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AMBER LAURA HEARD, : CL-2019-0002911

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1 every day. 04:27:37

2 Q So is it your understanding that the 04:27:38

3 finger incident happened at the same time as the 04:27:40

4 dog incident in which the dogs were illegally in 04:27:43

5 Australia? 04:27:46

6 A I believe it was before that -- 04:27:48

7 Q All right. 04:27:50

8 A -- and that's where I was trying to 04:27:50

9 come up with a timeline, and there was so much 04:27:52

10 that was said in that time. It was constant. So 04:27:55

11 that's where I've always said on dates I'm very -- 04:27:58

12 I'm just trying to be as honest and give you what 04:28:01

13 I know as I possibly can. So I don't know the 04:28:03

14 exact date. 04:28:06

15 Q So March of what year? 04:28:07

16 A It would be 2015. 04:28:13

17 Q **Okay. Now, you also said that Whitney** 04:28:15

18 **gave you a blow-by-blow of how the finger was cut** 04:28:21

19 **off.** 04:28:27

20 Do you recall saying that? 04:28:28

21 A Yes, ma'am. 04:28:30

22 Q So tell me exactly what Whitney said in 04:28:30

1 **the blow-by-blow of how Amber cut off Johnny's** 04:28:33
2 **finger.** 04:28:37
3 A **She came back in from whoever she was** 04:28:39
4 **talking to out in the hall, she was still very** 04:28:41
5 **upset, and she was like, "She apparently threw a** 04:28:44
6 **bottle, his finger's off, and they rushed him** 04:28:48
7 **out."** 04:28:51
8 **She was in kind of a state of panic, to** 04:28:52
9 **be honest with you, because she was so upset and** 04:28:54
10 **didn't know what to do. And, yeah, I mean, that** 04:28:56
11 **would be what I'm saying the blow-by-blow that I** 04:28:58
12 **was referring to was.** 04:29:01
13 Q So she said -- 04:29:02
14 (The Reporter clarified the record.) 04:29:10
15 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 04:29:12
16 Q I just want to make sure I've got 04:29:12
17 exactly what you recall Whitney saying. 04:29:14
18 So she said, "So apparently she threw a 04:29:17
19 bottle"? 04:29:21
20 A (No verbal response.) 04:29:24
21 Q What else? 04:29:25
22 A And that it cut off his finger, and 04:29:25

1 firsthand, or what they thought or might have 04:32:24
2 heard from someone else? 04:32:28
3 MS. VASQUEZ: Objection. Compound. 04:32:30
4 Calls for speculation. Calls for hearsay. 04:32:31
5 THE WITNESS: The way it was told to 04:32:34
6 me, I assumed it was firsthand, but I do not know. 04:32:35
7 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 04:32:41
8 Q Okay. And have we exhausted your 04:32:41
9 recollection about the cutting off the finger in 04:32:44
10 Australia? 04:32:47
11 A Yes, ma'am. My entire brain's 04:32:47
12 exhausted in general, so, yes, ma'am. 04:32:49
13 Q Okay. **Now, you also said that there** 04:32:55
14 **was an incident in which Whitney said that Amber** 04:32:57
15 **threw a glass of wine at her, correct?** 04:33:02
16 A **Yes, ma'am.** 04:33:06
17 Q **And that was at the Tribeca Film** 04:33:07
18 **Festival?** 04:33:10
19 A **I believe so, yes, ma'am.** 04:33:11
20 Q **And do you recall which film was being** 04:33:13
21 **presented at the Tribeca Film Festival?** 04:33:19
22 A **I believe it was The Adderall Diaries,** 04:33:22

1 witness's testimony. It's an improper 04:36:16
2 hypothetical. 04:36:21
3 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am. 04:36:21
4 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 04:36:24
5 Q "Yes" in what way? 04:36:25
6 A I'm sorry, am I -- sorry, sorry, sorry, 04:36:28
7 sorry. I just said, "Yes, ma'am." 04:36:31
8 What was the last question? 04:36:32
9 Q Are you able to discern whether these 04:36:34
10 are just typical close-sister fights that happen 04:36:36
11 with close-aged sisters? 04:36:41
12 A I don't really know how to answer that. 04:36:48
13 She was confiding in me as a friend and talking to 04:36:49
14 me about her personal relationship, and I do not 04:36:53
15 have anyone a year and a half in age to me, so I 04:36:56
16 guess that's your point. 04:37:01
17 Q All right. **Did Whitney tell you --** 04:37:02
18 **ever tell you that she had been beaten by Amber?** 04:37:05
19 A **I mean, yes, would be the short answer** 04:37:14
20 **of that.** 04:37:17
21 Q All right. Let's **hear when** 04:37:17
22 **specifically.** 04:37:20

1 A The way the stories went were that it 04:37:21
2 was her whole life. I can't give you specifics, 04:37:24
3 because, again, she was confiding into me -- 04:37:27
4 confiding in me while she lived there, and I 04:37:30
5 listened, and I do understand sibling 04:37:33
6 relationships because I'm close with my sisters 04:37:36
7 too. What she shared with me seemed very extreme 04:37:38
8 based on any experience I have in any friendships 04:37:41
9 or relationships I have. 04:37:45
10 Q All right. I want you to tell me 04:37:46
11 exactly what was said by Whitney that you 04:37:47
12 considered to be extreme, including when, what the 04:37:51
13 circumstances were, the best you can recall. 04:37:56
14 A Growing up, she said that they were 04:37:58
15 both pretty severely abused and that Amber would 04:38:00
16 take the brunt of it on her behalf and that she 04:38:03
17 always appreciated that, and that where she would 04:38:08
18 take the brunt of it, that when she got mad, 04:38:14
19 that-- I'm trying to articulate it in the best 04:38:17
20 and kindest way I can, because I have deep 04:38:20
21 sympathies for both of them from what Whitney 04:38:24
22 shared with me. 04:38:26

1 **That their childhood was extremely** 04:38:27
2 **abusive, and where Amber would take up for her in** 04:38:30
3 **those abusive situations that happened to them,** 04:38:34
4 **that she would also then turn and direct her rage** 04:38:36
5 **on Whitney later. That's how it was told to me in** 04:38:39
6 **ways -- that's the best way I can communicate it.** 04:38:43
7 Q **So exactly what words did Whitney use** 04:38:48
8 **to describe how Amber directed the rage onto** 04:38:51
9 **Whitney?** 04:38:55
10 A I mean, this was however long ago. She 04:38:58
11 lived with me for 11 months, and it was one story 04:39:01
12 after the next. While she was there, she just 04:39:03
13 kind of opened up to me. So I'm giving you a vast 04:39:06
14 generalization of all the stories, because I never 04:39:09
15 knew that however many years later I would have to 04:39:12
16 ever disclose any of this or share any of this. 04:39:17
17 Q Can you remember any specifics that 04:39:20
18 Whitney told you about Amber turning any type of 04:39:23
19 rage on her? 04:39:31
20 A I don't -- I mean, I don't want to 04:39:31
21 misstate specific incidences. Stuff that happened 04:39:33
22 with kids in high school on up. She said that it 04:39:36

1 MS. VASQUEZ: Objection. Assumes 04:44:40
2 facts -- I'm so sorry, Elaine. I apologize. 04:44:40
3 (The Reporter clarified the record.) 04:44:46
4 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 04:44:48
5 Q -- January of 2018? 04:44:48
6 MS. VASQUEZ: Objection. Assumes facts 04:44:51
7 not in evidence. Calls for hearsay. 04:44:52
8 THE WITNESS: **No, ma'am, I do not** 04:44:58
9 **recall. I had no idea if they were dating or not.** 04:44:59
10 BY MS. BREDEHOFT: 04:45:06
11 Q **Now, there's one more thing that you** 04:45:06
12 **reported in your declaration and your witness** 04:45:09
13 **statement. You said that Whitney told you that** 04:45:12
14 **Amber had struck Johnny and that Whitney had tried** 04:45:15
15 **to interfere in some manner.** 04:45:20
16 **Do you remember that?** 04:45:23
17 A Yes, ma'am. 04:45:24
18 Q Tell me when Whitney told you that. 04:45:25
19 A **I -- this was where I was trying --** 04:45:30
20 **trying to put that together. She -- when she came** 04:45:32
21 **to stay with me, what she said -- that was one of** 04:45:35
22 **the main incidents. She said that she had gone** 04:45:38

1 up, she was -- according to her recollection of 04:45:41
2 the stair incident, she was running up the stairs 04:45:45
3 behind them and trying to stop Amber from 04:45:49
4 attacking Johnny. Amber pushed her down the 04:45:52
5 stairs, according to her, and she said if the 04:45:56
6 security guard hadn't been there, she would have 04:45:58
7 probably fallen all the way down. 04:46:01

8 Q When was this? 04:46:05

9 A I'm not sure. Sometimes March, April, 04:46:06
10 or May. 04:46:10

11 And that's where I said to Adam, I'm 04:46:10
12 not sure if she came to stay with me and then went 04:46:13
13 back to live with them and then came back again in 04:46:15
14 May or not, because I was traveling during that 04:46:19
15 time as well. But whenever she came to stay, she 04:46:21
16 did go back down there some, so that's where I 04:46:24
17 can't -- I don't know the dates of the incidents. 04:46:28
18 I'm assuming, yeah. 04:46:31

19 It was all -- literally, it was chaos 04:46:38
20 in the office, is truly the truth. All of these 04:46:40
21 stories were coming out. It was constant with 04:46:43
22 Whitney sharing all this stuff to the point I was 04:46:45



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9 RPR, Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of
10 Pennsylvania.

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1 bid -- building. 10:28:19

2 Q And do you remember what year, 10:28:20

3 approximately, you attended the birthday party at 10:28:21

4 Nobu in Hollywood for Ms. Heard? 10:28:23

5 MS. PINTADO: Objection; asked and 10:28:26

6 answered, leading. 10:28:27

7 A '15 or '16, I would think. 10:28:30

8 Q Each time you saw Mr. Depp, did you ever 10:28:37

9 see him doing any illicit, illegal drugs? 10:28:40

10 A Never. 10:28:47

11 Q Did you ever see him consuming excessive 10:28:48

12 amounts of alcohol? 10:28:51

13 MS. PINTADO: Objection. 10:28:52

14 A No. 10:28:52

15 MS. PINTADO: Form. 10:28:53

16 A Never. 10:28:55

17 Q Did you ever see Mr. Depp appear 10:28:58

18 intoxicated? 10:29:00

19 A No. 10:29:04

20 MS. PINTADO: Objection to form. Calls 10:29:04

21 for expert testimony. 10:29:06

22 A Never. No. 10:29:08

1 year did you attend a birthday party for Ms. Heard 10:32:45
2 at her home? 10:32:49
3 A I would say that was probably '17 or 10:32:51
4 '18. 10:32:55
5 Q Other than -- 10:33:03
6 A She was living with Rocky because Rocky 10:33:04
7 was there getting dressed as well. And Rocky 10:33:06
8 had -- he -- she was with a stunt double, the guy, 10:33:09
9 I believe, she ended up marrying, they were there 10:33:13
10 whenever we got there. So it was whenever she was 10:33:16
11 living with Rocky and Rocky's now husband in a 10:33:18
12 home. 10:33:22
13 Q Other than that incident in either 2017 10:33:24
14 or 2018 at Ms. Heard's home for her birthday, did 10:33:27
15 you ever witness Ms. Heard do any illegal or 10:33:32
16 illicit drugs in your presence? 10:33:36
17 A No. No. 10:33:39
18 Q **Since you've known Ms. Heard, have you** 10:33:47
19 **ever observed her drinking excessively?** 10:33:49
20 MS. PINTADO: Objection. 10:33:52
21 Q **Drinking alcohol excessively?** 10:33:53
22 **MS. PINTADO: Objection; vague, assumes** 10:33:56

1 facts not in evidence, leading. 10:33:57

2 A 2018 Heaven, she showed up incredibly 10:34:02

3 intoxicated. There was an issue on the red carpet 10:34:09

4 with the people who were dealing with the red 10:34:12

5 carpet. And it kind of spread throughout the 10:34:14

6 event on headset how to kind of handle her and get 10:34:16

7 her in because she was very intoxicated when she 10:34:20

8 showed up for the event. And there was some issue 10:34:23

9 on the red carpet. 10:34:25

10 I was not -- I did see her later and 10:34:27

11 definitely can say she was intoxicated, but I was 10:34:29

12 only hearing through the production team that they 10:34:32

13 were having a problem holding her up to get her 10:34:36

14 down the red carpet. 10:34:39

15 Q And when -- 10:34:40

16 MS. PINTADO: And I'll -- 10:34:41

17 Q -- you saw -- 10:34:42

18 MR. CHEW: -- move to strike that. 10:34:42

19 A That would have been at John Legend's 10:34:45

20 Heaven. She came with Whitney. 10:34:46

21 MS. PINTADO: And I'll move to strike 10:34:50

22 that as nonresponsive, and also calls for expert 10:34:50

1 Q -- to live at the Eastern Columbia 10:53:45
2 building? 10:53:46
3 MS. PINTADO: Objection; calls for 10:53:47
4 hearsay, speculative, leading. 10:53:49
5 A She -- she was not. She was not. And 10:53:52
6 when she first started working here, Johnny had 10:53:55
7 given her a car as well, so she had a car that he 10:53:58
8 had given her. It was an orange Dodge car of some 10:54:01
9 sort that she was driving. And she always went on 10:54:07
10 and on and on about how generous he was for giving 10:54:10
11 her that car, and giving her a place to live, and 10:54:12
12 how great he was. 10:54:15
13 Q I think you testified previously that 10:54:17
14 Ms. Henriquez would speak often at Art of 10:54:19
15 Elysium's offices about her relationship with 10:54:23
16 Ms. Heard and her observations of -- of Ms. Heard 10:54:27
17 and Mr. Depp's relationship. Fair? 10:54:32
18 A Yes. 10:54:34
19 MS. PINTADO: Objection; misstates the 10:54:35
20 testimony. 10:54:37
21 Q **Was there an incident that took place at** 10:54:39
22 **Art of Elysium in 2015 relating to Mr. Depp and** 10:54:41

1 **Ms. Heard's stay in Australia?** 10:54:51

2 MS. PINTADO: **Objection, leading,** 10:54:54

3 **speculative, calls for hearsay.** 10:54:55

4 A **The -- there were a few -- the dogs --** 10:55:01

5 **the dog situation, after that happened and they** 10:55:05

6 **were flown back here, the dogs were coming in the** 10:55:09

7 **office. Whitney had the dogs. She went and** 10:55:13

8 **took -- took time off work to go pick them up and** 10:55:13

9 **bring them in. So we had the dogs here every day.** 10:55:17

10 **And that happened, and then the other** 10:55:20

11 **thing is she was sitting in the office and loudly** 10:55:22

12 **proclaimed that she had done it now, that she'd** 10:55:28

13 **had cut off his finger. And --** 10:55:30

14 Q **Let me --** 10:55:31

15 A **-- I --** 10:55:32

16 Q **Let me -- sorry, Ms. -- Ms. Howell. I'm** 10:55:33

17 **just going to try to take this in -- in pieces --** 10:55:35

18 A **Okay.** 10:55:37

19 Q **-- just to make sure the record's clear.** 10:55:38

20 **Let's talk about that exclamation by --** 10:55:42

21 **by Ms. Heard -- Ms. Henriquez. I want to** 10:55:45

22 **understand what happened.** 10:55:49

1 So you were in the office that -- that 10:55:51
2 day when Ms. Henriquez said something about a 10:55:53
3 finger being cut off? 10:55:57
4 A Yeah. I mean, to be -- 10:55:58
5 MS. PINTADO: Objection -- 10:56:00
6 A -- honest -- 10:56:01
7 MR. CHEW: Objection; calls for hearsay, 10:56:01
8 misstates the testimony, assumes facts not in 10:56:02
9 evidence. 10:56:05
10 A To be honest with you, Camille, I was 10:56:06
11 sitting exactly where I'm sitting right now 10:56:09
12 because I'm sitting at my desk in the office. So 10:56:11
13 I was sitting right here on my computer, working, 10:56:14
14 in my zone, responding, doing whatever I was 10:56:17
15 doing. And right over there, there were two 10:56:20
16 black-and-white chairs at the time with a table in 10:56:24
17 between it. Whitney was sitting in one of the 10:56:25
18 black-and-white chairs. There's a door that goes 10:56:28
19 out right over there as well, and she just 10:56:30
20 screamed, She's done it now. She's cut off his 10:56:32
21 God damn finger, and made this huge proclamation. 10:56:36
22 And I pushed my chair back. I was, like, What? 10:56:41

1 And she goes, She cut off his finger. She cut off 10:56:45
2 his finger. 10:56:45
3 And then she bolted out the door and 10:56:45
4 was, like, I got to call somebody. I got to call 10:56:47
5 somebody. And she went out the door and she 10:56:50
6 called someone. I don't know who she called. 10:56:52
7 That's what was said. 10:56:55
8 Q Did Ms. Henriquez say to you who the 10:56:56
9 "she" was and who the "he" was? 10:56:59
10 A It was Amber -- 10:57:01
11 MS. PINTADO: Objection. Objection; 10:57:02
12 hearsay, assumes facts not in evidence, lack of 10:57:03
13 foundation, leading. 10:57:05
14 A It was Amber and Johnny, and she 10:57:08
15 apparently had thrown a bottle and cut off his 10:57:11
16 finger, is what she reported when she came back in 10:57:14
17 from whoever she talked to outside. 10:57:17
18 MS. PINTADO: And I'll move to strike 10:57:20
19 that on the basis of, it's unresponsive and based 10:57:21
20 on hearsay. 10:57:26
21 Q So what you heard Ms. Henriquez say in 10:57:30
22 the office was -- she screamed and she said 10:57:32

1 Q Did Ms. Henriquez ever show you the 10:58:43
2 message she received? 10:58:45
3 A No. She didn't. 10:58:46
4 And, I mean, again, just taking my own 10:58:53
5 accountability here where I have failed at certain 10:58:57
6 things, I was trying my best to keep an office 10:58:59
7 together with this chaos that was coming in on a 10:59:02
8 daily basis. And I should have done a much better 10:59:07
9 job at it, looking back on it now. I should have 10:59:10
10 not had this happening in the office. 10:59:13
11 Q When Ms. Henriquez came back into the 10:59:19
12 office, what specifically did she say to you? 10:59:21
13 MS. PINTADO: Objection; hearsay, 10:59:25
14 assumes facts not in evidence. 10:59:25
15 A She -- 10:59:28
16 MS. PINTADO: Leading. 10:59:30
17 A She -- she said that she had thrown a 10:59:30
18 bottle and his finger was cut off. 10:59:33
19 Q And the "she" there was who? 10:59:36
20 A Amber. 10:59:38
21 MS. PINTADO: Objection; hearsay, 10:59:38
22 assumes facts not in evidence. 10:59:39