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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON

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NOREEN RENIER,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) Case No. 85-3781-J-1
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JOHN DOUGLAS MERRELL,)
)
Defendant.)

DEPOSITION OF MARK BABYAK

BE IT REMEMBERED that the deposition of MARK BABYAK
was taken on behalf of the Plaintiff by means of a telephone
recording on the 4th day of September, 1986.

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- 1 indicated when you arrived at this airport that there was
2 some, perhaps State Police Officers involved in this search?
3 A Right.
4 Q That leads me to ask whether or not they were still searching
5 or had it actually been abandoned by the authorities?
6 A At that point there were two pilots also searching while we
7 were there. They were searching areas slightly different
8 areas but there were two pilots searching.
9 Q All right.
10 A The gentleman who was running or coordinating the search
11 said after speaking with us and after Jessica talked with
12 him and given him the information she had gotten from Noreen
13 and that we had been able to see by our flight so that they
14 would indeed put a ground search in that area within the next
15 day or so. At that point there had not been one in that im-
16 mediate area.
17 Q All right. Did they do that?
18 A Well my understanding of what happened after we left is that
19 the following day a resident of that area and his daughter
20 due to our circling over that area constantly, went out in
21 that area themselves and they found it prior to a search party
22 finding it. That they actually found the plane and called it
23 in.
24 Q All right.
25 A But it was in basically the area that we had been circling
26 over and that's what, again, drew them to look in that area.