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) Covington, Kentucky
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TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY OF DONNA KAUTZ
BEFORE THE HONORABLE DANNY C. REEVES AND A JURY

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1 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were had in the
2 presence of the jury.)

3 THE COURT: Mr. McBride.

4 MR. MCBRIDE: Your Honor, the United States calls
5 Donna Kautz.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 DONNA KAUTZ,
8 having been first duly placed under oath, was examined and
9 testified as follows:

10 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you, Your Honor. I was asking the
11 CSO to move the binders.

12 May I proceed, Your Honor?

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir, certainly.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

16 Q Good morning, ma'am. How are you today?

17 A Good morning. Thank you, fine.

18 Q What is your name?

19 A Donna Kautz.

20 Q Could you spell it for the jury and the court reporter,
21 your last name?

22 A K-a-u-t-z.

23 Q Where do you live, ma'am?

24 A Burlington, Kentucky.

25 Q Ma'am, would you take that microphone and move it over?

1 You have a nice soft voice.

2 A Okay.

3 Q You live in Burlington, Kentucky?

4 A Yes.

5 Q How long have you lived in Burlington?

6 A Six years, it will be.

7 Q Six years soon?

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q Do you know Mr. Ronald Weinland?

10 A Yes, I do.

11 Q How do you know Mr. Weinland?

12 A He's the pastor of our church.

13 Q And is that Church of God - Preparing for the Kingdom of
14 God?

15 A Yes, it is.

16 Q All right. I would like to ask you how you got to know
17 Mr. Weinland initially?

18 A Through my sister and my niece, they -- we were looking for
19 the church and came across the Church of God - PKG and joined it
20 in 1999.

21 Q In 1999. Thank you.

22 A Yeah.

23 Q In 1999, where were you living, what part of the country?

24 A Wisconsin.

25 Q And had you had any affiliation with the United Church of

1 God or the Worldwide Church of God yourself?

2 A No.

3 Q All right. How did you come to find Mr. Weinland?

4 A My niece, Cathy, found him.

5 Q How did she come to learn of him, do you know?

6 A She read a couple of articles he had written online and
7 decided this is -- he was speaking the truth and that's where we
8 were going to go.

9 Q Okay. The -- when you first met Mr. Weinland or he became
10 your pastor, what church were you involved in?

11 A Really, one of the small scattered churches, but there was
12 only a few people.

13 Q I didn't ask the question very well. Was Mr. Weinland with
14 the United Church of God when you first met him?

15 A No.

16 Q Was it a Church of God in the Toledo area that he was --

17 A Yes. Yes.

18 Q Okay. Fine. Did you know anything about the structure of
19 the Church of God in Toledo?

20 A Not really.

21 Q You weren't a board member or anything of that nature?

22 A No. No.

23 Q So you're just a regular member?

24 A Just a regular member.

25 Q All right. And how is it that you came to stay with

1 Mr. Weinland when it became Church of God - Preparing for the
2 Kingdom of God?

3 A We -- he was speaking the truth, what we believe is the
4 truth, and we could see it and we joined the church.

5 Q So you follow him because of his teachings; is that
6 correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q When you say he was speaking the truth, could you elaborate
9 for us what you mean by that?

10 A I don't know what you mean.

11 Q I'm trying to understand why you follow Mr. Weinland's
12 teachings.

13 A You mean my religious belief?

14 Q Yes.

15 A It was -- it's everything, it's following the laws of the
16 Bible, it's the way we live.

17 Q Maybe I -- let me ask it a better way. Did you feel that
18 Mr. Weinland's teachings were consistent with your understanding
19 of God's law?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. Thank you.

22 A Completely.

23 Q Is that a better question?

24 A Yes.

25 Q What is your understanding of governance in the church?

1 A It is from the top down.

2 Q What does that mean?

3 A It means God to his son, from his son to the ministry.

4 Q And then the members?

5 A Right.

6 Q In the Church of God - Preparing for the Kingdom of God,
7 what is the, for lack of a better term, hierarchy as you see it?

8 A In the physical church itself? Would be the ministry.

9 Q Well, do you have a different -- do you see a difference,
10 ma'am?

11 A I just didn't understand what you meant.

12 Q What's the structure of your church?

13 A Okay. There's the regular -- the lay members.

14 Q Uh-huh.

15 A And then we have associate elders, we have elders, we have
16 senior elders, we have evangelists, and then we have the
17 ministry.

18 Q Who is in the ministry?

19 A Well, I consider Ron our minister, but I think that the
20 church really considers the elders and the senior elders, they
21 would be part of the ministry.

22 Q So that's the general organization of the church as it is
23 now; correct?

24 A Yes, I believe.

25 Q Yes, ma'am, I'm only asking about what you know.

1 So in this hierarchy - and I'm just using that word for
2 lack of a better one - are there different duties among the
3 various levels?

4 A Yeah, a little bit.

5 Q Okay. So if you're an elder, how are your duties different
6 than if you're a member?

7 A Okay. The first one would be associate elder.

8 Q Okay.

9 A And they can anoint. They can lay hands on at baptism, go
10 to a senior elders. They could also do maybe, besides those two
11 duties, some counseling if they're, you know, able. And then to
12 the ministry, of course. It would be all of those.

13 Q So there are more -- there's more authority as you go up
14 the hierarchy?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Perfect. Let me ask you, that's sort of the
17 practical organizational structure of the church as it is now.
18 Do you know what the legal structure of the church is?

19 A No, I don't.

20 Q Let me talk -- ask you about the period of 2004 to 2008.
21 What was the structure of the church in those years?

22 A Well, we had, of course, the ministry. We didn't have
23 associate elders, we had elders, and I think we had a senior
24 elder. I don't think we had evangelists at that time.

25 Q So since 2008, it sounds as though the hierarchy of the

1 organization has expanded; is that right?

2 A A little as far as the associate elders. I'm not sure
3 about evangelists. Associate elders have been added, yes.

4 Q Do you know how many elders and associate elders there are
5 in the church?

6 A No, I don't.

7 Q Okay. Do you know why the hierarchy has been expanded?

8 A No, not really. I think it was needed at the time maybe.
9 I don't know, I can't answer that truthfully.

10 Q Did Mr. Weinland ever talk about why it was expanding?

11 A I don't know. I mean -- well, we do, but we don't. See,
12 this is kind of confusing for me.

13 Q I'm sorry.

14 A Because we believe time is growing short, we needed people
15 that would be able to baptize, we needed evangelists that would
16 once in a while take over and have a sermon, things like that.

17 But --

18 Q When you say time is growing short, what do you mean?

19 A We just think that things are becoming critical in this
20 world.

21 Q And what happens when things become critical?

22 A Anything can happen. Anything can happen.

23 Q Are you talking about the coming of Christ?

24 A Well, at one time he will. I'm not saying he is going to
25 right this minute, but, yes, he will sooner or later. But even

1 in economic times, the things, it's -- it's not good.

2 Q You said that you believe that time is running short and
3 you believe that's why the ministry is expanding; is that fair?

4 A Yes, I guess so. I guess.

5 Q And how do you know time is running short?

6 A I watch the news. I mean --

7 Q Have you ever heard Mr. Weinland talk about time running
8 short?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And what did he say about it?

11 A Time is running out.

12 Q Did he give you a time frame, a schedule?

13 A Well, we thought at one time it was very, very close, but
14 we realize now that we probably have another year.

15 Q What was the date you thought it was going to end?

16 A May 27th.

17 Q Of this year?

18 A 2012.

19 Q Now, what's the date?

20 A May -- Pentecost of next year, I believe. I don't know the
21 date.

22 Q May 19th, 2013?

23 A May 19th. Okay.

24 Q You think that's about right?

25 A Yeah.

1 Q Okay. What are you doing personally to prepare for end
2 time on a practical side? Obviously you're preparing on the
3 spiritual side. What are you doing on a practical side?

4 A We have food in the house that would last us for a short
5 time if the trucks were to stop running, if the rails stop
6 running, if the gas shortage fills up. We have a little food,
7 we have a little water to last us a couple of weeks, a month.

8 Q And when you say "we," who do you mean?

9 A My son and myself. We live together.

10 Q So you and your family?

11 A Right, yes.

12 Q Are you holding these items to share with other church
13 members during that time?

14 A No, I don't live by other church members, but it would be
15 for my neighbors if they needed it.

16 Q Okay. And what is it about end time that you think you
17 will need it? Is it because of some breakdown in society or
18 something --

19 A Yeah, I do. Yes.

20 Q Are you -- what things are you doing, again, on the
21 practical side to prepare for continuing the church's method
22 when the end of the age comes?

23 A I don't understand.

24 Q As a member --

25 A Yeah.

1 Q -- are you taking any practical steps to be able to
2 continue to spread the church's message when the end of the age
3 comes?

4 A Not that I know of, just living our life.

5 Q What would be your primary concern at the time the end of
6 the age comes, do you think?

7 A Are you talking physical?

8 Q Practical side.

9 A If something were to happen?

10 Q Yes, ma'am. What's on the practical side, how do you
11 foresee what you'll have to do on a daily basis to survive?

12 A Eat, have some food and have shelter. Hopefully, I'll be
13 in my house.

14 Q Have you been storing any items, have you bought any
15 gold --

16 A No.

17 Q -- to barter with?

18 A No.

19 Q Have you bought any diamonds to barter with?

20 A No.

21 Q Have you bought any jewelry that you expect to barter with?

22 A No.

23 Q Do you have some of those kinds of things you might barter
24 with?

25 A No.

1 Q I would like to jump back in time a little bit, ma'am. You
2 told us earlier that you were in Wisconsin.

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q And you moved to this area about six years ago; correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Could you tell us about how you came to this area? What
7 happened in your life that brought you here?

8 A Well, my husband died --

9 Q Uh-huh.

10 A -- and -- but I came down to observe Pentecost one year and
11 I loved it. The flowers were growing and it was green, it was
12 beautiful, and I went back home to 12 inches of snow. So I
13 decided I'm getting out of here.

14 Q I understand that. I'm from Detroit originally, I
15 understand.

16 When you came down here, did you have any particular
17 difficulty once you moved down here?

18 A As far as my --

19 Q Any financial difficulty?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What happened?

22 A Well, I had sold my house in Wisconsin and I had some
23 savings and I had put it in the local bank. And the president
24 of the bank happened to be a friend, because it was a very, very
25 small town. And he said, oh, don't worry about it, go down

1 there and do what you got to do, and he said, I'll transfer your
2 money. Well, I got down here and three weeks later I couldn't
3 get any money. And I kept calling, and he said, well, you're
4 going to have to drive back up here. And I said, no, I can't do
5 that.

6 Meanwhile, my bills were due, my mortgage payment was due
7 and I didn't have any money. So I talked to the Weinlands and
8 they borrowed me some money to pay my bills until I could get my
9 finances in order.

10 Q So the church lent some money to you?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you remember how much that was?

13 A It was \$3,000.

14 Q Did you pay it back?

15 A I paid it back right away, yes.

16 Q How did you pay it back?

17 A Cash -- I mean, check, I believe.

18 Q It was a check?

19 A I believe I gave them a check.

20 Q You wrote a check. Who did you write the check to?

21 A I don't remember who I made it out to, if I made it out to
22 Laura Weinland or if I made it out to the Church of God.

23 Q If I showed you a copy of the check, do you think that
24 might refresh your recollection?

25 A Yes.

1 MR. MCBRIDE: One minute, ma'am.

2 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

3 Q Ma'am, I'm going to show you this, you take a look at it,
4 and then when you're done, just look up and I'll ask the CSO to
5 retrieve it from you.

6 A Yes, that's my check.

7 Q Does that refresh your recollection?

8 A Yes, made out to Laura.

9 Q Pardon? Who did you made that out to?

10 A Laura Weinland.

11 Q Thank you very much. Now, you continue to be a member of
12 PKG; correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What congregation do you attend services at?

15 A Sharonville, Ohio.

16 Q Sharonville, Ohio?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Do you meet at the La Quinta Inn typically?

19 A Yes, we do. Yes.

20 Q As a member of the congregation, do you incur any expenses
21 related to renting the room or anything of that nature?

22 A I have no -- no part of that. I believe they do, I believe
23 that we rent a room once a week.

24 Q What is -- I'm sorry?

25 A I believe we rent a room there.

1 Q Who's the elder that typically takes care of that?

2 A Steve Dalrymple, I believe. He's the senior elder.

3 Q I would like to ask from a -- kind of a practical point of
4 view what are the steps or phases at the Sabbath meeting. So
5 when you get there, what happens?

6 A Well, we usually try to get there a little bit early,
7 because it's really scattered, so we like to get there and talk
8 and, you know, things like that.

9 Q Visit with people you know?

10 A Visit, yeah, with the congregation. And we sit down and
11 the service starts and we listen to the sermon. It's usually
12 two hours.

13 Q Not in terms of content, but in terms of the nature of the
14 service or the sermon, how it is delivered to you typically?

15 A Over the Internet.

16 Q And who is giving the sermon typically?

17 A Mr. Weinland.

18 Q And is it usually live over the Internet; do you recall?

19 A Ninety-nine percent of the time, unless it's a holy day and
20 they have to be prerecorded, yeah.

21 Q Are there times Mr. Weinland has come to your congregation
22 to give the sermon?

23 A Yes. Yes.

24 Q And you said sometimes it's prerecorded. What do you mean
25 by that?

1 A Well, if the sermon is given in Australia or New Zealand
2 and they're like 14 or 17 hours ahead of us, they listen to the
3 sermon, and then it's downloaded, because we usually listen at
4 2:30 in the afternoon. So then at 2:30 in the afternoon, we
5 would listen to it here, so it has to be prerecorded.

6 Q So it's a practical issue?

7 A Yeah, timing.

8 Q Timing. Are there other individuals who give sermons?

9 A There are a couple. Very seldom, though.

10 Q So it's almost always Mr. Weinland?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Why is it always Mr. Weinland?

13 A He's the head of our church, he's our minister.

14 Q Do you find the sermons that are given that you listen to
15 by recording are the same quality and of the same purpose as the
16 ones that are given live?

17 A Absolutely. Absolutely.

18 Q In the 2004 to 2008 time frame, were there any women
19 ordained in the church?

20 A 2004 to what?

21 Q 2008.

22 A I believe that's when associate elders were made, then
23 there would have been some women. I don't have the exact timing
24 on that. I think it was 2008, but I cannot be definite.

25 Q From your point of view as a member, how did it come about

1 that women were beginning to be ordained in 2008 or sometime
2 shortly thereafter? What happened? Anything?

3 A Well, I believe it was the timing and that it was finally
4 brought about that women had the same rights as a man in our
5 church, that what we call the curse was lifted, that women have
6 the same status as a man. I mean, we work together, but they
7 stand side by side. So women were ordained to be elders.

8 Q Who brought this awareness into the church?

9 A Mr. Weinland did.

10 Q Is it fair to say that with regard to all doctoral matters,
11 Mr. Weinland is the source of that?

12 A Well, there was a lot of doctrine when Mr. Armstrong was
13 head of the church, but since he has been the head of the
14 church, yes, it comes through Mr. Weinland.

15 Q Thank you. I want to talk a little bit about some of the
16 financial issues in the church. Were you aware that
17 Mr. Weinland had taken some money to Switzerland?

18 A Yes.

19 Q What is your understanding of when that happened?

20 A Of when it happened?

21 Q Uh-huh.

22 A I'm not exactly sure when it happened. I remember hearing
23 about it in a sermon. Is that what you mean?

24 Q Sure. What did he say?

25 A Well, at the time, the economy was kind of tanking again, I

1 think, and he --

2 Q What year was this?

3 A It was kind of going down, the economy was not, you know --

4 Q What year?

5 A I'm not sure what year it was.

6 Q Do you think it was before 2004?

7 A I don't know. I don't know.

8 Q I'm just trying to get a point --

9 A I really, really don't know. But it was because if things
10 were going to be bad, he wanted to have money in Switzerland
11 that the church could use to print more books, to send out
12 books, to make CDs that we were sending out -- or cassettes that
13 were being sent out to people, just doing for the church. And
14 he -- he -- it was in a sermon, everybody knew about it and
15 nobody had a problem with it.

16 Q Where were the books published?

17 A Where were they published? I'm not sure where they were
18 published. I think a couple of different places.

19 Q So you thought at the time the money was moved there that
20 end time was upon you or close --

21 A No, no, no, but it was just the time to move it and in case
22 things were to come, you know, down the road a little bit. It
23 was just to have it there in case.

24 Q If I told you that sermon was in 2002, would that sound
25 about right to you?

1 A It could be. I don't know. I'm not going to speculate.

2 Q So is there any circumstance in which the church would have
3 brought the money back to the United States based on the
4 economy?

5 A Right, he brought money back to put into more advertising
6 on Google, which was -- he had told us at the time how much it
7 was costing.

8 Q Do you know when that was?

9 A No, I don't.

10 Q Was it after 2008?

11 A You've got me. I don't know. I really don't.

12 Q Well, let me ask you some questions about the money and
13 maybe I can just move this along. Do you know what account --
14 whose name was on the account?

15 A No, I don't.

16 Q Do you know what bank it was in?

17 A No, I don't.

18 Q Do you know how many accounts there were?

19 A No, I don't.

20 Q Do you know how much money was there?

21 A No.

22 Q Do you have a sense?

23 A No.

24 Q If you needed that money, how would you have accessed it?

25 A How would I personally have accessed it?

1 Q Uh-huh.

2 A I probably would have asked Ron for some.

3 Q Do you know what currency the money was held in?

4 A If it was in Switzerland, I'm not sure. Euros maybe. I
5 don't know.

6 Q Ma'am, are you aware that the -- we talked a little bit
7 about the books. Have you ever participated in getting the
8 books ready for distribution?

9 A Yeah, a couple of times.

10 Q Tell us about that.

11 A We would go over to Steve Dalrymple's, that's when I did
12 it. It had been going on long before that, though. And we
13 would go to the garage and we would stuff the books into the
14 envelopes, the big mailings, and we would -- they would be bound
15 up in a machine, put -- bag them up in great big bags and take
16 them to the post office and that was it.

17 Q These books are available on the Internet for download for
18 free, are they not?

19 A They're all free. We also ship them for free, no cost to
20 anyone.

21 Q No cost to the person receiving them?

22 A That's right, we pay for it, the church.

23 Q "We" meaning the church pays for it?

24 A The church, yes.

25 Q So there's shipping costs associated with that?

1 A Shipping, mailing, packaging, stamps, everything.

2 Q Office equipment?

3 A Yeah.

4 Q Mileage, all those things?

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q When you ship the books, are they in paperback form?

7 A We did both. We had the paperback and we also did the hard
8 copy for a while there.

9 Q Hardback copy?

10 A Yeah, I believe. I believe. I can't put a hundred
11 percent, it's been a few years, so -- but we do have hardcover
12 ones, we do.

13 Q When you participated in getting the books ready to ship,
14 was that at the Weinland's home?

15 A Yes, we did it at the Weinland's home one time, because I
16 remember a reporter coming there at the time. And then Steve
17 Dalrymple's house.

18 Q Okay. So there are a couple of locations?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Ma'am, what is the source of income to the church?

21 A I don't understand.

22 Q Do you tithe to the church?

23 A You tithe if you have a job where you actually make money.

24 If you're working and you bring home a paycheck, yes, you are to
25 tithe.

1 Q What's your understanding of first tithe? How would you
2 explain it to somebody who wasn't familiar with it?

3 A You tithe on your increase, whatever your increase is, what
4 you make with your own hands.

5 Q And how often do you do that?

6 A I think most people do it about once a month. Some people
7 probably do it whenever they -- you know, if they're paid
8 weekly, paid monthly, paid, you know, bimonthly.

9 Q What is second tithe?

10 A Second tithe is the next tithe, 10 percent also, which we
11 keep ourselves and we put away, and that is what we use when we
12 go to the Feast of Tabernacles that we have money for our hotel
13 rooms, that we have eight days of living, you know, away from
14 home and we have -- you know, we eat out and we just -- we have
15 a Feast of Tabernacles.

16 Q Does the church pay for those kind of expenses?

17 A No, that comes out of our 10 percent, our second title.
18 That's what the second tithe is for.

19 Q So pay for it yourself?

20 A To pay for our --

21 Q Well, what is third tithe?

22 A Third tithe is not instituted anymore, it hasn't been for a
23 while.

24 Q What is it?

25 A That was before there were government systems, the third

1 tithe was used to help, say, a widow like me or we have a woman
2 that has children and needs help and so the church gave them
3 money like the Social Services do today.

4 Q Why does third tithe not happen anymore in your church?

5 A Because there are many governmental systems out there that
6 fulfill those obligations.

7 Q And they are supported by what?

8 A Pardon?

9 Q How are they funded?

10 A Through taxes.

11 Q Taxes.

12 A And we pay our taxes, yes. Taxes first.

13 Q Taxes first?

14 A Yes, taxes first, yeah.

15 Q Has Mr. Weinland ever talked to you or preached to you
16 about taxes?

17 A He says you give unto Caesar what is Caesar's and God what
18 is God's.

19 Q Well, what does that mean to you in relationship to taxes?

20 A Well, you pay your taxes. I mean, that's what is expected
21 of all of us, we pay our taxes. We try to live that way.

22 Q Is there any exemption for Mr. Weinland to that rule --

23 A No.

24 Q -- based on your theology?

25 A No, I believe he pays his taxes.

1 Q When you send your tithes in to the church, do you receive
2 any type of receipt for them?

3 A Yes, every three months, I believe it is, we receive a
4 statement with how much we have paid. And like mine would
5 always have a check number on it, the check number and the
6 amount and the total for the end of the year, yes.

7 Q And did you look at those documents to see if they were
8 accurate?

9 A Yes, yes, I usually check them according to my checkbook.

10 Q And are they accurate?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you know how they're -- who prepares those at the
13 church?

14 A Audra does, Audra Little.

15 Q How do you send in your tithings?

16 A I usually either mail it or if I happen to see Audra at
17 services, I'll have it in an envelope and just hand it to her.

18 Q Ma'am, there's a big binder there or maybe there's one in
19 front of you that should have some exhibit numbers.

20 A Uh-huh.

21 Q We're looking for Exhibit No. 9c.

22 MR. MCBRIDE: May I approach the witness, Your Honor?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you.

25 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

1 Q If I could help you, ma'am. Do you recognize that
2 document?

3 A Yes, those are my tithing checks -- well, mine would be
4 offering. I don't tithe, I offer.

5 Q Why not?

6 A Because I live on a pension and we don't tithe on pension
7 and we don't tithe on Social Security.

8 Q Well, what's the nature of offering as opposed to tithing?

9 A It's a freewill offering. We offer unto God as we feel
10 we've been blessed.

11 Q There's no direction of percentage or anything like that?

12 A No. No.

13 Q Whatever you feel how blessed you are?

14 A Yes.

15 MR. MCBRIDE: Your Honor, I ask that Government's
16 Exhibit No. 9c be admitted.

17 MR. CLINE: No objection.

18 THE COURT: Exhibit 9c will be admitted and you may
19 display it.

20 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you, ma'am.

21 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

22 Q Ma'am, would you just take a look at this document here?
23 Just to confirm, is this one of your tithing records?

24 A Yes.

25 Q It comes to you from the church?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And what do you do with this document?

3 A At the end of the year, I usually claim it on my taxes,
4 exemption.

5 Q As a --

6 A Charity, yes -- or, no. I'm not sure what it's called on
7 the taxes.

8 Q But it's something you can take from your taxes?

9 A Yes. Yes.

10 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you, Your Honor. Those are all
11 the questions I have of the witness.

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

13 Mr. Cline, any questions?

14 MR. CLINE: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: You may proceed.

16 CROSS-EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. CLINE:

18 Q Ms. Kautz, good morning.

19 A Good morning.

20 Q My name is John Cline and I represent Mr. Weinland. You
21 and I haven't met before, have we?

22 A No, we haven't.

23 Q All right. You were asked a bunch of questions about some
24 of your spiritual or religious beliefs. Do you recall that?

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q Does it make you a little uncomfortable to be brought here
2 and asked about your religious beliefs?

3 A Yeah, it does, because my spiritual beliefs, I don't ask
4 anybody else to believe them, I don't question yours and I --
5 personally, I may be wrong, but I don't see what it has to do
6 with the money I give.

7 Q All right. I may need to ask you a few more questions just
8 to follow up on what you were asked before, and I apologize for
9 that in advance.

10 Have you been to Mr. Weinland's home?

11 A Yes, I have.

12 Q About how many times have you been there?

13 A A dozen or so.

14 Q All right. And can you tell us what brought you there?

15 A I went there one time to do books, I have -- I've been to
16 two weddings there, social -- just social visits, those kinds of
17 things.

18 Q You've seen the house?

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q Do you have a sense of how Mr. Weinland and Mrs. Weinland
21 live?

22 A They're comfortable.

23 Q Would you say that it's lavish?

24 A No. I don't think so, no.

25 Q Has Mr. Weinland been to your home?

1 A Has he what?

2 Q I'm sorry, I don't speak very loudly. Has he been to your
3 home?

4 A Yes, he has, he came over and measured it for me.

5 Q Did he?

6 A Yes. Yes.

7 Q You talked about -- you were asked some questions about the
8 role of women in the church and you talked about how men and
9 women in the church stand side by side. Do you remember that?

10 A Yes. Yes, we do.

11 Q You've observed Mr. and Mrs. Weinland together; is that
12 fair?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Would you say that they stand side by side in the work that
15 they do?

16 A I think it's the only perfect marriage I have ever seen in
17 my life.

18 Q And would you say that they -- in the church work that they
19 do, that they do it together?

20 A They do it together. She is his helpmate.

21 Q You were asked about the governance of the church?

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q The sort of top-down structure, I think that was your
24 phrase?

25 A Yes.

1 Q I don't want you to -- take you back through your spiritual
2 beliefs, but is that structure consistent with your spiritual
3 beliefs?

4 A Yes. Yes, it is. It's from God to his son to the ministry
5 and I follow Ron as he follows God.

6 Q And I think you were asked whether Mr. Weinland set the
7 theological tone or rules for the church and I think you said it
8 comes through Ron. Do you remember saying that?

9 A Yes, it comes through Ron. It's not of Ron's doing. It's
10 not his orders, I mean, these are our beliefs.

11 Q When you were loaned some money, the \$3,000 --

12 A Uh-huh.

13 Q -- do you remember how that money came to you, in what
14 form?

15 A You know, I tried to remember that and I cannot remember.
16 I cannot remember, cause right at that time my life was really
17 in a turmoil, I had just moved and I was having terrible,
18 terrible problems, and I cannot remember if Laura gave me a
19 check or because I bank at Fifth Third whether she may have
20 deposited the check into my checking account. I don't know. I
21 cannot honestly say. I can't.

22 Q And was it Laura, as you recall it --

23 A Yes.

24 Q -- who gave you the check?

25 A Yes, because I called her up and talked to her and told her

1 what was happening.

2 Q Okay. Has Mr. Weinland been a -- with Mrs. Weinland's
3 help, been a good pastor to you?

4 MR. MCBRIDE: Objection. May we approach, Your Honor?

5 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

6 MR. CLINE: You Honor what, Your Honor? I'll withdraw
7 the question.

8 THE COURT: Counsel, come on up, if you would, please.

9 (Whereupon, the following discussion was had between the
10 Court and counsel at the bench, out of the hearing of the jury.)

11 THE COURT: I'm sorry, I'm not sure where we're going
12 with this, but this seems to be contrary to the order on the
13 motion in limine.

14 MR. CLINE: That's why I withdrew the question.

15 THE COURT: Counsel, you're certainly aware of the
16 nature of the order, both sides.

17 MR. CLINE: Yes, and I withdraw it for that reason.

18 THE COURT: All right. Be careful in the future.

19 MR. CLINE: Yes, sir.

20 (Whereupon, the following proceedings continued in open
21 court.)

22 MR. CLINE: Ms. Kautz, that's all my questions. Thank
23 you.

24 THE COURT: The jury will disregard the last question
25 to the witness, it's not relevant to this proceeding.

1 Ma'am, excuse me.

2 MR. MCBRIDE: I have more direct, if I could, Judge.

3 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

4 THE WITNESS: Oh.

5 MR. MCBRIDE: I'm going to have to do this the
6 old-fashioned way, if I may.

7 THE COURT: Yes, sir, that's fine.

8 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

10 Q Ma'am, Mr. Cline asked you whether you had been to the
11 Weinlands' house; is that correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And you said you have been there for weddings, for putting
14 the books together, and some other social gatherings.

15 A Uh-huh.

16 Q I want to show you a couple of pictures.

17 A Okay.

18 Q I want to show you what's been previously and hastily
19 marked as Government's Exhibit 80, 81, 82, 83, 84. Would you
20 look at these for me, ma'am? Look at each one, please, and tell
21 me what it appears to be.

22 A This is front of their home.

23 Q Are those all pictures of the Weinlands' house?

24 A Yes.

25 Q All right. Are they fair and accurate representations of

1 their house?

2 A Yeah, uh-huh.

3 MR. MCBRIDE: Your Honor, I ask those exhibits be
4 admitted.

5 MR. CLINE: No objection.

6 MR. MCBRIDE: May I retrieve them, Your Honor, and
7 publish them?

8 THE COURT: Yes, you may, and while you're getting
9 those exhibits, you can go and get those if you need those.

10 MR. MCBRIDE: Thank you.

11 THE COURT: I will advise the jury that the documents
12 just introduced are admitted, they are United States
13 Exhibits 80, 81, 82, 83, and 84.

14 And, Mr. McBride, you can display them to the jury if
15 you wish to do so.

16 MR. MCBRIDE: I would. Thank you, Your Honor.

17 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

18 Q Ma'am, I know Mr. Cline asked you what you thought of their
19 home. How did you describe it? I forget.

20 A It's a very nice home, it is comfortable, but --

21 Q Yes.

22 A I have homes in my neighborhood that are bigger than that.

23 Q Yes, ma'am.

24 A I mean, I just don't see that it's lavish, I think that was
25 the word.

1 Q That was how Mr. Cline described -- asked you whether it
2 was lavish; correct?

3 A Yes, I think that's what he asked.

4 Q Well, let's take a look at the picture. This is Government
5 Exhibit No. 80. Let me see if I can -- what view of the
6 Weinland home is that?

7 A That is down towards the backyard.

8 Q When you attended the weddings, were you able to use this
9 backyard area?

10 A I think some people were down there, but not everybody,
11 most of us stayed out. There was a tent put up by the garage.

12 Q We'll look at the garage in a minute. Whose wedding did
13 you attend there, by the way?

14 A Audra's wedding. Well, it was like the reception. I think
15 she was married -- her father married them privately, but they
16 had like a small reception for the church.

17 Q Was this before or after they went to Germany? Do you
18 know?

19 A Before who went to Germany?

20 Q Audra and her husband.

21 A It must have been after. No, the wedding had to be before.
22 They wouldn't have gone to Germany before. It would have to be
23 after.

24 Q I would like to show you what's been previously marked --
25 or actually it's been admitted as Government's Exhibit 81. Is

1 that also the Weinlands' home?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What view of the Weinland home is that?

4 A That would be from the front basically.

5 Q Okay. So this is the front door area here?

6 A Where?

7 Q See where I made the dot? Is that kind of the front door
8 there?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So the door is recessed behind the stone facade there,
11 brick facade?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And this is in the subdivision of Triple Crown; is it not?

14 A Yes.

15 Q How would you characterize the subdivision of Triple Crown
16 having been there?

17 A Very nice.

18 Q All right. Ma'am, is this the Weinlands' garage?

19 A Yes, that's their garage.

20 Q I'm going to span out so everybody can see the full size of
21 that. And is that where you -- is that where you were able to
22 work on the books, inside the garage?

23 A No, we worked on the books downstairs in his family room.

24 Q So this is the first level here?

25 A Yes.

1 Q All right. And is that a two-car garage, do you know?

2 A I believe it's a two-car, but I don't think they can get
3 two in there. The same as mine, you can't get two in.

4 Q Too crowded?

5 A Yes.

6 THE COURT: Is that 82, Mr. McBride?

7 MR. MCBRIDE: I'm sorry, sir?

8 THE COURT: It's 82. I don't think --

9 MR. MCBRIDE: I'm sorry, sir, it is 82.

10 THE COURT: Thank you.

11 BY MR. MCBRIDE:

12 Q I'm just going to slide this over a little bit, because the
13 Elmo is being a little difficult.

14 And then is this like a porch area over here next to the
15 garage?

16 A A porch area? No, I think that's where you can pull a car
17 in to park there.

18 Q Okay.

19 A It's parking.

20 Q And, ma'am, I wanted to show you what's been entered as
21 Government Exhibit No. 83, that's another view of the front;
22 correct?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Finally, 84, another view of the front; correct?

25 A Yes.

1 Q That's not showing up very well.

2 MR. MCBRIDE: Your Honor, those are all the questions
3 I have.

4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

5 Any recross on matters raised on redirect?

6 MR. CLINE: No, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. Now, ma'am, you may step down.
8 Thank you.

9 (Testimony concluded at 12:13 p.m.)

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11 I, Cynthia A. Oakes, certify that the foregoing is a
12 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the
13 above-entitled matter.

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