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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NORTHERN DIVISION

IN RE:)	
JOHN DOUGLAS MERRELL,)	Case No. <u>3-88-00616</u>
<u>Debtor.</u>)	
)	
NOREEN RENIER,)	
<u>Plaintiff,</u>)	
VS.)	Adv. Proc. No. <u>3-88-0083</u>
)	
JOHN DOUGLAS MERRELL,)	
<u>Defendant.</u>)	

BEFORE THE HONORABLE RICHARD STAIR, JR.
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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BY *[Signature]*

1 go to the corresponding parts of her own body as she is merged
2 into the person. She speaks quickly, blurting out the data in
3 rough form just as it comes to her, often back tracking and
4 fleshing out her pictures.

5 She also uses her psychic powers to heal,
6 standing over the subject healing and manipulating the
7 person's aura and energy field. If you can be a good psychic,
8 you can heal. You can change your own rate of vibration and
9 that opens the door for healing. Can anyone learn psychic
10 powers? Yes. It is like asking if anyone can learn to think.
11 You have to really want to. You have to really work and you
12 have to really believe in it. Is it very teachable? You give
13 me twenty (20) people who have never heard of psychic powers
14 and I could have them touching things and doing telepathy from
15 them very soon."

16 Q. Thank you, Ms. Renier. Would you return
17 that EXHIBIT to the Judge, please?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. I think we are ready to move into
20 the heart of this lawsuit. Statement 1 says: "Our research
21 shows evidence of fraudulent claims involving police agencies,
22 questionable background credentials and current ongoing
23 investigations by representatives of the National Council
24 Against Health Fraud covering concerns of 'fraudulent medical
25 quackery and fraud." Ms. Renier, has any organization called

1 the National Council Against Health Fraud ever advised you
2 that you were the subject of any ongoing investigation at any
3 time?

4 A. No, sir.

5 * Q. Has anyone identifying themselves with that
6 organization ever contacted you or requested information from
7 you?

8 A. No.

9 * Q. Has anyone from that organization ever
10 advised you that they had concerns about fraudulent medical
11 quackery and fraud in regard to you?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Has anyone ever asked you or afforded you
14 an opportunity to respond to any such concerns?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. When was the first time you ever heard of
17 this allegation?

18 A. In Court, or in the letter, really, in the
19 letter.

20 Q. When you read this letter?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. That is when I saw the letter.

24 Q. If you would with your copy there of
25 designated statements, if you would move to statement 3.

1 THE COURT: All right. Let's stick with
2 the issues.

3 MR. LOMONACO: Well, Your Honor, the issue
4 is -- Let me ask the question.

5 Q. Ms. Merrell, do you know of any background
6 information -- Ms. Renier, do you know of any background
7 information that Mr. Merrell attempted to ascertain about you?

8 A. Could you rephrase that just so I would
9 understand a little more what you mean?

10 Q. Do you have any knowledge of Mr. Merrell's
11 attempts to investigate your claims?

12 A. I was in Court, if that is what you mean.
13 I heard what happened in the Court, in the trial, but I don't
14 know anything other than that.

15 Q. Well, isn't it a fact that Mr. Merrell
16 contacted you previous to writing that letter?

17 A. We had one (1) conversation, sir.

18 Q. And he talked to you about your abilities
19 and claimed abilities, isn't that correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You don't have any other knowledge of any
22 other investigation that he made?

23 A. No.

24 Q. You said on your direct examination, Ms.
25 Renier, that a person from the FBI asked you to help him in a