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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 42-2025-CF-383

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,

versus

HAROLD MINNIS,
Defendant.

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CALL-TAKER: 9-1-1. What is the address of the
emergency?

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MR. GILLESPIE: It's at the Marion County Jail.

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CALL-TAKER: All right, the Marion County Jail?

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MR. GILLESPIE: His name is Harold Minnis. He just
called me a few minutes ago, you know, on the phone.

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He's age 63. I think he's in -- he might either hurt
himself or hurt someone else.

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He's on probation. He is a registered sex
offender. He has nowhere to live. He got -- something
happened with where he was living. He went down there
today to the jail to report to Officer Nix and they
don't have any housing for him. They told him to come
back tomorrow.

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He doesn't really have any winter clothing with
him. He just has a, a shirt and a pair of pants.

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So, you know, he, he's calling me. He wants me to
take him to the hospital. I don't think the hospital
wants him there. And if he needs to go to the hospital,
he needs to go in an ambulance.

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CALL-TAKER: Okay.

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MR. GILLESPIE: So I'm just letting you know, --

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CALL-TAKER: Okay.

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MR. GILLESPIE: -- I'm letting you know, and I'm

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1 going to give you all his information and -- because I
2 think it's my civic duty. I have to do this.

3 CALL-TAKER: I'm sorry. So did he say like why he
4 had to go to the hospital? Was it just for like housing
5 he tried to get, or --

6 MR. GILLESPIE: He is in end stage renal disease.
7 That means kidney failure. He has to get kidney
8 dialysis three days a week. That's, generally, why he's
9 at the hospital.

10 CALL-TAKER: Okay.

11 MR. GILLESPIE: He also has other health problems.
12 He recently had a heart bypass and he may need other
13 health things. I don't know. He's very quiet about his
14 health and he doesn't really let people help him, and he
15 just lashes out when things don't go his way.

16 So that's the situation I'm in. I've spent a lot
17 of money trying to help this man. I don't have any more
18 time or money. And it's a risk to me because he's
19 getting increasingly desperate.

20 So they let him out of AdventHealth Hospital this
21 morning. He called me. I picked him up over at the
22 Dollar Store at Pine and 17th. I took him to the jail,
23 and I told him that's it. I said, "If you, if you can't
24 get a place to live, you need to go back into jail."
25 He's on probation, all right. He should be back in

1 jail. That way, he'll have food, clothing, and medical
2 attention.

3 But out on the street, he is a danger to himself
4 and to other people.

5 CALL-TAKER: Okay. And so you said -- so he has at
6 the jail right now? Like he's, he's not inside? Like
7 he's at the jail?

8 MR. GILLESPIE: He was outside the jail.

9 CALL-TAKER: Okay.

10 MR. GILLESPIE: Yeah. If he was in the jail and
11 they would be --

12 CALL-TAKER: Yeah.

13 MR. GILLESPIE: -- taking care of him.

14 CALL-TAKER: I just wanted to double-check. And
15 what is a good callback number for you?

16 MR. GILLESPIE: 352-239-9037.

17 CALL-TAKER: And your first and last name?

18 MR. GILLESPIE: My name is Neil Gillespie.

19 CALL-TAKER: Okay, give me one second while I put
20 this information in. Just stay on the line with me and
21 I'll have some more questions for you, okay?

22 MR. GILLESPIE: All right.

23 CALL-TAKER: And I'm still here. I'm just putting
24 this information in.

25 MR. GILLESPIE: All right, thank you. I, I mean

1 maybe he needs to be Baker-Acted or there's some other
2 act, because he won't -- I, I don't know. I'm not a
3 lawyer.

4 CALL-TAKER: Okay.

5 MR. GILLESPIE: He was living in Dunnellon at a, at
6 a group home. And, you know, first of all, the place
7 isn't really equipped for a disabled person. There's a
8 bunch of steps getting up to it. He doesn't have a
9 wheelchair right now. He has a cane, but he usually has
10 a wheelchair. And he's gotten into arguing with people
11 there, and, now, he's kind of an outcast.

12 Well, I spoke to his landlady Tina. She's a nice
13 lady, but she's got a bunch of parolees or probation
14 people there. Some of them are sex offenders, so it's
15 an unruly group, and he's, you know, the odd man out.

16 CALL-TAKER: Okay.

17 MR. GILLESPIE: There's, you know, there's trouble
18 being made and they were, I guess, beating him up,
19 because, you know, he's 63, not a young guy.

20 CALL-TAKER: Okay.

21 MR. GILLESPIE: Somebody else --

22 CALL-TAKER: And are you, are you at the jail now,
23 too? Are you still at that location?

24 MR. GILLESPIE: No. No. No. I'm in my office.

25 CALL-TAKER: Okay. Okay. All right, so I know you
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1 said he's 63. Can I get his, his description, starting
2 with his race?

3 MR. GILLESPIE: Yeah. He's a black male.

4 CALL-TAKER: And what was he wearing today?

5 MR. GILLESPIE: He was wearing a gray pair of like
6 sweatpants and a grey shirt, like a pullover, I think it
7 was. He, he wears his ankle, an ankle monitor, too.

8 CALL-TAKER: Okay.

9 MR. GILLESPIE: So if he's not actually home or
10 somewhere that thing's going to go off. He tells me
11 that he spoke with his probation officer and they told
12 him don't worry about that. That doesn't sound right.

13 CALL-TAKER: Yeah. And does he have any physical,
14 medical, or mental conditions that we need to be aware
15 of?

16 MR. GILLESPIE: Yes. He's in end-stage renal
17 disease, kidney failure. I -- he, he probably has a
18 couple of strokes recently. You know, it's hard to
19 understand what he's saying. He kind of jabbers on and
20 on, without any real words coming out.

21 And he's got a heart condition. You know, he was a
22 lifetime smoker and everything's bad on him.

23 CALL-TAKER: Okay. All right. So I did put this
24 information in, so I am going to let you go now. So an
25 officer will be dispatched as soon as possible. So just

1 call us back if you need information, if you get new
2 information or need further assistance.

3 Would you like a call from the officer on like any
4 updates or anything?

5 MR. GILLESPIE: You can, if you want. Would it,
6 would it be helpful for me to call him? Because I can
7 give you his phone number. He's got a cellphone. Do
8 you want his phone number?

9 CALL-TAKER: Yes, I can get his phone number, as
10 well.

11 MR. GILLESPIE: 352-355-0036.

12 CALL-TAKER: Okay.

13 MR. GILLESPIE: Do you want his date of birth,
14 social security number, state ID? I've got all that.

15 CALL-TAKER: Okay. All right, so I did go ahead
16 and put all that information in. So if the officer does
17 call you, it's going to be on a block or restricted
18 phone number, so just keep an, an eye out for that,
19 okay?

20 MR. GILLESPIE: Yeah. His probation officer is
21 Officer Ramirez, and his reporting officer is Detective
22 Tasha Nix. She's well aware of the situation because
23 I've been emailing her and other people in the
24 government because he -- you know, he's (TECHNICAL
25 INTERRUPTION) know that. He could be getting care under

1 the Ryan White Act -- it's with the Catholic
2 charities -- and everyone is cutting him off for some
3 reason.

4 I spoke to his caseworker at West Marion Hospital,
5 a woman by the name of Ms. St. Kitts. She told me that
6 there's a blockage, that the County is showing him being
7 in the jail, so he can't get any benefits. He can't get
8 his Medicaid, Social -- you know, SSI, or anything else.

9 So it really seems like it's some kind of a setup
10 to harm him by the Marion County authorities. Because
11 he can't get his benefits and he's been, basically,
12 kicked out of his house, and he has nowhere to go. So
13 it seems like they wanted him like to just have a
14 complete mental breakdown, maybe get in a fight with
15 someone, and then they'll say, "Oh, look. He did this.
16 He did that, and we're going to throw him in jail for
17 ten more years." This is what's going on.

18 CALL-TAKER: Okay. So --

19 MR. GILLESPIE: And what's your name? What's your
20 name, ma'am?

21 CALL-TAKER: Jessica.

22 MR. GILLESPIE: You're Jessica. All right.
23 Because I'm making a record of this, you know, for
24 everyone's protection. And I know you're recording it,
25 right?

1 CALL-TAKER: Oh, yeah, they're recorded.

2 MR. GILLESPIE: All right.

3 CALL-TAKER: They're all public record.

4 MR. GILLESPIE: I want to get a copy of the
5 recording and, you know, I just want everyone to be
6 safe. And, right now, he's not safe because of the
7 situation, and it appears that the Marion County
8 government is involved in blocking his benefits, and
9 that includes the Catholic Church.

10 Because I also contacted lawyers to help him. And
11 you ever heard of the firm Morgan & Morgan? All right,
12 they were supposed to help him and they won't even
13 return my calls or answer my emails.

14 I also, from the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral
15 Service, I got a referral to Mr. Chalkley in Ocala. He
16 won't talk to Harold or take his case.

17 So, you know, there's too much blockage going on
18 between medical, legal, and housing. And this makes me
19 suspect that this isn't the way things are supposed to
20 run.

21 CALL-TAKER: Okay, I understand. So just keep a
22 look out for that blocked or restricted number. That's
23 the officer. I did put everything in for the officers
24 to know about him, and they might give you a call just
25 to get more information on him. So just keep a look out

1 for that, okay?

2 MR. GILLESPIE: Thank you.

3 CALL-TAKER: You're welcome.

4 **(Recording ends at 12:31 minutes.)**

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