if there was any, has come after quite a number of years of putting up with just the kind of thing that my sister is saying and feeling so frustrated, frustrated for one thing, because being the kind of people that my parents are, they are INCREDULOUS that they can be treated this way by someone that they TRUST, by someone that they hired to REPRESENT them, by someone that, whose very profession should put them ABOVE such things. And yet, to have this happen in, in such an amazing <i>web</i> of...    |  |
| 34:17   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | [laughingly] No pun intended!   |  |
| 34:19   | SHERIFF CANNON    | [joining in the laughter]   |  |
| 34:22   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | ...it is like a massive web that's, that's so far reaching, like she said, it would make the formula for a very, very good book, that...  |  |
| 34:32   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Have, you say that you feel that they've been blackballed in the legal community, I would assume that you mean in Pasco Couty, have you...  |  |
| 34:39   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | No!   |  |
| 34:40   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Have you been outside of Pasco County?  |  |
| 34:42   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | Oh yeah, and they managed to get up there to, all the way up to Ocala, blessed Ocala, Florida!  |  |
| 34:48   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | They've been to Hillsborough, to Ocala, they've gone to Clearwater, they've checked with attorneys in Hernando, they have not been able to find anybody who doesn't have some kind of a connection to him ANYWHERE in a four or five county area.   |  |
| 35:00   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And the one they found...   |  |
| 35:01   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | I told them, call Gerry Spence! Call, call anybody! You know, it's, it's, we've been through Hell and back with this, and since my father is so honest, and as Kimberly said, so DISBELIEVING that someone could actually do this, um, you know he's, he's he's like a dog with a BONE, you know, there HAS to be some moral fiber LEFT, there has to be some integrity LEFT, there HAS to be someone LEFT who will LISTEN and who will HELP!   | <i>In fact, we did contact Gerry Spence, Spence &amp; Moriarty, P.A., and he turned us down as well!</i> |
| 35:33   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And, with him, it's not a personal matter, Sheriff Cannon--that's the thing that you have to understand. It's not JUST about him, it's not just about him and my mother. As much as we've gone through as a family, he's REALLY, REALLY, feeling a moral obligation to see that the wrongdoers in this case are EXPOSED and that this thing gets corrected. And it goes beyond his personal concerns. He and my mom had the opportunity to accept a monetary settlement on this a number of years ago that would have set them up handsomely. I mean, it wasn't an exorbitant amount, but it would have taken |  |

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|         |                   | care of...   |  |
| 36:09   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | ...it would have paid off their second mortgage, and bought them a decent car to drive in...   |  |
| 36:15   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And you know what? They <i>didn't accept it!</i> They <i>didn't accept it</i> , because that money was tainted with FRAUD and they both said, We feel adamant, there is no way that in good conscience we can cash this check or accept this money because it's based on fraud. And we can't do that!  |  |
| 36:31   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | It's something like \$35,000.00 they've been sitting on for two or three years...  |  |
| 36:35   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Bless their hearts...  |  |
| 36:36   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | It's longer than that now, Connie. It's gotta go back, it's probably more like five years now.   | <i>Actually, the check was issued in 1992.</i> |
| 36:41   | SHERIFF CANNON    | This, this has been going on...  |  |
| 36:42   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | It's like '90, '91, I think when they were cut that check.   |  |
| 36:47   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | I, I can't even remember when the accident initially occurred...I think it was in '87.   |  |
| 36:52   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | <p>So I think, you know, maybe, even though we didn't intend to go into all this with you, you at least can appreciate some of our concerns when it appeared that here was another tentacle that Webb had, maybe into your department, maybe you didn't even know about it. You know, when you, when you start, let's give a scenario, you're walking through the woods, and you know, out of every bush, something jumps out and threatens you or grabs you--you start to get wary of every bush! And that's about the frame of mind that we're all in -- you know, we're a lot more apt to be suspicious than we are to be trusting.</p> <p>And, frankly, my sister and I had discussed it before we came in here today, and we agreed that, that we, from all accounts, had reason to believe that you are an honor... honorable person. And that we felt, as cautious as, as we want to be with anyone we talk to, that we felt like we really could rest and give you the benefit of the doubt and hear what you had to say. And it was our posture of sitting back and waiting to hear what you had to say that prompted my dad's initial, uh, albeit rather abrupt thing of saying, we don't know why we are here, and putting the ball in your court--that's what prefaced it. But if we've appeared antagonistic, please just understand the full context of what's been going on here.</p> |  |
| 38:12   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Um, I want to interject one other thing that's of interest, I think: my parents did engage, at the ninth hour, another attorney in Ocala...  |  |
| 38:23   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Uh, huh.   |  |
| 38:24   | CONNIE            | ...whom they relayed the story to, and you know, you know, in as much  |  |

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|         | CIESZYNSKI        | detail, but as succinctly as possible, and her feeling after hearing the story was, "I hope those attorneys, all of them, have good malpractice insurance, because they are all guilty of malrepresenting you," uh, and the next thing they knew, somebody had gotten to her, and SHE withdrew from the case! SHE withdrew from the case, RIGHT IN COURT, THE SAME DAY WEBB DID!  |   |
| 38:54   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | Somebody GOT to her!  |   |
|         | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | And then, she claims that she never said any of that.   |   |
| 38:59   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | In her correspondence, you can even TELL...   |   |
| 39:02   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | She lied. She lied in court.  |   |
| 39:04   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | ...before she was gotten to, how it seems like it was written by two totally separate people. So...   |   |
| 39:12   | SHERIFF CANNON    | <p>I can understand, uh, on top of everything else, to have that happen, I've never met your mother, and your father that day that I spoke with him out there, seemed once we calmed him down, he seemed like a very nice gentleman. I can understand how even a nice person can be pushed to the point of being, as you say, it must be very frustrating when each and every way that you turn, somebody's got a string that they can pull, that, uh, you are defeated.</p> <p>I can only... I will never, ever, ever swear to you one hundred percent that my deputies don't know Mr. Webb, or don't know some connection, because I don't know what every deputy knows, I mean I got eight hundred people here. I will go back, I will have a review, I will put somebody on the case that that I know and trust -- I will have them review it again, and if there's some substance there, and it may require, that your father be interviewed as to the bushes and, and harassment and all that--we will go back and take a look at it.</p> <p>I can't tell you how it will come out, because I don't know -- I don't have a crystal ball -- I will tell you that there will be a fair and honest investigation. If you have any information that a deputy here did something improperly because of some friendship or connection to then-attorney Webb... would you please let me know, because I'm not going to tolerate that. I just am not going to tolerate it. The frustration level, I mean, it, it shows on your father but I think it probably shows on you more, on both of your faces.</p> | <i>Sheriff Cannon's reference to "once we calmed him down" in reference to me is inaccurate. There was no need to calm me down. The fact that he persisted in attempting to characterize me and the situation that way is alarming.</i> |
| 40:56   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | [almost indistinguishable, tearful words] They're our parents, and we don't know...   |   |
| 40:59   | SHERIFF CANNON    | You love them, you hurt with them, and I don't know, as I told you earlier, if  |   |

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|         |                   | I were in your shoes, I'm sure I would feel the same way, maybe even a little WORSE!  |   |
| 41:08   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Well, we don't know where to turn. We don't know what road to go down...  |   |
| 41:14   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | I think one thing we need to do is establish some kind of a report because, because we don't know how extensive Judge Webb's influence is, especially now that he is in a judgeship. We don't know the extent of what strings he can pull. We need to establish, in some formalized way, that my parents do feel threatened and do feel harassed and do feel like they need to be protected, and I think that's probably where your office may be able to help out. I've done all I can do. I've sent my son to live with them. | <i>Kimberly, here, is following up on advice given to her by Governor Lawton Chiles' counsel Robin Hassler, who he had appointed to head his domestic violence prevention task force. On or about August 31, 1994, she had reassured Kimberly, "If you feel threatened your own intuition is enough," and she encouraged us to file a formal report with the sheriff. It was not until October 18, 1994, that we realized we did not have that kind of access or protection from Sheriff Cannon -- William R. Webb, on the other hand, did, and more.</i> |
| 41:49   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | They have observed recently strange cars coming on to their property. They live on over nine acres out in the woods.  |   |
| 41:58   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | You can't even see the road from their house! That's how far back in the woods they are!  |   |
| 41:59   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | No. You know, twice in recent weeks, a large black car has pulled all the way down to their home from the road and circled 'round and then gone back out the other driveway. Somebody had to know or be familiar or have been going back there to know that they could go in one way and out the other...   | <i>One of the dates this occurred was January 10, 1995, according to Ruth's handwritten journal.</i><br><br><i>Fascinating, that as inquisitive as Cannon seemed on other issues, he did not so much as ask whether we had gotten a license number.</i>   |
| 42:22   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Right.  |   |
| 42:23   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | ...and you know, it's frightening them to death!<br><br>My mother has an implanted defibrillator in her abdomen that, if she gets an irregular heartbeat, she gets ZAPPED, just like with a defibrillator, that happened to her THREE TIMES. The doctor told her that he's never known of anybody to get ZAPPED [ <i>clapped</i> ] three times in rapid succession like she did and survive.  | <i>Stress, strain and mental anguish, unnecessarily, unlawfully brought to bear on Ruth and on me, both heart patients, and Ruth with apparently limited time to live, was the murder weapon of choice as to Ruth, and continues to be as to me.</i>  |

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|         |                   | Now, she's been told she's been told she's going to have a pacemaker inserted, in addition to the other thing. My mother's days are numbered! And, certainly the stress that she's been under over the last number of years has not helped the situation. And when my father, my father is very protective of my mother and he is very adamant that Mr. Webb has threatened their lives--by the very fact that he knew of my mother's health condition and he has made unnecessary demands and created unnecessary stress for her over the years...                     |  |
| 43:23   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And he seems to be playing a waiting game.  |  |
| 43:27   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Would you mind if we had copies of those letters?   | <i>What did Cannon ever do with this information and documentation?</i>  |
| 43:31   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | I don't think my father would object to that.<br><br>He said, umm, here's what he says:<br><br>"Also, why is Webb not our attorney? Present our evidence. He simply quit. He did not go through judge, and never blamed the client for anything except protecting the contract against Webb's attempt to impair or destroy."<br><br>He, Webb never, in any of the correspondence, ever blamed my parents for anything -- he couldn't, and be telling the truth. The only thing he blamed them for was doing what they felt like they should do to protect the contract. |  |
| 44:03   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | He even asked them at one point to represent themselves! And they refused to...   |  |
| 44:10   | SHERIFF CANNON    | He put that in a letter?  | <i>As with Sheriff Cannon's other questions about our documentation -- was he interested in going after Webb for his wrongdoing, or in protecting him?</i> |
| 44:11   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | I'm not positive, but they refused to go along with it, and that's just one part of it. Uh, it's quite involved, you wouldn't believe it.   |  |
| 44:24   | SHERIFF CANNON    | But we're not... I'm trying to figure out now whether or not your parents ever made a complaint prior to January of this year to the Florida Bar. Do you recall whether or not they did?  |  |
| 44:31   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | About him? If they put it in writing, they certainly had conversations with them--whether they put it in writing, I would have to go back in the records and see.   |  |
| 44:40   | SHERIFF CANNON    | But The Florida Bar should have documents of that.  |  |
| 44:43   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | They did with the local grievance committee, did they not?  |  |



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| 44:46   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | I don't know.  |                         |
| 44:47   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | With the one, that, um, Dr. Yacht is on?   |                         |
| 44:50   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | I don't know whether they formally did...  |                         |
| 44:53   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | ...against Webb?   |                         |
| 45:00   | SHERIFF CANNON       | The Florida Bar would have it -- even if called in, the Bar, they are supposed to keep a document of that.   |                         |
| 45:06   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | And to have them follow up now at this point, see, what's, he's a judge now...   |                         |
| 45:14   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | What was the date of his swearing in?  |                         |
| 45:17   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Uhh...   |                         |
| 45:18   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | It was last week.  |                         |
| 45:18   | SHERIFF CANNON       | [almost in unison] It was last week.   |                         |
| 45:19   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | The thirtieth?   |                         |
| 45:20   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Their letter is dated the thirtieth, and my parents' letter to them is dated the 24 <sup>th</sup> ...  |                         |
| 45:30   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Probably before January the 30 <sup>th</sup> .   |                         |
| 45:31   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | ...and they mark it as being received on the 30 <sup>th</sup>  |                         |
| 45:33   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Twenty seventh. 27 <sup>th</sup> was the swearing in.  |                         |
| 45:38   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | See, and what they--I know that they had a lot of conversations with, not only with the Florida Bar, but the Judicial, uh, Qualifications Committee, because they knew his judgeship was imminent. So, even when he was running, they had these conversations and said, You can't let this guy get in! |                         |
| 45:52   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Did they ever get a reply from JQC?  |                         |
| 45:56   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | Do we have that on file, Connie?   |                         |
| 45:59   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | I don't know.  |                         |
| 46:00   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | They, they wanted to know everything! I do know that. That was part of the upshot of their conversations, but I think their formal, written reply, they are still waiting for.   |                         |
| 46:09   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | These are letters going back to, uh, they are not in sequence...   |                         |
| 46:15   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | ...and, and bear in mind, this is about, probably a <i>fifth</i> of the correspondence and documentation that my parents have, and it's the most representative of the points that he...   |                         |
|         |                      | [Interruption of tape recording—re-commences with some overlap]  |                         |

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| 47:24   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | ... the correspondence and documentation that my parents have, and it's the most representative of the points that he's trying to make here is that Webb is still his attorney, whether he will admit it or not!   |                         |
| 47:36   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | I don't know the law, you can correct me if I am wrong, but even though the judge granted his request to withdraw three months ago, he never filed papers to my knowledge.   |                         |
| 47:48   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | So, do you have to file papers?  |                         |
| 47:50   | SHERIFF CANNON    | The judge, some judges will do it and will tell you to follow up with a document, other ones will do it and not require you to follow up – it depends on what the judge requires that day. They consider the transcript official, but a lot of judges will still require you to follow up with a motion to file... Who was the judge that day?   |                         |
| 48:14   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Uhhh, Bray.  |                         |
| 48:15   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Okay.  |                         |
| 48:17   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | It's interesting that he's the one who granted the fraudulent division of funds granted to Mitchell Meeks in Tampa, and my parents were never invited to that hearing – and uhh, uhh...  |                         |
| 48:31   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Was that for the attorney fees?  |                         |
| 48:33   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | That was for the division of the settlement from the insurance company, and my parents have documentation that the attorney had agreed on a certain percentage of the fee, and Mitchell Meeks apparently – my opinion – they had gotten to him by that time, or for other reasons he decided to withdraw from the case. He, uh, went to Judge Bray and also had the fees divided at a higher percentage, but the whole issue of the fraudulent funds goes back to the fact of how the, the, their apparently two pots that monies can come from—one is property damage, and the other I forget the name of...  |                         |
| 49:19   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | Policy limit.  |                         |
| 49:22   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | And there was some question about the way the funds were divided. My parents were told for years that Mr. Webb had put a lien against the case, even if they went to another attorney, he was claiming his full share, uh, so that that would have been, what, thirty three percent? They would have to pay another attorney thirty three percent. So, after the case was resolved, Mr. Webb did accept four or five hundred dollars to settle his expenses, uh, when he had never done anything in the case. So, he did accept money for representing my parents and uh, I should say <i>mis</i> representing them, and uh, it's, it's just a very intricate. |                         |
| 50:07   | SHERIFF CANNON    | ...I can understand your parents' frustration, and certainly you alls frustration. The things that we have jurisdiction over to review, again, we'll   |                         |

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|         |                   | take a look at it, we'll go back and take a look at it. I don't want you or your family to think that the sheriff's office did not do as thorough a job on his behalf as for Mr. Webb, because I will not allow that. I hope it didn't happen, but if it did, uh, it will be redone.  |                         |
| 50:38   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Well, they refused to honor my parents' complaint --They wouldn't even consider it from what we understand.   |                         |
| 50:44   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | And I think our bringing it to your attention, Sheriff Cannon, isn't as much an accusation that your people didn't do something that they should have done as it is a, just a questioning about it and something maybe that you would want to know as well, if that is the case, and I think that you expressed that, and that confirms our feeling that, you know, we could come in here and discuss these things with you and give the benefit of the doubt that you're somebody who's not been bought... |                         |
| 51:14   | SHERIFF CANNON    | No.   |                         |
| 51:14   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | ...that, that we can have confidence in, and if we can have that with one office or one sector in this county, that is given the jurisdiction just to protect my parents, I think that will make us all feel a lot better   |                         |
| 51:29   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I will make sure... if you don't mind ... contacting both of you  |                         |
| 51:34   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | I don't mind at all.  |                         |
| 51:38   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I'll make sure that they contact you. You could probably add a lot of information, uh, to help out [followed by indistinguishable words].   |                         |
| 51:50   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Uh, you know, we've been involved all along in a peripheral way, uh, and have a fairly good understanding.  |                         |
| 52:06   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | I, I want to mention too that our recording this meeting today is as much a part of our need to just keep things organized about what we have tried to do and what we have not tried to do.   |                         |
| 52:23   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Would you mind our having a copy of it?   |                         |
| 52:24   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | I certainly don't.  |                         |
| 52:25   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | No. I don't know if we have any way to make a copy of a little tape like that, but if your office does, I don't know...   |                         |
| 52:30   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Uh, I'll go back there and check...   |                         |
|         |                   | [Sheriff Cannon invites Robert Blevins back into the room, participants get resettled in Sheriff Cannon's office – side conversations].   |                         |
| 53:20   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | [to Sheriff Cannon] Did you want to have Cheryl make copies of these papers?  |                         |
| 53:26   | SHERIFF CANNON    | Did you want to ask your father, to make sure?  |                         |
| 53:47   | CONNIE            | Do you have any suggestions or any place that you can refer us to?  |                         |

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|         | CIESZYNSKI           |  |   |
| 53:56   | SHERIFF CANNON       | [deep sigh, half-whispered] Wow!   |   |
| 53:58   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | For representation?  |   |
| 54:00   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Goodness! It sounds like you have covered the whole Tampa Bay area!  |   |
| 54:03   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | I think we are going to have to go out of state.   |   |
| 54:06   | SHERIFF CANNON       | You've gone to Tampa, Ocala, Clearwater...   |   |
| 54:10   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | If you have any suggestions for us, I think that we would uh...  |   |
| 54:16   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | As a matter of fact, I've known Cheryl, and Kimberly has known Cheryl for quite a while also. I mentioned to her at the Little League field one night some of this situation and said, "Could you recommend – do you know anybody who's an attorney who might be willing to..." and she gave me three or four names, and they were all dead ends. They were in Tampa.  |   |
| 53:36   | SHERIFF CANNON       | I don't know any attorney, unfortunately, who specializes in suits against other attorneys. I am sure that there may BE some, but I'm not—if I may make a suggestion to you, there's a book at the library that will give you the names of all the attorneys in the United States and their specialties...   |   |
| 55:04   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | I think they have that.  |   |
| 55:06   | SHERIFF CANNON       | And if you go over here to the Law Library, and if you want to check the adjoining states, uh, and and they'll tell you what their specialty is, and if you find anyone in that regard, and give them a call. It wouldn't hurt to give them a call to see if they are even interested in speaking – that might help you out a little bit.  |   |
| 55:24   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | Well, I've even spoken with the governor's office about this, and with the governor's counsel, and, uh, her response was that it really sounds like a case that has a basis, and that there are attorneys around who enjoy tilting at windmills, and taking on improbable kinds of cases, that have some, some, some substance to them, and would enjoy taking it on. And it was right after that we contacted the attorney in Tampa, my parents did [followed by a few indistinguishable words] ...she was very much understanding of the issues... | <i>Correction: this was in reference to Carol Ann Volini, from <u>Ocala</u>, not Tampa.</i> |
| 56:16   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Something happened all of a sudden, and she did a complete turnaround. It was like night and day.  |   |
| 56:22   | SHERIFF CANNON       | How long, how long did she represent you?  |   |
| 56:24   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Less than two months, probably. As I said, they, they retained her at the eleventh hour.   |   |

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|         |                      | She really was retained within a day or two, uh, before they went to this hearing that had been scheduled, and “By all means we’re going to represent you, and this is what we are going to do, and this is what we are going to do...” and so forth – she went down the whole gamut, and she wrote them a letter verifying what she intended to do. We attended that hearing and she told my parents that she was going to claim among other things, loss of consortium. It’s interesting that Judge Bray reiterated that in the hearing, verbally, but the written transcript makes no mention of that. Uh, he said: “They do have an attorney, and it looks like she’s going for loss of consortium,” but the written transcript has no evidence of that in it, and uh... |                         |
| 57:35   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Was a court reporter present?  |                         |
| 57:37   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | There was a court reporter present, I was present, my father was there, uh...[to Kimberly] you were there, uh my mother, I think was there?  |                         |
| 57:48   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | Yes, she was there.  |                         |
| 57:50   | CONNIE<br>CIESZYNSKI | Yeah, we were all there, and uh, as I recall his exact words and nowhere in the transcript does it appear, and within a matter of days or weeks, when they recontacted her, she totally denied ever having claimed that she would do that, although we have written documentation to the contrary, and she said that she never had said that she was going to sue ANY other attorneys and did a complete about-face! And said she also wanted to withdraw...   |                         |
|         |                      | Robert F. Blevins re-enters Sheriff Cannon’s office  |                         |
| 58:31   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Mr. Blevins, I have asked, uh, your daughters, and I will ask you, for the benefit of the investigation, do you have any objection of us having a copy of the tape?  |                         |
| 58:44   | MR. BLEVINS          | This tape that we made here?   |                         |
| 58:46   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Yes, sir.  |                         |
| 58:47   | MR. BLEVINS          | Uhhh, do you have notes over here?   |                         |
| 58:52   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Yes, sir.  |                         |
| 58:53   | MR. BLEVINS          | Uh, could—what do you need the tape for?   |                         |
| 58:57   | SHERIFF CANNON       | Just so that everything that we’ve talked about here today will be fully looked into – and we will all have an understanding as to what I stated that I would do in the case.  |                         |
| 59:07   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS     | Daddy, I...  |                         |
| 59:09   | MR. BLEVINS          | Do I have your commitment that you will not use it to my detriment?  |                         |
| 59:12   | SHERIFF CANNON       | I’m not going to use it to your detriment, there isn’t anything [laughing] in there that is to your ...  |                         |
| 59:16   | MR. BLEVINS          | You know, Sheriff, I can appreciate... I mean, we’ve been through seven years of you wouldn’t believe it...  |                         |

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| 59:24   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I've had a very nice conversation with your daughters. You ought to be proud of both of them.  |                         |
| 59:27   | MR. BLEVINS       | I am pretty...   |                         |
| 59:29   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I think they'll tell you there's nothing on the tape that is detrimental ...   |                         |
| 59:31   | MR. BLEVINS       | For, for, for a GIRL child, she's done alright!  |                         |
| 59:35   | SHERIFF CANNON    | [laughing] I'm not going to touch that comment!  |                         |
| 59:38   | MR. BLEVINS       | Sure! [also, with levity]  |                         |
| 59:39   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I'll stay out of that one!   |                         |
| 59:39   | MR. BLEVINS       | Sure!  |                         |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON    |  |                         |
| 59:42   | MR. BLEVINS       | I have your word for it that... and let me have the tape... is it still...? It's not...  |                         |
| 59:47   | SHERIFF CANNON    | They changed it over.  |                         |
| 59:50   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | We turned it over, and it's still running. I don't know if I did it right, Daddy.  |                         |
| 59:54   | MR. BLEVINS       | I am giving you this tape, uh, uh, uh, do you want a copy of it, or do you want to keep the tape itself?   |                         |
| 60:00   | SHERIFF CANNON    | We're going to have to make a copy.  |                         |
| 60:01   | MR. BLEVINS       | How about if I make you a copy of it and drop it by – is that okay? And, uh, so, I will give you a copy of this, Sheriff Cannon, Bob Blevins, uh, with the understanding that if you cannot use it for my benefit, you will not use it to my injury. Do you agree to that, Sheriff Cannon? |                         |
| 60:18   | SHERIFF CANNON    | I agree. I don't think there's anything there, but, I'll make that agreement.  |                         |
| 60:21   | MR. BLEVINS       | It's a precaution, [smilingly] and I'm sure you understand that! Wait a minute, now. What time is it?  |                         |
| 60:28   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS  | Four o'clock.  |                         |
| 60:28   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | Four o'clock.  |                         |
| 60:30   | MR. BLEVINS       | It's four o'clock, and I think we're bringing this thing in, into the home station. Okay, go ahead.  |                         |
| 60:34   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | [to her father] I was just going to bring you up to date that we've had an opportunity for quite interesting conversation with Sheriff Cannon...   |                         |
| 60:43   | MR. BLEVINS       | I'm glad.  |                         |
| 60:44   | CONNIE CIESZYNSKI | ...and I think you'll be most interested to listen to the tape.  |                         |
| 60:47   | MR. BLEVINS       | I'm very glad.<br><br>Sheriff Cannon, I want you to understand that all we've ever asked for is for people, people to live up to their end of the bargain. We've never asked for   |                         |

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|         |                | <p>anything else. Where we had problems here is where, uh, the attorney who filled out the contract made a proposal to us, finding himself in trouble, uh, and all of this amounted to--and here we do not have to prove intent, it's cause and effect--uh, what this, what all of this stalling around that he did had the benefit of aiding Dr. Hanff, uh, to ward off a potential lawsuit—not that we had any intentions of doing that—that doesn't matter. Uh, but uh, then, when we finally brought this thing to a halt, other people that knew about these things said, "You've got to bring this to a conclusion," and we did.</p> <p>And he looked around and he found that he didn't, we were clean as a pin—so then he decided to taint us, and he set up a proposal that we DARED not accept. It was one of these things of "Do you still beat your wife?" type things, you know—in, in other words, damned if we do, and damned if we don't.</p> |                         |
| 61:53   | SHERIFF CANNON | Yes, sir.   |                         |
| 61:53   | MR. BLEVINS    | <p>If we accepted it, then it gave him a chance to, to – it literally destroyed the contract that was in place – and it allowed him to go ahead and procrastinate and it set a precedent for him to do practically anything he wanted to from then on. And we said, "No, we are in the light, we know what we've got, why go from the darkness into the light, why go from the existing, from the in-place to the experimental?" And so we said – and he never proposed it as being necessary, never even proposed it as being as good as what was already in place. So, we said, well we dare not accept this, we cannot accept it – we're not up to it physically, and I think you understand by now what I am saying there.</p>  |                         |
|         | SHERIFF CANNON | Yes.  |                         |
|         | MR. BLEVINS    | <p>So, we rejected it. Now, up to a certain time, to a time when he made that proposal, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 9 to 10 a.m. in the morning, both times he made that proposal in a post-final meeting he had not one, he had voiced not one complaint against us, indeed, uh, we had allowed him to come back on the contract, uh, and he refused, now see, he refused, flatly refused to cooperate for two months – now, that's when it was our idea – we fired him.</p> <p>Uh, we couldn't get rid of him, and now two months and he wouldn't acknowledge, and the insurance company was after him, and I was too, and I called him up, and I said, Bill, what's going on here? And his secretary confirmed that he had been holding things up, and he... yeah, yeah... and I said, Well, what can I do, you know? Colonial Penn, we're trying to deal</p>   |                         |

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|         |                  | one-on-one, and they're frustrated, and his secretary hit me with, and these are the exact words: "Mr. Blevins, do you want to re-hire Bill?" I got the MESSAGE! The man had delivered the message that he could and would hold things up. |                         |
| 63:42   | KIMBERLY BLEVINS | Dad, I was just going to say that as part of Sheriff Cannon's investigation... his deputies, his investigators will be getting back in touch with you and Connie and with me to get...   |                         |

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