

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

COLLIE M. TRANT,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	No. CJ-2010-1244
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA ex	)	
rel BOARD OF	)	
MEDICOLEGAL	)	
INVESTIGATIONS and the	)	
OFFICE OF CHIEF MEDICAL	)	
EXAMINER, et al.	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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CONFIDENTIAL VIDEO DEPOSITION OF CHEROKEE BALLARD

TAKEN ON APRIL 27, 2010

ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF

IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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REPORTED BY: EMILY EAKLE, CSR, RPR, RMR



1 attorney general's office?

2 A. I don't remember, sir.

3 Q. Do you ever go to the morning lineup?

4 A. On a rare occasion.

5 Q. Do you remember going to the morning  
6 lineup and telling people there about what had  
7 happened at the attorney general's office?

8 A. No, sir.

9 Q. Do you remember ever doing that at any  
10 time?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. There have been some testimony with  
13 other witnesses about allegations that you were  
14 sexually harassed by Dr. Trant. Are you familiar  
15 with that?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Who did you first report that to?

18 A. Eddie Johnson.

19 Q. Eddie?

20 A. (Witness nodded.)

21 Q. And what is Eddie Johnson's position?

22 A. He's the family assistance coordinator.

23 Q. And when was that?

24 A. Either end of January or probably the  
25 last week of January.

1 Q. Of 2010?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Is that when it occurred?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Tell us what happened.

6 A. There was an occasion of a case of a  
7 woman who couldn't pay her electric bill and  
8 Dr. Trant said, well, let's find out how much she  
9 owes and we'll take care of it, or I meant --  
10 thought it meant he would take care of it. We  
11 got the amount of the electric bill or gas bill,  
12 and he said, well, I'll just write a check for it  
13 and take care of it. I discouraged him from  
14 doing that, but I came into my office one  
15 afternoon and there was a check on my desk for  
16 \$1,000 made out to me.

17 Q. From Dr. Trant?

18 A. Uh-huh. Yes, sir. And I called him up  
19 and said, I don't think this is a good idea to  
20 pay this woman's bill, I'm still waiting on the  
21 exact amount, and so I jokingly said, I'm going  
22 to take your money and go to the mall.

23 Q. What happened then?

24 A. He said, well, make sure you go to  
25 Victoria's Secret and buy some things that won't

1 constrict your boobs.

2 Q. What happened then?

3 A. I think he laughed and I said, okay,  
4 and got off the phone.

5 Q. Was that the entire incident?

6 A. That I remember, yes, sir.

7 Q. Were there any other instances that you  
8 reported of sexual harassment?

9 A. Well, the next conversation about this  
10 when I called him and told him I tore up the  
11 check, and he said, oh, because you knew what you  
12 would have to do to go to Victoria's Secret.

13 Q. Was he still laughing at that time?

14 A. I believe so, yes, sir.

15 Q. Anything else with regard to that  
16 incident?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Had you torn up the check?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 Q. Was there another incident of -- strike  
21 that.

22 Was this the incident that occurred at  
23 the end of January of 2010?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Was there a reason why you were talking

1 to him on the phone as opposed to in person?

2 A. He was on his way to Louisiana or was  
3 about there or at the airport, I'm not sure, but  
4 he was out of the office.

5 Q. He was traveling somewhere?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Do you remember what -- if there was  
8 anything specific he was traveling for?

9 A. I believe he was going to testify in a  
10 case in Louisiana.

11 Q. Now, was there another incident?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. What was that?

14 A. I was standing in the executive  
15 secretary's area.

16 Q. Is that Annette?

17 A. Yes, sir. And she was recalling a time  
18 when Dr. Trant had applied for a job with our  
19 agency a few years before, I'm not sure the  
20 timeline, and she said, I wonder if he remembers  
21 this, and I said, well, ask him. She had pulled  
22 the e-mails, and about that time he walked around  
23 the corner, and she said, did you remember or did  
24 you know that you had applied with us for a job  
25 and we'd shared some e-mails. And he said, well,

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1 do you know that Cherokee is a bitch. And  
2 neither one of us said anything, and I believe he  
3 repeated it itself and said, well, Cherokee is a  
4 bitch, I had a dream last night that she turned  
5 me in for something I did and I got fired, and  
6 then he walked around the corner.

7 Q. Did he seem to be laughing at that  
8 time?

9 A. Perhaps. He walked around the corner  
10 after he said it.

11 Q. Did you report that to Eddie Johnson?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you report it to anyone?

14 A. No one in the agency.

15 Q. Your husband?

16 A. One of my good friends and my husband,  
17 and Annette who was sitting right there when it  
18 happened.

19 Q. Do you have any idea how it came up you  
20 were called before the executive session on  
21 February 1st and asked about these events?

22 A. I'm not sure what you mean, sir.

23 Q. Do you have any idea why you were  
24 called in?

25 A. I believe I had a conversation with