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# **Transcript of Dr. Connell Cowan**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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JOHN C. DEPP, II, :  
Plaintiff and :  
Counter-Defendant, : Civil Action No.  
v. : CL-2019-0002911  
AMBER LAURA HEARD, :  
Defendant and :  
Counter-Plaintiff. :

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4 the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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1	tonight"?	18:41:13
2	A Well, when she came in, we discussed it,	18:41:14
3	yeah.	18:41:17
4	Q But she didn't tell you that he had	18:41:18
5	physically abused her; is that right?	18:41:22
6	MR. NADELHAFT: Objection, asked and	18:41:26
7	answered.	18:41:29
8	A My recollection is that she told me that	18:41:29
9	he pushed her down and she got right back up, and	18:41:32
10	I think that's when I, you know, she said, "I give	18:41:38
11	as good as I get." And, you know, we discussed,	18:41:44
12	you know, the danger of escalation versus	18:41:50
13	de-escalation, and the importance of her being	18:41:55
14	able to do that.	18:42:01
15	Q So she gave you the impression that she	18:42:02
16	pushed him as well that night; is that right?	18:42:04
17	MR. NADELHAFT: Objection.	18:42:07
18	A She didn't say she pushed him, she just	18:42:08
19	said, I got right back up. She told me that he	18:42:11
20	pushed her down, and she got right back up.	18:42:14
21	Q But she also said she "gives" as good as	18:42:17
22	she "gets," doesn't that indicate that she pushed	18:42:20

1 him as well? 18:42:23

2 MR. NADELHAFT: Objection, asked and 18:42:24  
3 answered. 18:42:26

4 A You could interpret it that way. I kind 18:42:26  
5 of interpreted it more, you know, metaphorically, 18:42:31  
6 that, when somebody comes at her, she goes back at 18:42:33  
7 them, you know, in a similar way, whether it's 18:42:37  
8 verbally or she protects herself. So maybe she 18:42:40  
9 pushed him back. I don't know. 18:42:44

10 Q Okay. And you'll agree with me -- you 18:42:46  
11 only heard her side of the story with respect to 18:42:48  
12 this incident, correct? 18:42:51

13 A Yeah. 18:42:52

14 **Q So for example, you don't know if Mr. Depp** 18:42:53  
15 **acted in self-defense, right?** 18:42:56

16 MR. NADELHAFT: Objection, form and 18:43:00  
17 foundation -- 18:43:05

18 **A No, I can't --** 18:43:05

19 MR. NADELHAFT: -- misstates the record. 18:43:04

20 BY MR. PRESIADO: 18:43:06

21 **Q So in fact, Mr. Depp could have acted in** 18:43:06  
22 **self-defense, but you don't know because you only** 18:43:10

1 **heard one side of the story; is that fair to say?** 18:43:15

2 MR. NADELHAFT: Objection to form, 18:43:16

3 speculation. 18:43:19

4 BY MR. PRESIADO: 18:43:19

5 Q I'm sorry, I missed that answer. 18:43:19

6 **A That's certainly so.** 18:43:21

7 MR. PRESIADO: Madame reporter, did you 18:43:45

8 get that?

9 THE COURT REPORTER: Yeah, I'm actually

10 having trouble. Mr. Nadelhaft, you're very quiet

11 to me. Can you just be a little louder, because

12 we're talking over each other.

13 MR. NADELHAFT: Sure.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Thanks.

15 MR. PRESIADO: Did you get the objection?

16 THE COURT REPORTER: I got the objection,

17 but I didn't get the answer. Thank you.

18 MR. PRESIADO: Okay. Why don't we, Debi,

19 if you could read back the question. 18:43:46

20 And, Dr. Cowan, she didn't get your

21 answer, so if you could just repeat it after you

22 listen.