1	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2	FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
3	DEPARTMENT NW D HON. MICHAEL A. LATIN, JUDGE
4	SANDIE KONIALIAN,
5	PLAINTIFF, )
6	VS.
7	) ) ) NO. SC097594
8 9	DR. JIRAIR KONIALIAN, ) ) ) )
.0	ĎEFENDANT. )
.1	
.2	REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
. 3	MARCH 25, 2009
. 4	
. 5	
.6	APPEARANCES:
.7	
. 8	FOR THE PLAINTIFF: LAW OFFICES OF RONALD RICHARDS & ASSOCIATES
. 9	BY: RONALD RICHARDS, ESQ. P.O. BOX 11480
0.	BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90213
1	
2	FOR THE DEFENDANT: REHWALD, GLASNER & CHALEFF BY: LAWRENCE GLASNER, ESQ.
3	5855 TOPANGA CANYON BÓULEVARD SUITE 400
4	WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA 91367
:5	AT CARV
6	COPY
7	PATTI SUNDSTROM, CSR #5923
8	OFFICIAL REPORTÉR

1	CASE NUMBER: SC097594
2	CASE NAME: S. KONIALIAN V. J. KONIALIAN
3	VAN NUYS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009
4	DEPARTMENT NW D HON. MICHAEL LATIN, JUDGE
5	REPORTER: PATTI SUNDSTROM, C.S.R. 5923
6	TIME: A.M. SESSION
7	APPEARANCES: (AS HERETOFORE NOTED.)
8	
9	****
10	
11	THE COURT: ON KONIALIAN VERSUS KONIALIAN.
12	MR. RICHARDS: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.
13	RONALD RICHARDS APPEARING OPPOSING
14	THE APPLICATION FOR PLAINTIFF, SANDIE KONIALIAN.
15	MR. GLASNER: LAWRENCE GLASNER ON BEHALF OF THE
16	DEFENDANT.
17	THE COURT: GOOD MORNING, MR. GLASNER.
18	OKAY. THIS IS HERE ON EX PARTE
19	APPLICATION TO TURN OVER TAPE RECORDINGS TO THE COURT
20	AND FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER.
21	IT IS AT LEAST IN WRITING NOT OPPOSED.
22	MR. RICHARDS: NO. I DID OPPOSE IT, YOUR
23	HONOR.
24	THE COURT: OH, I MISSED YOUR OPPOSITION.
25	MR. RICHARDS: I DEFINITELY WROTE A LENGTHY
26	OPPOSITION. THERE'S
27	THE COURT: WHEN DID YOU OPPOSE IT?
28	OH, THERE IT IS.

MR. RICHARDS: THERE'S NUMEROUS PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS WITH THE EX PARTE.

THE COURT: WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

MR. RICHARDS: FIRST OF ALL, IT'S -- THE

EX PARTE, THIS -- ANY ISSUE ABOUT A PROTECTIVE ORDER

SHOULD HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE MOTION HEARING. THIS

IS IMPROPER TO GO EX PARTE. THERE'S NO AFFIRMATIVE

SHOWING OF IRREPUTABLE HARM OR DANGER IN VIOLATION OF

3.1202(C). THEY DIDN'T F.A.X. THIS TO ME LAST NIGHT

AS THEY'RE REQUIRED UNDER 3.1206. I JUST GET IT THIS

MORNING; AND, IN FACT, EVEN THE NOTICE, WHICH WE

COPIED VERBATIM, SAID THAT THEY WERE ONLY SEEKING TO

COME TO COURT TO TURN IT OVER TO YOU TO THEN GIVE TO

US. THAT'S WHY I ASKED FOR \$1,000 IN SANCTIONS,

BECAUSE IT WAS FRIVOLOUS THAT I HAD TO COME ALL THE

WAY TO COURT TO JUST GET THE TAPES.

YOUR ORDER, AFTER THE MATTER WAS
THOROUGHLY BRIEFED, JUST SAID IT WAS TO BE TURNED OVER
TO THE PLAINTIFF. THERE WASN'T ANY LIMITATIONS ON IT.
NOW, THAT --

THE COURT: WELL, HERE'S THE PROBLEM, AND I DON'T KNOW -- I HAVEN'T HEARD THE TAPE, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ISSUES ARE, AND I ASSUME THEY --

MR. GLASNER: I HAVE THE TAPE HERE.

THE COURT: AT LEAST IN THE MOVING PAPERS,

THERE'S A CONCERN EXPRESSED THAT THERE'S MORE TO THE

TAPES THAN JUST THE RIGHTS OF THE -- OF THE TWO

SQUABBLING PARTIES, FOR LACK OF A BETTER DESCRIPTION.

NO DISRESPECT INTENDED, BUT THAT'S WHAT THIS IS. IT'S

A DIVORCE PROCEEDING THAT HAS NOT QUITE BEEN WRAPPED

UP YET AND HAS BLOSSOMED INTO A NEW CASE.

I DON'T KNOW, UNLESS I'VE HEARD THE TAPES, AND I THINK UNDERSTANDABLY, DR. KONIALIAN AND HIS COUNSEL ARE PROBABLY CONCERNED ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS OVER THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

I'M SORRY. THAT SANDIE KONIALIAN IS CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. I'M SORRY. DR. KONIALIAN IS.

ACTUALLY THEY BOTH SHOULD BE, COME TO THINK OF IT, BECAUSE ONE TAPE-RECORDED THE STATEMENTS AND THE OTHER MADE THE STATEMENTS.

I DON'T KNOW WHOSE RIGHTS ARE AFFECTED AND THAT'S PART OF THE REASON THAT EVEN I'M UNCLEAR AS TO WHOSE RIGHTS WOULD BE AFFECTED, BUT THERE IS THE POTENTIALITY THAT THERE MAY BE STATEMENTS IN THOSE TAPES WHICH COULD INFRINGE UPON THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF OTHER PEOPLE, AND IF THEY WERE DISSEMINATED BACK TO MRS. KONIALIAN, SHE COULD USE THOSE FOR AN IMPROPER PURPOSE POTENTIALLY, AND THEN DR. KONIALIAN IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS OWN LIABILITY FOR HAVING MADE THE TAPE RECORDING AND THEN ULTIMATELY HAD IT DISSEMINATED TO OTHER THIRD PARTIES.

## ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?

MR. RICHARDS: YES, BUT CAN I -- I DIDN'T KNOW
THAT WAS ISSUE UNTIL JUST THIS MORNING, SO I WANTED TO
ADDRESS THAT.

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

 $^{21}$ 

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

DR. KONIALIAN CAN'T BE -- HE'S JUDICIALLY ESTOPPED FROM TAKING THAT POSITION, BECAUSE HIS POSITION IS, I WAS ALLOWED THE MAKE THE TAPES, AND THERE IS NO VIOLATION OF ANY LAW. HE CAN'T THEN --THE TAPES WERE -- OUR POSITION IS HE HAD NO AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE THE TAPES, THAT THE VICTIM IN THE CASE OR AGGRIEVED PARTY IS MS. KONIALIAN.

THE COURT: RIGHT.

MR. RICHARDS: SO IF THE DOCTOR IS RECORDING MRS. KONIALIAN IN THE CAR, LET'S SAY, WITH HER BOYFRIEND, THE DOCTOR CAN'T EXPECT AN ORDER NOW FROM THIS COURT TO SAY, WELL, YOU CAN'T TELL YOUR BOYFRIEND THAT YOU WERE ON THE TAPES BECAUSE THAT'S -- IF DR. KONIALIAN HAS SOME OTHER LIABILITY BECAUSE HE DID THIS, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH. BUT HE CAN'T NOW COME INTO COURT AFTER HE'S RESISTED TURNING OVER THE TAPES TO SAY, NOW, AFTER I LOST, OKAY, I'LL TURN THEM OVER EVEN THOUGH I NEVER BRIEFED THAT IN THE MOTION AND REQUESTED A PROTECTIVE ORDER IN THE ALTERNATIVE, OR VOLUNTARILY RESPOND TO THE DISCOVERY. HE CAN'T NOW COME TO COURT AND SAY, WELL, EVEN THOUGH NOW I'M ORDERED TO PRODUCE THEM, NOW I WANT TO LIMIT WHAT MS. KONIALIAN COULD SAY ABOUT THEM. THERE'S ALL SORTS OF PRIOR RESTRAINT ISSUES. I DON'T WANT TO BE A PARTY TO CONCEALING HIS

ILLEGAL CONDUCT.

IF HE DID ILLEGALLY --

THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND.

THAT'S ACTUALLY A VALID POINT.

WHAT'S YOUR POSITION ON THIS?

MR. GLASNER: OUR POSITION IS, HE SIMPLY WANTS
THE SAFEGUARDS OF MRS. KONIALIAN NOT DISSEMINATING
ANY --

THE COURT: SO HE WANTS IT --

WELL, HOW DOES HE SAFEGUARD AGAINST

THAT?

MR. GLASNER: THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE ORDER.

THE COURT: IS HE ASKING THAT --

OKAY.

MR. RICHARDS: WHAT HE'S REALLY ASKING THE COURT TO DO, YOUR HONOR --

THE COURT: -- IS TO PROTECT HIM.

MR. RICHARDS: -- IS COVER UP A POTENTIAL CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACT, AND I DON'T THINK THE COURT SHOULD BE PUT IN THAT POSITION. IF -- I TOLD COUNSEL ON THE PHONE -- AND ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT SETTLEMENT IS REALLY INAPPROPRIATE TO BE IN THE MOVING PAPERS, BUT I TOLD TO THE ASSOCIATE, KEVIN, THAT WE HAVE NO INCENTIVE OF PUBLICIZING THE TAPES BECAUSE THAT WOULD UNDERMINED OUR DAMAGES IN OUR PRIVACY CLAIM. HOWEVER, I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE A DEAL WITH DR. KONIALIAN AND SIGN THAT CONTRACT, SO THEN IF I RELEASE THE TAPE OR DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OR DISCLOSE IT TO A THIRD PARTY, THAT I'M GOING TO GET SUED.

MR. GLASNER: WELL, THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER.

CANON

MR. RICHARDS: BUT THE PROTECTIVE ORDER IS INAPPROPRIATE HERE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY GROUNDS TO SEEK A PROTECTIVE ORDER.

IF HE ILLEGALLY RECORDED A THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT, THE COURT CAN'T BE IN A POSITION TO BE OFFERING HIM A SHIELD. THERE'S NO BASIS. ONLY MY CLIENT WOULD BE ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTIVE ORDER. SHE'S THE ONE WHO SOUGHT THE INJUNCTION WHICH HE'S RESISTED PRODUCING IT ALL THE WAY.

MR. GLASNER: WELL, CERTAINLY THERE HAS BEEN NO FINDING THAT THERE WAS ANY CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

THE COURT: OKAY. I KNOW, BUT LET ME READ IT.

IT'S A PRETTY GOOD POINT THOUGH, AND I -- LET ME TAKE

A LOOK AT THE PROTECTIVE ORDER, AND THE WAY IT'S

WORDED.

## (PAUSE IN PROCEEDING.)

THE COURT: YES. I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT.

MR. GLASNER: YES, YOUR HONOR.

THE COURT: AND THIS IS THE PROBLEM THAT I

HAVE. IT'S PRETTY MUCH EXACTLY WHAT MR. RICHARDS

SAYS.

THE PROTECTIVE ORDER PROHIBITS

MRS. KONIALIAN FROM DISCLOSING THE CONTENTS OF THE

TAPES TO ANY OTHER PERSON.

LET'S ASSUME THAT THE TAPE WAS

SURREPTITIOUSLY MADE. THAT MAY BE A VIOLATION OF STATE AND/OR FEDERAL, CRIMINAL LAW.

CANON

ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE COURT IS -- IS GOING TO BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF REQUIRING HER NOT TO COMMUNICATE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, TO POTENTIAL THIRD-PARTY VICTIMS THAT THEY'RE -- THAT THIS SURREPTITIOUS RECORDING TOOK PLACE?

I DON'T SEE THAT I CAN DO THAT. I DON'T SEE THAT I SHOULD DO THAT.

MR. RICHARDS IS RIGHT. IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY, AND IT WOULD BE AN ILLEGAL ORDER. IF MR. RICHARDS WERE TO APPEAL IT, HE WOULD AND SHOULD WIN, BECAUSE I CANT' DO THAT. I CAN'T PROTECT A PARTY FROM HIS OWN CRIMINAL CONDUCT.

MR. GLASNER: WELL, YOUR HONOR, WITH THAT IN MIND, PERHAPS THE COURT WOULD ENTERTAIN LIMITING OR TAILORING THE SUGGESTIVE PROTECTIVE ORDER TO EXCEPT OUT DISSEMINATING THE TAPE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO ANY POTENTIAL THIRD-PARTY VICTIMS, THEN THE PROTECTIVE ORDER WOULD NOT VIOLATE PUBLIC POLICY, AND THE COURT WOULD NOT BE PUT IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION.

MR. RICHARDS: SO IF YOU -- BY DISSEMINATE TO A VICTIM IN THE CASE, EVEN A CIVIL VICTIM, THEN THE ORDER IS REALLY BECOMING POROUS, BECAUSE THAT VICTIM IS NOT A PARTY TO THE COURT, AND, AGAIN --

MR. GLASNER: I DON'T THINK IT MAKES A

PROTECTIVE ORDER POROUS. IT SIMPLY TAILORS THE

PROTECTIVE ORDER AND KEEPS MRS. KONIALIAN FROM WILDLY

**☑** 009/013

DISSEMINATING THE TAPE IN THEIR SOCIAL COMMUNITY TO EMBARRASS DR. KONIALIAN.

CANON

MR. RICHARDS: BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE BEFORE
THE COURT THAT SHE WOULD DO SUCH A THING, AND THERE IS
NO EVIDENCE AS TO HOW THAT WOULD EMBARRASS
DR. KONIALIAN, AND HE'S NOT ON THE TAPE.

AS I STATED, YOUR HONOR, THERE'S NO
LITIGATION STRATEGY TO DISSEMINATE SOMETHING WE'RE
TRYING THE KEEP PRIVATE. WHAT I'M TRYING TO AVOID IS
HAVING THE IMPRIMATUR OF THE COURT INTERFERE AND HAVE
THIS IMPRESSION NOW THAT THE COURT IS WORKING FOR
DR. KONIALIAN TO INHIBIT OR OBSTRUCT A REPORTING OF AN
OFFENSE, CIVIL, TORT OR OTHER, AND I THINK THE COURT
-- IT SMACKS OF UNFAIRNESS.

THAT WHAT HE DID WAS LEGAL AND HE HAD A RIGHT TO DO

IT. THAT'S FINE. BUT HE CAN'T NOW ASK THE COURT TO

TIE MY CLIENT'S HANDS. IF THERE'S A PERSON IN THE

PASSENGER SEAT THAT'S TALKING TO HER LAWYER, OR TO

SOMEONE ELSE, AND THE DOCTOR NOW SAYS, WELL, YOU CAN'T

DISCUSS IT, HE CAN'T COME TO COURT TO SEEK JUDICIAL

RELIEF FOR HIS ILLEGAL ACTS, EITHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL.

IT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. I'VE SAID IT TO TWO
LAWYERS ON DR. KONIALIAN'S SIDE, AND I'LL SAY IT TO A
THIRD IN THE HOPE THAT IT REACHES SOMEBODY: THIS CASE
SHOULD BE SETTLED BEFORE IT GETS COMPLETELY OUT OF
HAND.

THIS IS AN EXTREMELY EXPLOSIVE
SITUATION, AND I DON'T THINK DR. KONIALIAN REALIZES
THAT ALL OF THIS WAS STARTED WITH THIS TAPE, AND IN
ORDER FOR THAT -- THIS IS ALL GOING TO UNRAVEL AND
IT'S NOT GOING TO UNRAVEL IN HIS FAVOR.

HE WANTS TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. HE WANTS
TO BE ABLE TO -- AND I KNOW WE ARE GETTING BEYOND THE
EX PARTE, BUT I SEE THIS BEING DISASTROUS FOR DR.
KONIALIAN. HE WANTS TO STOP SANDIE KONIALIAN FROM
SAYING ANYTHING BAD ABOUT HIM, AND YET HE
SURREPTITIOUSLY RECORDED, AGAINST FEDERAL AND STATE
LAW, HER PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH -- OR HER
CONVERSATIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES, AND HE'S IN
POSSESSION OF THOSE TAPES. I'VE MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO
HIM THAT HE IS NOT ENTITLED TO HAVE THEM. HE NEEDS TO
TURN THEM OVER.

I WOULD -- IF I COULD MAKE THE
PROTECTIVE ORDER IN ORDER THE MAKE HIM MORE
COMFORTABLE DOING THAT, AND DO SO IN GOOD CONSCIENCE,
I WOULD DO THAT, BUT I CAN'T. I THINK MR. RICHARDS
BRINGS UP VALID POINTS, AND I DON'T THINK THE COURT
CAN TAKE THAT POSITION. EVEN WITH THE EXCLUSIONS THAT
YOU RECOMMEND, I STILL CAN'T DO THAT. IT WOULD SO
CONTRAVENE PUBLIC POLICY, AND IT WOULD SEND A VERY BAD
MESSAGE. I CAN'T BE INVOLVED IN PROTECTING SOMEBODY
FROM THEIR OWN WRONG-DOING.

HE WANTS THE IMPOSSIBLE TO HAPPEN. SHE HAS OFFERED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING TO DISMISS THIS

CASE IF HE TURNS THE TAPE OVER TO HER. HE WANTS TO BE ABLE -- HE WANTS TO TURN THE TAPE OVER, BUT ALSO GET HER TO AGREE TO NEVER SAY ANYTHING BAD ABOUT HIM?

GIVE ME A BREAK. I MEAN, IT'S JUST ABSURD. HE'S GOING HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE FACT THAT HE HAS AN EX-WIFE WHO DOESN'T LIKE HIM SO MUCH ANYMORE AND DOESN'T WANT TO SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT HIM. SHE'S FREE TO DO THAT. IT'S A FREE WORLD -- SHE'S ALLOWED TO.

IT'S A FREE COUNTRY. SHE CAN SAY WHATEVER SHE WANTS. HE'S NOT --

EVEN IF I WERE TO ENTER SUCH AN ORDER,
AND EVEN IF THEY WERE TO SIGN SUCH AN AGREEMENT, IT'S
NOT GOING TO BE ENFORCEABLE. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER,
YOU CAN NEVER STOP SOMEBODY FROM SAYING BAD THINGS
ABOUT YOU. IT'S JUST THE WAY IT GOES. WHAT HE'S
GOING TO HAVE IS ACCEPT IS THAT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH
HE CAN CONTROL. THIS IS NOT GOING TO SPIN OUT OF
CONTROL FOR HER. IT'S GOING TO SPIN OUT OF CONTROL
FOR HIM.

HE IS PLAYING WITH FIRE. HE'S A
PROFESSIONAL. HE HAS A REPUTATION TO UPHOLD, I
UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT HE HAS A LOT MORE TO UPHOLD AS
WELL, AND IT'S ALL AT RISK IF HE CONTINUES TO TAKE
UNREASONABLE POSITIONS AND TRIES TO CONTROL THE
UNCONTROLLABLE. HE'S JUST GOING TO HAVE TO PART WAYS
WITH THE TAPE, PART WAYS WITH MS. KONIALIAN, PART WAYS
WITH THIS CASE AND MOVE ON WITH HIS LIFE. PERIOD.

MR. GLASNER: YOUR HONOR, I HEAR YOU,

1	THE COURT: I'M GLAD SOMEBODY DOES.
2	THIS SHOULDN'T BE IN THIS COURTROOM.
3	ONCE THE TAPE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER, PLAINTIFF, YOU
4	STILL WILL DISMISS THE CASE?
5	DON'T TELL DON'T BACKTRACK ON ME
6	AFTER I MADE THAT GREAT SPEECH.
7	MR. RICHARDS: YES, AS LONG AS THEY DISMISS
8	THEIR CROSS-COMPLAINT,
9	THE COURT: THEY WILL. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.
10	MR. RICHARDS: YES.
11	THE COURT: I'M ASSUMING ASSUMING THAT THEY
12	DO, OKAY.
13	MR. RICHARDS: YEAH, YEAH.
14	THE COURT: OKAY. THAT'S WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN.
15	MR. RICHARDS: HE'S TURNING OVER THE TAPE NOW.
16	THE COURT: THE EX PARTE APPLICATION IS DENIED
17	FOR THE REASONS I SAID.
18	MR. RICHARDS: LET GO. LET GO.
19	
20	(LAUGHTER IN THE COURTROOM.)
21	
22	(THE MATTER WAS CONCLUDED.)
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	
28	

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 1 2 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT NW D HON. MICHAEL LATIN, JUDGE 3 4 5 SANDIE KONIALIAN, 6 PLAINTIFF, 7 VS. NO.SC097549 8 JIRAIR KONIALIAN, 9 DEFENDANT. 10 11 I, PATTI SUNDSTROM, CSR NO. 5923, OFFICIAL 12 13 REPORTER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DO HEREBY 14CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING PAGES 1 TO 11, INCLUSIVE 15 16 COMPRISE A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF THE TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS HELD IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED 17 18 MATTER ON MARCH 25TH, 2009. 19 20 DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009. 21 22 23 24 CSR NO. 5923 PATTI SUNDSTROM, OFFICIAL REPORTER 25 26 27 28