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DISCUSSION WITH HIM, REFERENCE AN ISSUE THAT PAM RAISED WITH SIMON ABOUT HOW THE DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRUSTS WERE DRAWN UP. HE TOLD ME THAT HE BELIEVED PAM HAD SENT SIMON SOME INFORMATION OR A BOOK RELEVANT TO HER VIEW ON HOW YOU DO ESTATE PLANNING WHEN CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ARE INVOLVED. HE SAID THAT HIS FATHER DID ASK HIM HIS OPINION ON THINGS AND TED TOLD HIM THAT HE DID FEEL THAT THE GRANDCHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND IT IF THEY DID NOT RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE. HE STATED THAT HIS FATHER TOLD HIM THAT HE MADE A REALLY GOOD POINT AND SOMETHING TO CONSIDER. TED SAID THAT SOON AFTER THAT CONVERSATION HIS FATHER ANNOUNCED THAT HE WANTED TO TALK WITH HIS CHILDREN ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF HIS AND SHIRLEY'S ASSETS UPON HIS DEATH. HE TOLD ME THAT A CONFERENCE CALL MEETING TOOK PLACE INCLUDING HIS (SIMON'S) FIVE CHILDREN, SIMON, AND SPALLINA. HE SAID THAT THE CONVERSATION WENT REALLY WELL AND SIMON GOT TO PROVIDE HIS WISHES VERY CLEARLY.

HE STATED THAT SPALLINA EXPLAINED THE PROCESS LEGALLY, BUT HIS FATHER MADE A STATEMENT AND ASKED EACH CHILD DIRECTLY, HOW THEY FELT ABOUT IT. TED SAID THAT IT WAS TOLD TO HIM AND HIS SIBLINGS THAT SIMON WAS LEAVING ALL OF HIS WEALTH TO HIS 10 GRANDCHILDREN EQUALLY. HE SAID THAT SIMON TOLD THEM THAT THEY (THE CHILDREN) WERE EACH GETTING 1/5 OF A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. TED SAID THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HIS FATHER WAS NOT ASKING FOR PERMISSION, BUT STATING CLEARLY WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS RIGHT. TED SAID THAT EACH CHILD STATED THEY FELT OK ABOUT THE DECISION AND THAT IT WAS HIS WEALTH TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH. TED STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THIS WAS THE SAME PHONE CALL WHERE HE WAS TOLD BY SPALLINA HE, AS WELL AS SIBLINGS, WOULD BE RECEIVING FORMS THEY NEEDED TO SIGN AND RETURN. HE STATED THAT SOON AFTER THIS CALL HE RECEIVED THE WAIVER OF ACCOUNTING FORM FOR HIS MOTHER'S ESTATE. THIS IS THE DOCUMENT DISCUSSED IN PBSO CASE # 13-097087.

TED STATED THAT HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY OTHER DISCUSSIONS REFERENCE ESTATES UNTIL HIS FATHER'S PASSING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012. HE SAID THAT TESCHER AND SPALLINA TOLD HIM AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH THAT HE WAS THE TRUSTEE FOR HIS MOTHER'S ESTATE. HE SAID OVER MANY IN PERSON MEETINGS AND PHONE CALLS HE WAS GIVEN GUIDANCE BY THE ATTORNEYS ON HOW TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES AS A TRUSTEE, BECAUSE THIS WAS ALL NEW TO HIM. HE HAD NEVER BEEN IN THIS ROLE BEFORE. HE STATED HE WAS NOT PROVIDED A CHECKLIST OR BOOK ON HOW TO PERFORM THESE DUTIES. TED SAID THAT HE MADE IT CLEAR TO HIS SIBLINGS THAT HE IS THE TRUSTEE ON SHIRLEY'S TRUST. TED STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD THAT SHIRLEY'S TRUST WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST HER 10 GRANDCHILDREN. TED STATED THAT HE DID NOT READ ALL OF SHIRLEY'S TRUST DOCUMENTS AND THAT SPALLINA AND TESCHER HAD BOTH TOLD HIM SEVERAL TIMES HOW SHIRLEY'S TRUST WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

TED SAID THAT HE DID READ IN THE DOCUMENTS WHERE THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN WERE TO RECEIVE THE ASSETS FROM THE TRUST. HE SAID THAT HE DID ISSUE A PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION TO THE SEVEN OF THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN. HE DID NOT ISSUE

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DISTRIBUTIONS TO ELIOT'S CHILDREN BECAUSE ELIOT REFUSED TO SET UP ACCOUNTS FOR THE FUNDS TO BE SENT TOO. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT ELIOT TOLD JUDGE COLIN IN COURT THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SET UP THE ACCOUNTS FOR HIS CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS, BECAUSE THE FUNDS BELONG TO HIM, NOT HIS CHILDREN. HE STATED THAT ELIOT HAD MENTIONED OTHER REASONS IN E-MAILS FOR NOT TAKING THE MONEY. HE ALSO STATED THAT ELIOT REFERENCED THE MONEY AS CRIME OR BLOOD MONEY.

HE STATED THAT SPALLINA TOLD HIM IT WAS OK TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS. HE STATED THAT TESCHER AND SPALLINA RESPONDED VIA E-MAIL ON HOW TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS, SUCH AS SETTING UP TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE FUNDS TO GO INTO. TED TOLD ME THAT THERE WERE CONVERSATIONS, WHERE HE WAS TOLD THAT SIMON'S ASSETS COULD NOT BE DISTRIBUTED DUE TO CREDITORS FILING AGAINST THE ESTATE, BUT HE WAS LEAD TO BELIEVE IT WAS OK TO MAKE A PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM SHIRLEY'S ESTATE, BUT THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO BE CAREFUL IN REGARDS TO DISTRIBUTING FUNDS THAT WERE OBTAINED THROUGH LIQUIDATING HER JEWELRY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. TED ALSO COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE GOALS OF MAKING THE DISTRIBUTIONS WAS TO ASSIST ELIOT AND HIS FAMILY, BECAUSE THEY WERE RUNNING LOW ON FUNDS. HE STATED THIS DERIVED FROM ELIOT'S POTENTIAL MISUSE OF FUNDS THAT WERE IN HIS CHILDREN'S TRUSTS IN RELATION TO BERNSTEIN FAMILY REALITY (ELIOT'S HOME) AND ELIOT'S SPENDING AND EXPENSES.

TED CONFIRMED THAT HE DID NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS IN RELATION TO SIMON'S INSURANCE POLICY GENERATED OUT OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. HE STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE POLICY TO BE OWNED BY SIMON PERSONALLY. HE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THE POLICY TO READ AS, SHOULD SHIRLEY PASS BEFORE HIM, THE BENEFITS WOULD GO TO THE FIVE CHILDREN.

TED CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS NOT THE TRUSTEE FOR SIMON'S ESTATE, BUT THAT IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM, VERBALLY, THAT ALL 10 GRANDCHILDREN WILL RECEIVE THE ASSETS FROM THAT ESTATE IN AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION AT SOME POINT IN TIME. WE DID DISCUSS THE POWER OF APPOINTMENT PUT IN THE TRUST DOCUMENTS. IT APPEARED AS IF TED WAS NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING CALLED A POWER OF APPOINTMENT, UNTIL THE LAST FEW WEEKS. THAT WAS WHEN SPALLINA NOTIFIED THE COURTS OF HIS WITHDRAW FROM BEING THE ATTORNEY FOR SIMON AND SHIRLEY'S ESTATES. IT APPEARS IT WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM AT THAT TIME.

TED TOLD ME THAT HE AND HIS FATHER HAD A GOOD BUSINESS AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP. HE SAID THAT HE HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF HIS SIBLINGS, EXCEPT FOR ELIOT. HE SAID THAT HE GOT ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER, PRIOR TO HER PASSING. HE TOLD ME THAT RACHEL WALKER WAS EMPLOYED BY HIS MOTHER AND FATHER. HE SAID THAT HE GOT ALONG WITH WALKER AND THAT SHE HELPED HIS MOTHER, SHIRLEY, PRIOR TO SHIRLEY'S PASSING. TED TOLD ME THAT MARITZA PUCCIO WAS SOMEONE THAT WORKED FOR HIM AND AS WELL AS HIS PARENTS. HE STATED THAT SHE HELPED AROUND THE HOMES, CLEANING AND/OR CARING FOR CHILDREN. HE STATED THAT HE MET HER AROUND 2003 OR 2005. HE SAID THAT HE NO LONGER HAS A RELATIONSHIP

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WITH HER. HE SAID THAT SIMON DID HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH PUCCIO AFTER SHIRLEY PASSED. HE STATED THAT PUCCIO DID RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT FROM SIMON, PRIOR TO HIM PASSING. HE SAID THAT PUCCIO WAS LIVING WITH SIMON AND HER BILLS WERE BEING PAID FOR. THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE FINANCIAL BENEFIT; TED DID NOT SEEM TO BE SURE. HE DID STATE THAT IT APPEARED THAT SIMON WAS GENUINELY INVESTED INTO THE RELATIONSHIP HE HAD WITH PUCCIO.

TED SAID THAT HE HAS NOT SPOKEN TO SPALLINA ABOUT HIM WITHDRAWING FROM BEING THE ATTORNEY FOR THE TRUSTS, BUT THAT HE DID SPEAK WITH TESCHER. HE SAID THAT TESCHER TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN MADE AWARE OF A FABRICATED DOCUMENT THAT WAS POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC FOR THE ESTATES. HE SAID THAT TESCHER TOLD HIM THAT SPALLINA CREATED THE FABRICATED DOCUMENT AND IT ESSENTIALLY IMPACTED THE ABILITY FOR SIMON TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO ALL 10 GRANDKIDS. TED SAID THAT TESCHER TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF THIS DOCUMENT, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO FROM TODAY (01/28/14).

ATTORNEY ALAN ROSE PROVIDED A STATEMENT, STATING HE WISHED TO CLARIFY SOME THINGS IN REGARDS TO HOW THE ESTATE DOCUMENTS READ IN HIS OPINION. HE STATED THAT SHIRLEY'S ASSETS WENT TO LISA, JILL, AND ELIOT OR THEIR LINEAL DECEDENTS. HE STATED THAT ONCE SHIRLEY PASSED HER ASSETS WENT INTO HER TRUST. HE STATED THAT SIMON WAS THE SOLE BENEFICIARY FOR HIS LIFE. HE STATED THAT SIMON DID HAVE A POWER OF APPOINTMENT THAT HE COULD EXERCISE; REFERENCE SHIRLEY'S TRUST, CHANGING THE BENEFITS TO LISA, JILL, AND ELIOT'S CHILDREN. SIMON COULD CHANGE HIS DOCUMENTS AT ANY TIME UP TO HIS DEATH. ALAN STATED THERE IS QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SIMON HAD THE POWER TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS FROM THE TRUST TO SIX GRANDCHILDREN OR 10. THE 10 WOULD INCLUDE THE CHILDREN OF ALL FIVE OF SIMON'S KIDS.

HE STATED THAT SHIRLEY'S ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS STATE THAT TED AND PAM AND THEIR LINEAL DECEDENTS ARE CONSIDERED PREDECEASED. HE STATED THAT WERE OTHER WAYS TO MAKE SIMON'S WISHES COME TRUE FOR THE ESTATES. HE SAID THAT CHANGES COULD HAVE BEEN MADE TO SIMON'S DOCUMENTS TO REFLECT SHIRLEY'S SO THAT EQUAL DISTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE AMONGST THE 10 GRANDCHILDREN. THIS EXPLANATION OF THE DOCUMENTS GENERATED A SIMILAR IF NOT THE SAME CONCLUSION AS THAT OF SPALLINA'S FROM LAST WEEK.

I ALSO COMMUNICATED WITH ELIOT BERNSTEIN SEVERAL TIMES THIS WEEK AND LAST WEEK IN ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM IN PERSON. HE CANCELED THE LAST TWO MEETINGS WE HAD SET. AT THIS TIME HE HAS REFUSED TO SET A NEW MEETING DATE.

THIS CASE REMAINS OPEN.
DETECTIVE RYAN W. MILLER #7704
01/29/14 @ 1425 HRS.
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