

1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

2 DAISY DAVIS,)

3)
4 Plaintiff,)

5 vs.)

6 HARPETH HALL SCHOOL, (THE),)

7)
8 Defendant.)
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Docket No. 14C1254
JURY DEMAND (12)

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13 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF

14 DAISY DAVIS

15 October 29, 2015

16 Taken on behalf of the Defendant
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1 back to church around -- I think it was the summer of
2 2005. I could be wrong about that, but I think it
3 was the summer of 2005 and -- is that okay if I was
4 wrong about it? Okay.

5 Q. Just tell me if you're not sure. That's
6 fine.

7 A. I'm not sure, but I think it was the
8 summer of 2005 and -- but things -- it was just -- my
9 dad was finding out more information about just
10 things that church -- like, decisions church
11 leadership was making, and at some point, either in
12 fifth or sixth grade, he ended up resigning, like,
13 his membership from -- from the church. And it just
14 -- the more that he spoke out, the more information
15 that we got, the more upset church leadership got
16 with him, the more rumors started coming out.

17 So there's a whole summer between fourth
18 grade and fifth grade where, you know, things are
19 getting -- people are at youth group parties, like,
20 little, like, summer youth group things, church, you
21 know, picnics and whatever is going on that the
22 church does in the summer, and people are talking and
23 our -- my dad's name is getting thrown around and his
24 reputation is getting worse as I'm going into fifth
25 grade.

1 believe what I've heard over, you know, who you
2 actually are. I wouldn't -- I'm not going to come
3 say that to you... I might go talk to someone else ...
4 about it, like, oh, did you hear that, oh, I heard
5 that too, you know, just like people don't come up to
6 you and go, your dad's a church shooter.

7 In that case, they did, and it was really
8 weird and made me really uncomfortable. And that's
9 when I kind of started realizing, okay, this is --
10 this isn't about me, I'm not getting bullied because
11 there's something wrong with me. It's, like, people
12 don't -- they're believing things about my family
13 that aren't true, and I don't have any control over
14 it. I can't -- if I, you know, try to come out and,
15 like, be defensive, it just looks, you know, like I'm
16 being defensive. There's nothing I can do to
17 overcome this.

18 I just -- Covenant's -- you know, it's a
19 church, you know, and you think no one is going to,
20 like, gossip at church. But, I mean, there's a ton
21 of people who are around the community, and if your
22 pastor is wearing a bulletproof vest and is, like,
23 telling people that he's scared of Austin Davis and
24 thinks he's a threat and they're going to have to
25 call the police, like, you know, like, that's going

1 to scare people and that's going to make them talk
2 and that's going to -- then I'm the girl with the
3 church shooter dad.

4 And, I mean, like, last Sunday, he went
5 up to Covenant and they called the police and he had
6 to leave the service and go talk to police. And they
7 were, like, you're trespassing, you can't be here,
8 and then it turns out they don't even have a right to
9 tell him he's trespassing because he's not a threat.
10 And the police couldn't arrest him or do anything
11 because -- you know, but they made this whole show
12 of, like, we're going to call the police and we're
13 going to get you out of here because you're a threat
14 and we have armed security here and, you know,
15 unmarked vehicles. And they just make it look like
16 it's a huge big deal when it's not and there is no
17 threat.

18 But that just looks -- then I -- you
19 know, I have to deal with what people think after
20 that. If you -- if your only thought is coming from
21 someone who plants it there and you're not, you know,
22 thinking, oh, maybe -- maybe that -- you know, our
23 pastor's lying, then it just -- I mean, you can't
24 overcome that, you know. So I've just dealt with
25 that since fifth grade. I know people were talking

1 make -- it makes more sense to me that they would
2 have had information about my family back then,
3 especially because, I mean -- I mean, 2002 to 2005,
4 like, things -- that was -- I mean, as the years
5 progressed, my dad started getting more verbal about
6 his concerns, and so once that 2005 hit, like, that's
7 when, I mean, things just got -- I mean, my dad was
8 very outspoken. He was, you know, just -- he was --
9 he wasn't in a good place with the church.

10 So if you have, you know, members that
11 are there that are my age and you're not in good
12 standing with their church, that doesn't -- you know,
13 it just didn't -- it makes more sense that that would
14 be the reason than, oh, they didn't like me because I
15 was hanging out with _____. Well, why would the
16 entire grade not like me, because I was friends with
17 _____ at one point, and she had, like, disowned me
18 basically as a friend. So I don't know why they
19 would be so mad at me. Like, I'm not a threat at
20 that point, you know. She wasn't being my friend,
21 so -- you know.

22 Q. And -- okay. So _____ had
23 shoved you in the locker, and you said _____ had
24 said -- well, let me ask you this question first.

25 A. Yes.