

STATE OF NEW YORK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITY OF UTICA

COUNTY OF ONEIDA

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

\* Docket

\* No.

\* 2010-5101

-against-

JEFFREY D. BLUNT,

Defendant. \* Trial

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**HELD BEFORE:**

The **Honorable Gerald J. Popeo**, Judge of the  
City Court of Utica, in and for the State of  
New York, held at the City Court of Utica  
Courthouse, Utica, New York, on January 6, 2011.

**APPEARANCES:**

SCOTT MCNAMARA, ESQ.  
District Attorney, County of Oneida  
BY: JOSHUA BAUER, ESQ.  
Assistant District Attorney

FRANK J. NEBUSH, JR., ESQ.  
Public Defender, County of Oneida  
BY: CORY ZENNAMO, ESQ.  
Assistant Public Defender

(Defendant present in person)

Reported By:

Nicola B. Fanelli  
Official Court Reporter

1 THE COURT: Jeffrey Blunt? Jeffrey has a  
2 charge of harassment in the 2nd degree. He was  
3 arraigned on December 23rd, bail of \$250 was set.  
4 He is here today for trial wearing an orange  
5 outfit.

6 MR. ZENNAMO: Judge, he's in on other charges  
7 from Rome.

8 THE COURT: Thank you. Feel better.

9 MR. BAUER: Judge, if he enters a plea to  
10 harassment 2nd degree, time served, Court issued  
11 permanent order of protection for the benefit of a  
12 [REDACTED], People would be satisfied.

13 MR. ZENNAMO: Judge, I spoke with my client,  
14 that's acceptable.

15 THE COURT: Jeffrey, understand what we're  
16 talking about?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Any problem with it?

19 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

20 THE COURT: Okay. So at this time you are  
21 pleading guilty to harassment 2nd degree, meaning that  
22 on December 9th of this year you did commit that  
23 offense upon [REDACTED], correct?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

25 THE COURT: Guilty plea's accepted, sentence



1 time served. There's a \$120 surcharge by March 8th,  
2 and also theres's an order of protection which I've  
3 signed. You know, Mr. Zennamo --

4 MR. ZENNAME: Yes, Judge.

5 THE COURT: When you were a kid did anyone  
6 tell you it was rude to be talking when somebody else  
7 is talking?

8 MR. ZENNAME: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Well, it's rude, okay? If you  
10 need to talk to your client, hold your hand up, and I  
11 will be quiet; I'll wait. I don't want to interfere  
12 with an attorney's obligation and right to provide  
13 legal advice, but once I'm doing my end of things, shut  
14 up and let me do my thing, okay?

15 MR. ZENNAME: Yes, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Do you want me to wait?

17 MR. ZENNAME: No, Judge, we're set. I was  
18 just explaining the surcharge. I'm sorry.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Blunt, there is an order of  
20 protection that I've signed and you've signed. The  
21 order tells you that for the next year stay away from  
22 [REDACTED], don't call, don't write, text message, no  
23 communication.

24 You're standing there with a grin that I would  
25 love to get off the bunch and slap off your face. Why



1 are you doing that?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Huh.

3 THE COURT: Huh? You're standing there  
4 grinning at me, smirking at me. What's that all about?

5 THE DEFENDANT: I'm just laughing. It's  
6 okay.

7 THE COURT: What are you laughing about?  
8 You're in a courtroom, handcuffed, in an orange  
9 jumpsuit being issued an order of protection, and  
10 you're laughing. That's a funny thing, that's  
11 hilarious. How about 30 days in jail for contempt,  
12 that's hilarious, too, isn't it? What's wrong with  
13 you? We done smirking?

14 MR. ZENNAMO: Say yes.

15 THE COURT: Now we don't want to talk.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Done smirking?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: Good. You violate this order of  
20 protection regarding [REDACTED], you're going to jail  
21 for seven years, I hope. That's the maximum you can  
22 get. I hope I'm the judge on the case. Okay. Don't  
23 violate the order. Have a good day. Mr. Blunt,  
24 that's it. Bring him back. As he turned away he gave  
25 me a nice, big smirk, nice big smirk as if to say,

1 blank you, Judge. That's thirty days contempt of  
2 court. Have a good day, Mr. Blunt.

3 MR. ZENAMO: Judge, with -- Judge --

4 THE COURT: File an appeal, Mr. Zennamo.

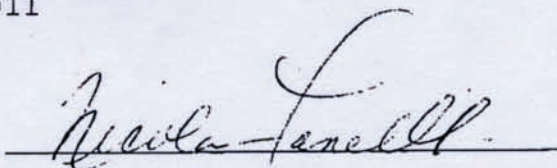
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6 (Whereupon, the proceedings were adjourned.)

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9 C E R T I F I C A T E

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11 I, **NICOLA BRUZZESE FANELLI**, a Shorthand Reporter  
12 and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, **DO**  
13 **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct  
14 transcript of my shorthand notes in the above-entitled  
15 matter.

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17 Date: January 6, 2011

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21 Court Reporter  
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