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

NOREEN RENIER,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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vs.)	Case No: 85-3781-J-2
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JOHN DOUGLAS MERRELL,)	
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Defendant.)	
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Medford, Oregon
September 12, 1986
9:30 o'clock a.m.
Before: The Honorable
Loren L. Sawyer
Circuit Judge

APPEARANCES

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For the Defendant:	Ms. Roxie Cuellar Attorney at Law 5940 Main Street Springfield, OR 97478
Reporter:	Susan Stedman

1 A. All right.

2 Q. Do you indicate in your promotional material that
3 you talk to friendly and unfriendly ghosts?

4 A. Yes. Some of it was part of the research of the
5 parapsychology that they sent me on. In fact, they sent me
6 on all the ghost investigations. If they have a sighting
7 of a paranormal, either poltergeist or ghost, they do this
8 research and if they really feel there's some substance to
9 it they send in a psychic to see if she can pick up anything
10 in relationship to it. And I worked with the Psychical
11 Research Foundation--

12 Q. And you have on past occasions talked to friendly
13 and unfriendly ghosts?

14 A. For the association, yes. We did investigation
15 work, right?

16 Q. When you talk to these friendly and unfriendly
17 ghosts, you go into trances?

18 A. No, it was part of the research. A woman with a
19 health spa had had a haunting, or there were claims of a
20 haunting. They investigated it. They had heard noises
21 and the whirlpool would overflow every Wednesday at a
22 certain time. And they had had people come in and check it
23 mechanically, and still, every Wednesday at exactly that
24 same time the whirlpool would overflow. Telephones would
25 ring and people would pick it up and there would be no one

1 on the line. There'd be footsteps.

2 What was happening was they were having a haunting,
3 so they checked it out. Then I came in and I did go into
4 a trance, contacted whatever was there, and I found out it
5 was a woman that had died in the whirlpool on a Wednesday
6 at 10:00 o'clock. She gave me the name of her husband and
7 gave me the name of her attorney. And we asked her why she
8 was haunting the spa and she said, because her attorney
9 hadn't finished the suit or the lawsuit, and she told us
10 several things about why she was there.

11 Her husband got in touch with the attorney, he fixed
12 everything up and the haunting stopped. It was all under
13 scientific research. It wasn't foolishness. I can tell
14 you about the other one; the poltergeist case.

15 Q. Why don't we finish this one first. What type
16 of testing was done?

17 A. First the university, or PRF, would make sure it
18 was really a haunting.

19 Q. When you're talking about the university, what
20 university are you talking about?

21 A. Psychical Research Foundation.

22 Q. That's not really a university, is it?

23 A. No, it's not. It's a scientific study of the
24 paranormal.

25 Q. And it's not associated with any university, is it?

1 A. Well, I don't know what their claims are. No, I
2 think they would say no, yeah.

3 Q. Now, what type of testing did the Psychological
4 Research Foundation do to determine that there was a ghost
5 there?

6 A. All right. They went in to make sure it wasn't
7 really these people just getting one or two false alarms.
8 Was this spa really overflowing? They watched it and they
9 saw the plumber come time and time again, and there was
10 nothing wrong. They first had to determine that this
11 phenoemena was happening. Then they sent me in. And even
12 though they could varify that this woman did die, they
13 would tell me nothing. In fact, the two researchers that
14 went with me didn't know anything about the case, just in
15 case I was going to pick up anything telepathically. So
16 we had two people that knew nothing about the health spa
17 that came in there with their tape recorders and taped
18 everything that we did there.

19 Can I tell you about the poltergeist too?

20 Q. Do.

21 A. A police officer called me one day and he said,
22 "Noreen, we're having some strange things happening in a
23 house in Leesburg". That might not be right, but you can
24 check it later. I think it was Leesburg, Florida. And I
25 said, "What do you mean?" And he said, "Well, there's

1 phones ringing and when the people pick them up there's a
 2 voice on the other end that tells them what they have just
 3 done, what they're planning to do, what they're wearing".
 4 Every time this one little girl-- There were two young
 5 girls. Every time one of them went into the bathroom, all
 6 the water would start overflowing in the toilets. Things
 7 would fly around the room when no one was touching them.
 8 Police people, the press, everyone had seen this--a lot of
 9 phenomena.

10 So I called the PRF up and I said, "Is this a haunting?"
 11 They said, "No, it sounds like a poltergeist". And I never
 12 really understood what a poltergeist was, and they explained
 13 to me a little bit about poltergeists. Usually a small
 14 child is involved, and she's either going through a change
 15 of life physically, like maybe getting into her menstrual
 16 period or maybe there's been a strong death so that maybe
 17 mentally and emotionally she's out of kilter, and she
 18 wouldn't know it, but her energy, by being out of kilter,
 19 is creating all of this. So it was really-- It was written
 20 up quite a bit. A scientific paper was written on it by
 21 the PRF. It's called the Leesburg poltergeist case and the
 22 PRF--Johnny Kryger wrote the article. And they were called
 23 in-- After I was there, they were called in to do it
 24 scientifically. I have other stories if you want--

25 MS. CUELLAR: I have no further questions, your