1 COURT OF APPEALS 2 STATE OF NEW YORK 3 _____ 4 PEOPLE, 5 Respondent, 6 -against-No. 236 7 ANTHONY ODDONE, 8 Appellant. 9 _____ 20 Eagle Street 10 Albany, New York 12207 November 14, 2013 11 Before: CHIEF JUDGE JONATHAN LIPPMAN 12 ASSOCIATE JUDGE VICTORIA A. GRAFFEO 13 ASSOCIATE JUDGE SUSAN PHILLIPS READ ASSOCIATE JUDGE ROBERT S. SMITH 14 ASSOCIATE JUDGE EUGENE F. PIGOTT, JR. ASSOCIATE JUDGE JENNY RIVERA 15 ASSOCIATE JUDGE SHEILA ABDUS-SALAAM 16 Appearances: 17 MARC WOLINSKY, ESQ. BERNARD W. NUSSBAUM, ESQ. 18 SCOTT M. DANNER, ESO. 19 WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ Attorneys for Appellant 20 51 West 52nd Street New York, NY 10019 21 ANNE E. OH, ADA SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 22 Attorneys for Respondent 23 200 Center Drive Riverhead, NY 11901 24 Karen Schiffmiller 25 Official Court Transcriber

1	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Number People
2	v. Oddone, number 236.
3	Counsel, would you like any rebuttal time?
4	MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, Your Honor, I'd like
5	four minutes of rebuttal time.
6	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Sure, go ahead.
7	MR. WOLINSKY: Your Honor, the court, I'm
8	Marc Wolinsky from Wachtell Lipton. I'm here with
9	two of my colleagues, Bernard Nussbaum and Scott
10	Danner. And we're here because Tony Oddone, our
11	client, did not get a fair trial. And I say that for
12	four reasons.
13	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Counsel, what was
14	wrong with the medical examiner's testimony?
15	MR. WOLINSKY: The medical examiner's
16	testimony was
17	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: I mean, there was a
18	difference between the experts and the medical
19	examiner
20	MR. WOLINSKY: Doctor
21	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: but what
22	what was wrong?
23	MR. WOLINSKY: Dr. Wilson's testimony was
24	classic junk science. He did not have a single
25	articulated basis in

1	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Doesn't that just go
2	to the weight though?
3	MR. WOLINSKY: No, it does not go to
4	weight.
5	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Go ahead, why not?
6	MR. WOLINSKY: Your Honor, it is absolutely
7	clear under this court's precedent and federal law as
8	well, the the admissibility of scientific
9	testimony must be based on in under Frye,
10	generally accepted medical principles. And
11	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Or was this just his
12	own personal experience?
13	MR. WOLINSKY: It was, Judge.
14	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Or was he
15	MR. WOLINSKY: It was worse.
16	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Was he articulating a
17	scientific basis for his testimony?
18	MR. WOLINSKY: Absolutely not.
19	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: So then
20	MR. WOLINSKY: He said it was based on his
21	experience
22	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: So why is it a Frye
23	situation?
24	MR. WOLINSKY: Because it it was
25	based solely on his experience. Experience alone is

1 never enough to - - -2 JUDGE SMITH: You mean, no - - - an 3 experienced doctor can never say, in my experience, these things turn blue? 4 5 MR. WOLINSKY: An experienced doctor cannot 6 come in and say - - - I'm sorry; I missed the last 7 part of your question. JUDGE SMITH: A doctor comes in and says, 8 9 I've seen forty-six of this kind of tumor, and I - -10 - every one I've seen has been blue, so for that 11 reason, I think this blue tumor was diag - - - he can't do that? He has to have a study? 12 13 MR. WOLINSKY: He doesn't have to have a 14 study, but it has to be generally accepted in his 15 profession. 16 JUDGE SMITH: It has to be - - - so he 17 can't - - - he - - - an experienced doctor cannot rely on his experience alone? He must show - - -18 19 MR. WOLINSKY: Correct. 20 JUDGE SMITH: - - - that it's generally 21 accepted in his profession? 22 MR. WOLINSKY: Correct. 23 JUDGE SMITH: Let me say - - -24 MR. WOLINSKY: That's the essence of Frye. 25 You have to look at experience - - -

1	JUDGE SMITH: Well, well, an experienced
2	nondoctor obviously can rely on his experience,
3	right? You have a golf pro
4	MR. WOLINSKY: Not as an expert.
5	JUDGE SMITH: If you have a golf pro
6	testifying on on as an expert in golf, he
7	doesn't have to show scientific studies.
8	MR. WOLINSKY: If he's coming in, he
9	probably is PGA-admitted pro. But Your Honor, let's
10	let's step back. Dr. Wilson did not come in -
11	he came in on three issues. Let's talk about the
12	purple
13	JUDGE SMITH: You're not saying every word
14	he said was junk science, are you?
15	MR. WOLINSKY: No, no, actually we agree on
16	the one thing that he said; he was actual
17	absolutely right. The Mr Mr. Reister
18	died of carotid sinus compression. It triggered a
19	nerve ending a nerve ending that went to his
20	heart; threw his heart into fatal arrhythmia.
21	What Dr. Wilson went on to say, is that in
22	my experience, because of my experience, something I
23	saw on television, and something I heard from some
24	cops, it can only happen only if the neck
25	is compressed for two to three minutes, and even

1 though I'm not an expert in cardiology, and I disclaim expertise in cardiology, this man's pre-2 3 existing conditions were completely irrelevant. 4 JUDGE SMITH: So your - - - so your - - -5 your theory is that if the expert witness is a 6 scientist, then everything he says has to have - - -7 has to be accepted in the scientific community. He 8 cannot rely on his personal experience. 9 MR. WOLINSKY: Correct, yes. And - - -10 JUDGE SMITH: And what do you cite for 11 that? 12 MR. WOLINSKY: Frye. I cite, you know, in 13 preparing for the argument today, I came across an 14 interesting - - -15 JUDGE GRAFFEO: Does - - - does Frye - - -16 so you're saying Frye applies to the totality of what 17 a medical or scientific expert testifies to? 18 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, yes, sure. That's - -19 - that's absolutely true. 20 JUDGE GRAFFEO: Every single aspect? 21 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, sure. Well, not every 22 single aspect - - -23 JUDGE GRAFFEO: Why - - - why can't - - -2.4 why can't you - - -25 MR. WOLINSKY: - - - because I want to be

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1 clear - - - I want to be clear - - -2 JUDGE GRAFFEO: Why can't you present 3 experts that - - -4 MR. WOLINSKY: No - - -5 JUDGE GRAFFEO: - - - contest some of those 6 7 MR. WOLINSKY: He can - - - he can testify 8 about what he saw in the autopsy room. He can 9 testify about generally accepted principles. But the 10 do - - - the doctor here did not just go on and 11 testify about the cause of death. He went on and ar - - - and articulated a scientific basis to support 12 13 the lynchpin of the prosecution. 14 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: But they asked him -15 - - but didn't they ask him what it was based on and 16 wasn't his answer, on my personal experience? 17 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, which is never enough. 18 On Frye, it's just never enough. It just isn't. 19 That's what Frye is. That's the essence of Frye. 20 JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: But was it - - - is 21 this a novel theory? Is - - - is - - - does what he 22 said, two to three minutes, is it novel, is that what 23 you're saying? Because I'm not sure what you're - -2.4 25 MR. WOLINSKY: It's - - - yes, I'm saying

1 it's novel, because Frye only applies to novel principles - - - novel - - - novel opinions. 2 3 JUDGE RIVERA: So I assume you're not saying that if he said it's based on my experience, 4 5 which in this field is aligned with the experience -6 7 MR. WOLINSKY: Cor - - yes. 8 JUDGE RIVERA: - - - of the scientists - -9 10 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes. 11 JUDGE RIVERA: - - - in this or the - - -12 MR. WOLINSKY: Sure. 13 JUDGE RIVERA: - - - professionals with my 14 experiences. 15 MR. WOLINSKY: Well, look - - - look at the record that we made here. We had five or six medical 16 17 examiners from all around the country, and two cardiologists, who all came in and said, everybody in 18 19 our profession understands that death from carotid 20 sinus compression can take place and can be - - -21 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Why wasn't the jury 22 able to sort that out? 23 MR. WOLINSKY: This is one of the things 24 that we don't let juries sort out, and this case 25 explains exactly why. The cross-examination of Dr.

Spitz and Dr. Kassotis, read it. The cross-1 2 examination of Dr. Spitz, you're from Mich - - -3 you're the coauthor of the - - - you're the coeditor of the leading treatise in the United States on 4 5 medical - - - on - - - in the medical examiner field. 6 Yes, I am. Your father was the principal editor; you're riding on your father's coattails, aren't you? 7 8 You're here because - - - you're here from Michigan; 9 aren't you having financial troubles in Michigan? 10 Yeah, I am. Yeah, they are. You're here just to 11 make money. We don't - - - these are not credibility 12 issues, when you look at the science - - -13 JUDGE SMITH: Are you - - - but you - - -14 you're not saying any - - - are you saying any of 15 those was an improper question? 16 MR. WOLINSKY: What I'm saying is that's 17 why we don't let juries make those decisions. JUDGE SMITH: Well, well, try - - - try my 18 19 - - - try my question first. 20 MR. WOLINSKY: Oh, I think it was - - - I 21 think it was unfair cross-examination, and some of it 22 - - - and some of the objections were sustained. 23 JUDGE SMITH: Well, you're - - - you're 24 allowed to ask an expert how much money he's making 25 and suggest that that might bias his testimony.

1 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, but we're going to the 2 question as to why the court, by precedent, uniformly 3 by this court and courts around the country have said, we don't let scientific evidence go to the 4 5 jury, unless it's based on generally accepted 6 principles. 7 JUDGE SMITH: I mean, I - - - I can certainly see that if - - - if - - - if Wilson had 8 9 said, it is generally accepted in the scientific 10 community that you need one minute of neck compression to get these kind of petechiae, then you 11 12 - - - yeah, then you've got to have a Frye hearing, 13 to see whether it is generally accepted. 14 But if he says, my experience as a few 15 decades as a pathologist tells me that this rarely 16 happens without yea much neck compression, I'm not -17 - - it's not clear to me that that's Frye. 18 MR. WOLINSKY: Your Honor, I believe that 19 it is Frye. He has to - - - he has to convince - - -20 you can't come in based only on your - - - your 21 opinions and testify as to things that you've seen, because one doctor has not seen - - -22 23 JUDGE SMITH: I mean, I - - - I would - - -24 I would - - - there would be a stronger point if you 25 - - - if he was - - - if he was testifying to an

experience which you had literature and doctors that
say is impossible; that it's nonsense, that it's
contrary to scientific evidence, but I I don't
see that.
MR. WOLINSKY: We do have on
petechiae petechiae, we do have literature.
Look at
JUDGE SMITH: What do you have?
MR. WOLINSKY: Dr. Andrew's
testimony, Dr. Andrew's affidavit. Dr. Andrew said -
cites a textbook that says you cannot tell how
long someone has someone has been subjected to
neck pressure or any kind of pressure by the presence
or absence of petechiae, or the type of petechiae.
JUDGE PIGOTT: Where does that take you,
though? I Ms. Oh, in her brief, was saying,
this is a pretty simple case. Suppose they
they just put in a death certificate saying he died,
and you've got this person who choked him. I know
you take issue with the word "choke". But here's
what happened. They're in a bar; he falls you
know, this happens. He gets choked; he's dead. We
rest our case, Your Honor.
MR. WOLINSKY: Right, okay. So they have
to prove that the it was excessive force that

1 caused the death. JUDGE PIGOTT: No, they just have to prove 2 3 he's dead. I mean - - -4 MR. WOLINSKY: They have to prove it was -5 - - no, because well, this was a self-defense case. 6 JUDGE PIGOTT: That's your burden. 7 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes. No, no. 8 JUDGE PIGOTT: So they don't have to. 9 MR. WOLINSKY: There's no - - no, no. 10 Defense has no burden in self-defense. 11 JUDGE PIGOTT: That's true. 12 MR. WOLINSKY: They have the burden in 13 self-defense. JUDGE PIGOTT: Your burden going forward. 14 15 JUDGE SMITH: Okay, but - - - but choking -16 - - yeah, choking someone who seems to have already 17 passed out is usually - - - is a funny form of self-18 defense. And there were plenty of witnesses who 19 testified that he choked him, he collapsed, they kept 20 choking - - -21 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes. 22 JUDGE SMITH: They were screaming at him -23 24 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes. 25 JUDGE SMITH: People trying to pull him

off. It was self-defense? 1 MR. WOLINSKY: It was self-defense - - -2 3 well, first of all, put - - - put yourself, Your Honor, in this circumstance. This did not happen in 4 5 a laboratory. This - - - my client is - - - is st -6 - - dancing on a table, 1 o'clock in the morning, 7 attacked without provocation by a six-foot-four, 250pound man, wrestling in the middle of the floor. 8 9 JUDGE SMITH: Okay, okay, okay. 10 MR. WOLINSKY: Okay. So - - - so, then - -11 12 JUDGE SMITH: So you can get self - - - you 13 can get you - - - I understand - - -14 MR. WOLINSKY: So, look, Your Honor - - -15 JUDGE SMITH: You have a self-defense 16 argument. 17 MR. WOLINSKY: It ultimately then comes down to - - - I don't mean - - -18 19 JUDGE SMITH: It's a jury question as to 20 whether it was self-defense. 21 MR. WOLINSKY: Right. 22 JUDGE SMITH: The evidence, it seems to me, 23 would be abundantly sufficient for a jury to reject 24 self-defense if there were no scientific testimony, 25 other than the fact the guy's dead.

1	MR. WOLINSKY: No. It would self-
2	defense it st you just you're use -
3	entitled to use justified force to the extent
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5	JUDGE SMITH: My question
6	MR. WOLINSKY: Yes.
7	JUDGE SMITH: goes to the necessity
8	of the scientific testimony. Doesn't the eyewitness
9	testimony make a pretty good prima facie case of
10	manslaughter, if not murder?
11	MR. WOLINSKY: The eyewitness testimony has
12	two defects. Two defects let me first
13	let me address the Wilson point and then come back to
14	the defect in the eyewitness testimony. Wil
15	there is conflicting eyewitness testimony on the
16	duration, and that, as Your Honor pointed out, is the
17	critical issue.
18	JUDGE SMITH: I don't I don't think I
19	pointed it out. I I the the
20	MR. WOLINSKY: No, no, your point is that
21	there was too there was evidence that he held
22	on too long, and therefore, it wasn't self-defense.
23	JUDGE SMITH: Okay, but you don't need
24	- you don't need a stopwatch to know that he's held
25	on too long, when there's an unconscious man, and

1	he's pressing his neck and people are screaming,
2	trying to pull him away.
3	MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, and he lets go.
4	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Why
5	JUDGE SMITH: But twenty seconds is a
6	pretty long time.
7	MR. WOLINSKY: And he lets go. And did he
8	hold on too long? But Your Honor, if I can come back
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10	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Why do you think the
11	duration though is something within the ken of the
12	juror?
13	MR. WOLINSKY: Duration is within the ken
14	of the juror, based on a fair presentation of the
15	evidence. And what happened here is two-fold.
16	JUDGE GRAFFEO: But different eyewitnesses
17	testified at different time periods.
18	MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, yes.
19	JUDGE GRAFFEO: So isn't that a factual
20	determination for the jury?
21	MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, it is a factual issue,
22	but the evidence on that point was tilted against the
23	defense, for three reasons.
24	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Go ahead.
25	MR. WOLINSKY: One is the Frye that we've

1 talked about. Dr. Wilson's testimony put the 2 imprimatur of medical science on the prosecution side 3 _ _ _ 4 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Okay, what are the 5 other two points? 6 MR. WOLINSKY: The second, Dr. Penrod. The 7 exclusion of Dr. Penrod's testimony. Dr. Penrod 8 would have testified if permitted that eyewitnesses 9 routinely overestimate the duration of relatively 10 short traumatic events. This has been established since 1895. This is beyond the ken of the ordinary 11 12 juror. 13 JUDGE SMITH: Isn't - - - but isn't there a 14 corollary to that law? Yes, you've seen something 15 that took thirty seconds and you're going to say it took three minutes. Isn't the corollary to that - -16 17 - thirty seconds is a long time to choke someone? 18 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, thirty seconds is a long time. But still that's the issue - - -19 20 JUDGE SMITH: And isn't the evidence 21 overwhelming that your guy choked him - - -22 MR. WOLINSKY: But - - -23 JUDGE SMITH: - - - for a long time, 24 whether - - -25 MR. WOLINSKY: But - - - but it's still put

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2	JUDGE SMITH: whether it was overest
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4	MR. WOLINSKY: it's still put
5	JUDGE SMITH: Excuse me. Isn't the
6	evidence overwhelming that your guy choked him for
7	what for quite an exceptionally long time even
8	if the witnesses overestimated the number of seconds?
9	MR. WOLINSKY: No. No. You have Cohen.
10	You have Leader. You have Reiner, who's standing
11	twenty feet away, who doesn't even know the whole
12	thing is going on until it's over. So, no.
13	The final point that I didn't get to
14	that I do want to touch on
15	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Yeah, give your last
16	point. Go ahead counsel.
17	MR. WOLINSKY: On duration
18	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Yes.
19	MR. WOLINSKY: is Flynn Megan
20	Flynn, an eyewitness that the prosecution was going
21	to call. She they drop her at the last minute.
22	We call her. She gets up on the stand. We ask her
23	how long did you see Mr. Oddone hold Mr. Reister?
24	She says, I don't know; I didn't have a watch. A
25	minute or so; I don't know. We have an insurance

1 statement - - -2 JUDGE PIGOTT: Did you say - - - I know 3 you've got - - - only got three minutes on rebuttal, 4 but could you address the jury issue, when you come 5 back. MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, I'll address now if 6 7 you'd like. CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: No, address it when 8 9 you come back. You'll have your rebuttal. 10 MR. WOLINSKY: Okay. So, can I finish the 11 12 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Finish the thought; 13 go ahead. MR. WOLINSKY: Okay, the thought here - - -14 15 so what - - - so Flynn says a minute or so; I don't 16 know. We have an insurance statement - - -17 JUDGE SMITH: We heard her on tape saying -18 19 MR. WOLINSKY: - - - where she said - - -20 an insurance interview where she said - - - six to 21 ten seconds. It goes - - - Your Honor, it goes 22 exactly to your point. Exactly to your point. 23 JUDGE SMITH: And your point is the jury 24 never heard that. 25 MR. WOLINSKY: Well, we didn't even get the

1 - - - the opportunity to refresh her recollection; 2 let alone, impeach her. 3 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Well, did it - - did - - - there's an indication that she needed her 4 5 recollection refreshed? MR. WOLINSKY: Her prior statement is an 6 7 indication she needs her recollection refreshed. 8 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Okay. 9 MR. WOLINSKY: You don't have to look past 10 that. 11 JUDGE SMITH: But aren't - - - aren't you 12 also arguing, apart from the technicalities, the jury 13 should know that she said that - - - that she said 14 six seconds, when she's standing up there saying a 15 minute? 16 MR. WOLINSKY: Of course, especially when 17 the prosecution then comes back and says, I didn't put on witnesses who don't have a good memory of what 18 19 happened. 20 JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: You're raising that 21 point because you want Dr. Penrod to - - - to be able 22 to talk to the jury or speak to the jury about how 23 the perceptions of people about time is different, 24 because she said six seconds when the insurance 25 investigator spoke with her, and then she takes the

1	stand and says, oh, it could have been a minute.
2	That's a long way from six seconds.
3	MR. WOLINSKY: Very long. Very long.
4	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Okay, counsel, you'll
5	have your rebuttal.
6	MR. WOLINSKY: Fine.
7	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Counsel?
8	MS. OH: Good afternoon, Your Honors. I'd
9	like to address the Wilson point first.
10	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Go ahead.
11	MS. OH: This wasn't based on television
12	articles or some police officer. Dr. Wilson
13	testified on the stand that the only times that he
14	has seen instances of petechiae at this level is
15	either in post-mortem lividity, which obviously this
16	was not that case, or in situations where there is
17	such impact on the human body, like a car rolling
18	over the body, would cause petechiae.
19	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: But there is a
20	science to this area, isn't there?
21	MS. OH: Yes, Your Honor, and the science
22	is forensic pathology, which Dr. Wilson they
23	concede was qualified to testified to.
24	JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: But wasn't there
25	counsel, wasn't there also an attempt to revive this

1	man? Wasn't there some chest compression as well as
2	the choke the alleged choking?
3	MS. OH: Yes, Your Honor. And the cause of
4	death here, was actually brain death, ultimately
5	caused by the neck compression. And I think what's
6	important to note is in the end, Andrew Reister's
7	heart was still working. It was in fact his brain
8	that wasn't working, so it wasn't the fatal
9	arrhythmia, because if it was, he wouldn't have been
10	able to be resuscitated at the scene, again at the
11	hospital, and then to survive two days past the
12	incident. So this isn't a case of fatal arrhythmia,
13	because the heart did, in fact, come back.
14	And with respect to the question of
15	just because there are eight post-verdict affidavits,
16	stating that Dr. Wilson was wrong, that doesn't make
17	the trial court's conclu conclusion that this
18	was admissible, a abuse of discretion. This is no
19	different than a battle of the expert witnesses,
20	where one
21	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: But there studies in
22	this area, and your witness says that I don't I
23	don't know anything about those studies.
24	MS. OH: And the jury got to hear the
25	witness be cross-examined extensively for almost a

week regarding these differing scientific articles. 1 JUDGE SMITH: Do - - - do the studies 2 3 really say that what he said was nonsense? 4 MS. OH: No, it does not say that. Ιt 5 merely states that he could not qualify the time 6 period. And it was up for the jury, after having 7 seen the impeachment of Dr. Wilson by the defense for 8 several days, to determine the credibility of Dr. 9 Wilson's testimony. That has always been - - -10 JUDGE SMITH: Suppose - - - suppose 11 hypothetically, a witness testifies, well, in my - -12 - in my experience, fluoridation - - - I've seen many 13 cases of fluoridation teeth - - - fluoride on your 14 teeth causing lung cancer. And you've got a ton of 15 studies this high saying that's absolute nonsense. 16 Can he - - - is he allowed to say that to the jury? 17 MS. OH: If he is, in fact, qualified to talk about the fluoridation of the teeth. 18 19 JUDGE SMITH: So you say if he's a 20 qualified - - - if he's a qualified expert, yes, he 21 can do that. 22 MS. OH: It goes to the reliability of the 23 conclusion. It doesn't - - -24 JUDGE SMITH: So that's a yes? 25 MS. OH: Yes. It goes to the reliability

of the conclu - - -1 2 JUDGE SMITH: Isn't - - - isn't there a 3 danger, I mean, that - - - that jury - - - that charlatans are going to be selling bills of goods to 4 5 juries on your - - - on your view? MS. OH: Maybe in a different case, but in 6 7 this case - - -8 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: In the quise of 9 science, really. 10 MS. OH: But this was not a case of 11 charlatan, guise of science, junk science, as Judge 12 Abdus-Salaam did notice, this was not a thing where 13 you - - - where they were positing that Dr. Wilson's 14 testimony was based on any novel scientific 15 procedure. Their claim, basically, is that Dr. 16 Wilson got it wrong, based upon his knowledge and 17 experience. That is not a Frye issue. JUDGE RIVERA: But - - - but aren't - - -18 19 I'm sorry. But aren't you arguing that when he says 20 it's based on my experience, that even if in the 21 field that cannot be the experience, he still gets to 22 say it and all they get to do is try and cross-23 examine him on it? MS. OH: I think that that claim is 24 25 actually illusory, though. What happened is that

there were two articles that the pros - - - that the defense were able to find to impeach the doctor about it. Then they were able to find eight post-verdict affidavits. But whether or not that is, in fact, the situation in prevailing medical science is a speculation brought by the defense post-verdict. And the question is - - -

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8 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Yeah, but can't you 9 say something so off that it's really a novel 10 principle of science? That it could be viewed that 11 that's what he's doing? Putting some really just, 12 you know, bizarre, novel scientific theory? Couldn't 13 - - - couldn't someone - - - putting aside your - - -14 your case; I know how you feel about Wilson - - -15 couldn't someone do that and couldn't you say that, 16 gee, you need a Frye hearing, because this is just 17 totally something that we've got to see if it's 18 accepted by modern science?

MS. OH: In a completely different case, absolutely, Your Honor, but not in this case, because in this case, Dr. Wilson was able to qualify his conclusion based upon his forensic background and experience regarding when he's seen this petechiae occur.

JUDGE PIGOTT: Did you need him?

1	MS. OH: No, not with respect to the
2	duration.
3	JUDGE PIGOTT: Then why why one
4	of the things that was in the back of my mind when we
5	were discussing this case a long time ago, is that
6	the courtroom was full of correction officers, you
7	know, of of, you know, uniforms and it
8	seemed like every ruling was going against the
9	defense.
10	And it seemed to me that if you were going
11	to bring this person in that that whatever the
12	defense wanted to do on the other side would make
13	sense. And the same thing with time with time;
14	bring in Penrod. You can chew him up, and then
15	I mean, if you can and and the same thing
16	with that Florida thing. I mean, why why not?
17	MS. OH: Why not permit Dr. Penrod's
18	testimony or why not
19	JUDGE PIGOTT: Both, yeah.
20	MS. OH: With respect to why not permit Dr.
21	Penrod's testimony, the trial court did not abuse its
22	discretion when it decided based on this court's
23	ruling in LeGrand. And
24	JUDGE PIGOTT: What did he do this is
25	an unfair question; you can tell me whether you agree

with me. What did they - - - what did the - - - what 1 2 did the judge do that - - - that showed that he was 3 not favoring the People on every single issue and was 4 giving an equal amount of time and opportunity to the 5 defense? I think that here, for instance, 6 MS. OH: 7 the fact that Dr. Wilson was cross-examined for seven 8 days. When Megan Flynn was taken out of turn during 9 the prosecution's direct to accommodate the defense, 10 so that they could place her on the stand, I think 11 that it may appear that the defense was not getting 12 its - - - the - - -13 JUDGE PIGOTT: Yeah. MS. OH: - - - its fair amount of - - - but 14 15 I think it's because of - - -16 JUDGE PIGOTT: Well, didn't it seem odd - -17 - I mean, that document evidence that your opponent I mean, that seemed to be routine. 18 argues. 19 MS. OH: But - - -20 JUDGE PIGOTT: Didn't you give a statement 21 earlier that you said the light was red? 22 MS. OH: I - - -23 JUDGE PIGOTT: I'm going to object to that, 24 judge, and I'm going to sustain the objection. You 25 can't - - - you can't give - - - bring in a prior

1 inconsistent statement. 2 MS. OH: This was hearsay, the definition 3 of hearsay. What they were trying to do - - -JUDGE PIGOTT: Oh, it's her. 4 5 MS. OH: - - - was get an out of court 6 statement that was unsworn or unsigned - - -JUDGE PIGOTT: It's her. Somebody said she 7 said this. 8 9 JUDGE SMITH: Well, wait. 10 JUDGE PIGOTT: It's a prior inconsistent 11 statement - - - I'm sorry - - - it's a prior 12 inconsistent statement. And she can say, that's not 13 me; I never said it. MS. OH: But she didn't say that. 14 15 JUDGE PIGOTT: By whom? 16 MS. OH: And this - - - here - - - here - -17 JUDGE SMITH: Well, you're saying I can go 18 19 into court and say - - - and say, she - - - she 20 killed him. And if I said yesterday he killed him, 21 you can't bring that in; that's hearsay? 22 MS. OH: Not - - - absolutely not, Your 23 Honor, but at - - - but unfortunately every attorney 24 who practices in New York State is constrained by the 25 Rules of Evidence. And - - -

JUDGE SMITH: Well, how - - - how is my 1 hypothetical I just gave you dif - - - this woman 2 3 came in and swore it was a minute; that she's on tape saying six seconds. How can the jury not hear that? 4 5 MS. OH: How can the jury not hear that? 6 Because, A, there was no - - -7 JUDGE SMITH: You say it's hearsay? 8 MS. OH: It was hearsay. It was an out - -9 10 JUDGE SMITH: She's sitting there being 11 examined. 12 JUDGE PIGOTT: She can say - - -13 JUDGE SMITH: You can examine her you want. 14 MS. OH: She - - - and the problem with 15 that is I know that there was a - - - there was a 16 conversation regarding gamesmanship. And this was 17 not a situation of gamesmanship. The six to ten 18 second recording, that was in the possession of the 19 defense long before it was in the possession of the 20 prosecution. 21 JUDGE PIGOTT: They're not complaining they 22 didn't get it. 23 JUDGE SMITH: How does that make it 24 hearsay? 25 JUDGE PIGOTT: They're just - - - they're

complaining they couldn't use it. 1 2 MS. OH: They could have developed her as a 3 witness, but chose not to. CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: But why shouldn't the 4 5 jury hear it? Why - - - why would the judge not 6 allow that in? 7 MS. OH: The judge did not allow it in; the defense didn't pursue it once it realized that it 8 9 couldn't come in as a hearsay exception - - -10 JUDGE PIGOTT: It's not hearsay. 11 MS. OH: Once it couldn't come in as a refreshing the recollection and come in as direct 12 13 evidence - - -JUDGE PIGOTT: Why could - - - why isn't it 14 15 a prior inconsistent statement? MS. OH: Because the value of that 16 17 statement, had it come in as a prior inconsistent 18 statement to impeach the witness, it would have come 19 in as merely impeachment value. 20 JUDGE PIGOTT: Right. 21 MS. OH: As opposed to direct evidence - -22 23 JUDGE PIGOTT: What's wrong with 24 impeachment? It's kind of a good thing. It happens 25 a - - - it happens a lot.

1	MS. OH: Right, but it would have only gone
2	to the credibility of Megan Flynn's recollection at
3	the time
4	JUDGE PIGOTT: Right.
5	MS. OH: not the evidence of the six
6	to ten seconds. And I and that is our position
7	as to why the defense ended up backing off. When
8	they realized when they couldn't actually get
9	the six to ten seconds
10	JUDGE SMITH: Where where did they
11	back off? I thought every way they could to get it
12	in. The judge wasn't having it.
13	MS. OH: And it was not an abuse of
14	discretion for the trial court not to do it. Megan
15	Flynn stated it was a minute or so.
16	JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: But regardless of
17	whether that statement came in, there were a bunch of
18	witnesses saying that this happened over a course of
19	time that ranged in you know, wildly, from, you
20	know, six minutes, to down to six seconds. Why
21	wouldn't you why wouldn't the court allow Dr.
22	Penrod to come in and talk about that issue, about
23	eyewitness testimony regarding time and how off it
24	can be?
25	MS. OH: This court's jurisprudence

1 regarding expert eyewitness testimony regarding 2 identification evidence have been merely limited to 3 cases where you have a problem with maybe mistaken 4 identity, and there is one witness regarding the 5 identification - - -JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: But this isn't about -6 7 - - we - - - we knew that the def - - - this isn't about identification. This is - - - this is about 8 9 eyewitnesses, not identifying a person, but something 10 that happened. 11 MS. OH: And had this been a case where one 12 or two witnesses testified regarding the duration, 13 and not fourteen witnesses that testified regarding 14 duration, thereby giving the jury - - -15 JUDGE PIGOTT: How many - - - how many of 16 those fourteen - - -17 MS. OH: - - - a factual finding. 18 JUDGE PIGOTT: What was their range? 19 Rather wide. 20 MS. OH: Rather wide? Yes, but - - -21 JUDGE PIGOTT: Well, that's my point. If -- - if - - - if they all came in and said, he hung 22 23 onto him for five minutes. I mean, we - - - you 24 know, we had to drag him off. His - - - you know, 25 his fingernails are still in the guy's neck, then I

1 don't know why you'd say, you need an expert to talk 2 about the time. MS. OH: Exactly. 3 JUDGE PIGOTT: But if you got fourteen of 4 5 them, and every one of them has a different time, you'd say why - - - well, why is it? Who should we 6 7 believe of the fourteen? And Dr. Penrod could have 8 said, believe - - - I'm not sure which one he wanted 9 to pick, but - - -10 JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: None of them. MS. OH: Because the resolution of - - -11 12 JUDGE PIGOTT: Or none of them, right. 13 MS. OH: - - - whatever the time and the duration of that hold was, is a factual finding that 14 15 was up to the jury. CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Yeah, but it's so 16 17 crucial to this case, isn't it? MS. OH: So - - -18 19 JUDGE PIGOTT: Which one - - - which one of 20 the fourteen do you believe? 21 MS. OH: I believe that he caused it - - -22 he intended to cause his death, so - - -23 JUDGE PIGOTT: Which one do you believe? 24 MS. OH: - - - we would have to come all 25 the way back from that, so.

JUDGE RIVERA: You're - - - you're saying 1 2 that the jury could hear this, could observe them, 3 and they can draw their own conclusion. No one needs 4 anybody to get up and say, when you've got that kind 5 of range, you've got to determine for yourselves 6 whether or not to believe anybody, all of them, or 7 none of them. 8 MS. OH: Exactly, Your Honor. 9 JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: But why wouldn't you 10 want - - -11 JUDGE SMITH: Well, let me ask you 12 something. Suppose - - - suppose - - - assume it was 13 whatever the shortest one was, suppose it was twenty, 14 thirty seconds, which I guess was the shortest 15 anybody testified to, because the six was only a piece of the incident. Could you still get a 16 17 conviction if it was twenty, thirty seconds here? 18 MS. OH: Absolutely, Your Honor, because 19 what the defense - - -20 JUDGE SMITH: Is twenty, thirty seconds 21 actually rather a long time to choke someone? 22 MS. OH: I - - - yes, and also the - - - I 23 think the problem is, is that the defense has mis - -24 - has misrepresented the evidence here regarding 25 defendant's intent to cause serious physical injury.

1	It's not just the duration of the hold; it was the
2	force of the hold.
3	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: But the duration is
4	vital but the duration is vital, isn't it?
5	MS. OH: Not vital. Given the force of the
6	hold, given the fact that for
7	JUDGE PIGOTT: Well, the funny I
8	apologize; I keep interrupting you but the
9	- the funny thing about that is, that that you
10	want to say he hung on to him forever. They've got
11	an expert that's going to say it could have been two
12	or three seconds, and he could have been done
13	this, and if Penrod came in and said, you know,
14	whatever he's going to say, maybe it would have
15	helped you. I don't I just don't know. We
16	don't know.
17	MS. OH: So, then I guess then the court's
18	holding would the exact opposite of Santiago and
19	LeGrand, would be to, now where there's overwhelming
20	evidence of the defendant's factual findings
21	JUDGE PIGOTT: But see, you can't you
22	can't say that, because you don't know what time it
23	is.
24	MS. OH: No, we can, and that time duration
25	was a factual resolution that was left for the jury,

and then – – –

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JUDGE ABDUS-SALAAM: Well, doesn't Dr. Wilson's testimony that this compression took two to four minutes in order to cause the appearance of the petechiae, doesn't that also play into how long this hold was going on, or how long these two people were grappling?

MS. OH: Absolutely, but the evidence regarding the defendant's intent to cause serious physical injury was not limited to duration. Our case didn't hang on duration. Our case hung on the fact that the - - - the force of the defendant's hold on Andrew Reister was so great, that he broke neck bones - - -

JUDGE PIGOTT: So you don't - - - so you didn't need Wilson and you put him on. You didn't need any of these time witnesses; you put them on. And when they wanted to bring in evidence to the contrary, the judge said no.

20 MS. OH: I think that misconstrues the 21 evidence. We put Wilson on to testify regarding the 22 cause of death and the injuries that Andrew Reister 23 sustained as a - - - as a cause of defendant's 24 action.

JUDGE PIGOTT: Oh, they brought out the

1 time - - - the two or three minutes? JUDGE SMITH: So then - - - does he - - -2 3 you're really saying that the - - - that on both, as 4 to the fact witnesses and to the expert witness, the 5 mention of a duration was a rather small part of the 6 testimony? 7 MS. OH: Yes, Your Honor. Has my time run 8 up? 9 JUDGE PIGOTT: No. 10 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: No, keep going. JUDGE PIGOTT: Did you want to talk about 11 12 the jury? 13 MS. OH: I did, sure. Regarding the jury 14 misconduct point, the defense argues in its brief, 15 that the fact - - - and I'm going to just rely on - -- unless the court wants to talk about Timmy Buckley 16 17 (ph.) - - - I'm going to talk about Oka (ph.) - - -FO, sorry - - - that the fact that her son gets 18 19 arrested during the deliberations was an outside 20 influence under CPL 330. 21 And we believe that that is not the case, 22 because the exception under CPL 330 is rooted in the 23 Sixth Amendment right to confrontation. And here, 24 there is nothing to support any allegation that FO 25 went back into the jury and became an unsworn witness

against the defendant. As this court has recognized 1 2 in DeLucia, hold out juries happen. The o - - - the 3 greater will - - - the weaker will submit to the 4 greater - - - the greater power. 5 This is a classic case of juror's remorse. 6 She is trying to impeach the verdict. And had this 7 been the only reason why she returned her verdict of 8 not guilty was her son's - - - the mental working of 9 her own mind that she was now going to be a victim of 10 the District Attorney's Office, had that been the 11 case, then it is our position, she would never have 12 submitted the affidavit anyway while we were still -13 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: 14 What about the 15 summation, counsel? What about the summation? 16 MS. OH: Oh, okay. Going to the summation, 17 except for the two preserved statements, which regarding the act of kindness as well as the he was a 18 19 man of forty and he had two kids, the rest of them 20 were not preserved. However, assuming that they were 21 preserved - - -22 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: That would be a 23 pretty - - - do you think it was pretty bad putting 2.4 aside preservation about not appearing and 25 testifying. That's not - - - isn't that important?

1	MS. OH: No, Your Honor, because I
2	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Isn't that highly
3	prejudicial?
4	MS. OH: No, Your Honor. Because if you -
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6	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Why not?
7	MS. OH: review the comments in the
8	context of how they occurred during the summation,
9	the next sentence is always saying defense cou
10	defense counsel Sarita Kedia cannot testify
11	regarding to the defendant's state of mind. No one
12	testified, and this was not a case where the defense
13	did not present any witnesses. This was a case where
14	the defense did present its own defense.
15	So when the defense attorney, strayed out
16	of the four corners of the evidence, it was well
17	within the prosecutor's pow right to rebut
18	those claims. And in this case, the defense attorney
19	got on the stand, and I mean, got on in front
20	of the podium, and stated, he was panicked; he was
21	afraid; he didn't know Andrew Reister was hurt. And
22	there was categorically no evidence in the record to
23	substantiate those inferences.
24	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Okay, counsel. Thank
25	you.

1	MS. OH: Thank you, Your Honor.
2	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Counsel, rebuttal?
3	MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, Your Honor. Judge
4	Pigott, you put your finger on it. The issue here,
5	ultimately, if you look at the entirety of this
6	record, is the overall fairness of the trial. They
7	tried the case on the basis this was the
8	right out of the summation how do you know it's
9	murder? He held his he held him for three
10	minutes. That was the key lynchpin of their whole
11	case. This was not a twenty-second case. If it was
12	a twenty-second case, somebody might have thought,
13	okay, he's dancing; he gets attacked. So
14	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: They say duration is
15	not
16	MR. WOLINSKY: duration was the key.
17	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Your adversary says
18	duration is not what this is all it's the
19	force.
20	MR. WOLINSKY: Duration the force
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22	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Duration, to you, is
23	linked with the with the force?
24	MR. WOLINSKY: Force is a false issue,
25	because the force that was applied here was the force

1 that you get when you put someone in an LVNR. Look at the literature in the record: 2 lateral - - -3 lateral vascular neck restraint. Mr. - - - Mr. Reis - - - Mr. Oddone didn't know it, but it's a police 4 5 maneuver. In the record, you'll see evidence that 6 when the police use this same maneuver, you have the 7 same injuries that you have here. JUDGE SMITH: The - - - the - - - there 8 9 were a lot of eyewitnesses who said that the choking 10 continued for a perceptible time after the guy seemed 11 - - - forget about duration - - - for some time after 12 the guy seemed to be unconscious. 13 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes. 14 JUDGE SMITH: And that people were 15 screaming at the - - - at the defendant trying to 16 pull him off. 17 MR. WOLINSKY: And - - -18 JUDGE SMITH: What is - - - how is this 19 self-defense? 20 MR. WOLINSKY: And Mr. Cato - - one of 21 the pe - - - the guy who said, hey, dude, you're f-22 ing killing him, said he punched him in the back of the head because he didn't seem to know what was 23 24 going on. So the defense ultimately - - - and it 25 goes right to the - - - to the summation - - - the

1 defense - - -2 JUDGE SMITH: Is that an insanity defense? 3 MR. WOLINSKY: - - - Your Honor, the defense, ultimately, one of the aspects of the 4 5 defense, was that he did not realize what was happening. He did not form mental intent. 6 7 JUDGE SMITH: He - - -8 MR. WOLINSKY: That goes - - -9 JUDGE SMITH: You - - - you can 10 unintentionally go like that to someone for a long time and kill them? 11 12 MR. WOLINSKY: You can be frozen in fear, 13 and instinctively hold someone. That was the 14 defense. And their - - - their reputation of the 15 defense was that can't - - - that can't be true because he held him for three minutes. And on that 16 17 issue - - - that issue - - - the evidence was stacked. 18 19 Very briefly, Frye. People v. Wesley. The 20 long recognized rule of Frye is that "expert 21 testimony based on scientific principles or 22 procedures is admissible, but only after a principle 23 or procedure has gained general acceptance." That's 24 the essence of the Frye point. 25 The juror. FO. A classic case - - - a

1 classic case of juror remorse? The woman put in a post-trial affidavit that said she was terrified - -2 3 - terrified, that was the word she used - - -4 JUDGE SMITH: Okay, but suppose - - -5 MR. WOLINSKY: - - - terrified - - -6 JUDGE SMITH: - - - suppose - - - suppose 7 she put in an affidavit saying she was tired and 8 wanted to go home? 9 MR. WOLINSKY: That's not bias. 10 JUDGE SMITH: So what - - - what - - - but 11 ter - - - if she's terrified, she's terrified, but 12 she just says she's terrified in her mind. 13 MR. WOLINSKY: No. She - - -14 JUDGE SMITH: She didn't say there was a 15 good reason for being terrified. 16 MR. WOLINSKY: Bias - - - bias is always in 17 your mind. 18 JUDGE SMITH: Okay, so, you're - - -19 MR. WOLINSKY: But the question you have to 20 look at is whether they're looking at it objectively 21 - - - objectively and subjectively, but objectively -22 - - if your child - - - your son - - - is arrested 23 over the weekend in a traffic - - -24 JUDGE SMITH: So you're - - so a juror's 25 - - - a juror's son - - - a juror's family member has

1 a problem with the law, and the juror decides in her own mind, I'm - - - I'm not going to - - - I - - - I 2 3 - - - I'm going to give up my views. I won't vote against the People. That's bias? 4 5 MR. WOLINSKY: Yes. Subjective and 6 objective. Subjectively, she believes it, and 7 objectively, it's reasonable. JUDGE SMITH: What - - - what - - - what if 8 9 she says I really have a very - - - I - - - I want to 10 be with my children over the weekend; I'm going to give up and vote - - - and vote to convict. Bias? 11 12 MR. WOLINSKY: Probably not. Probably not. 13 JUDGE PIGOTT: Was there - - -JUDGE SMITH: What's the difference? 14 15 JUDGE PIGOTT: Was there a hearing on - - -MR. WOLINSKY: The difference is 16 17 objectively, she's fear - - - she's fearful for retribution against her son - - -18 19 JUDGE PIGOTT: Was there a hearing on that 20 iss - - -21 MR. WOLINSKY: - - - in a case that - - -22 I'm sorry, Judge. 23 JUDGE PIGOTT: Was there a hearing on that 24 issue, right? 25 MR. WOLINSKY: No hearing.

1	JUDGE PIGOTT: The reason I ask
2	MR. WOLINSKY: No hearing.
3	JUDGE PIGOTT: I mean, again, I think of
4	the courtroom full of deputies, and I'm not sure what
5	I'd be thinking if my son was in trouble.
6	MR. WOLINSKY: No hearing, no hearing.
7	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Okay, counsel.
8	MR. WOLINSKY: Your Honor, summation
9	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Go ahead, you can
10	give one thought on summation.
11	MR. WOLINSKY: One thought.
12	CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Go ahead.
13	MR. WOLINSKY: Here's what she said.
14	"Neither I nor defense counsel can tell you what he's
15	thinking. It has to be from the witness stand.
16	There's no evidence that this defendant felt
17	panicked. There's no evidence that this defendant
18	felt fear. Nothing from the witness stand."
19	JUDGE SMITH: A prosecutor is barred from
20	mentioning the absence of evidence on any point?
21	MR. WOLINSKY: Yes, if the evidence is
22	peculiar peculiarly within the knowledge of the
23	defendant.
24	JUDGE SMITH: And why do you
25	MR. WOLINSKY: The state of mind of Mr.

1 Oddone, competent evidence - - - direct evidence of 2 what was on his mind, could only come from him. Indirect evidence - - -3 4 JUDGE SMITH: So - - - so you're pleading 5 self-defense. The - - - your - - - the whole basis for your claim is that he had a reasonable belief 6 7 that he's - - - he was in danger. And the pros - - -8 the prosecutor's not allowed to say there's no 9 evidence of that? 10 MR. WOLINSKY: The prosecutor's not allowed to say there's no evidence from the witness stand, 11 because that is an indirect reference to the fact 12 13 that the only the only person who could take the 14 witness stand, and say, I was in fear, I felt danger, 15 is Mr. Oddone. 16 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Okay, counsel. 17 MR. WOLINSKY: And Carvalho, Your Honor - -18 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Counsel, that's it. 19 20 MR. WOLINSKY: Thank you. 21 CHIEF JUDGE LIPPMAN: Thank you both, 22 appreciate it. 23 MR. WOLINSKY: Thank you. 24 (Court is adjourned) 25

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