

## TELEPHONIC WITNESS STATEMENT

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**INTERVIEW OF:** Representative William Murphy

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**SUBJECT:** 38 Studios Investigation

1. Q. ...

A. and ...

2. Q. Yup. Yup.

A. And I, no, I wasn't there for the vote, so.

3. Q. Oh, you weren't? Oh, okay. Because -- Oh, okay. You know they actually have you on the list on the date of the vote, but not voting. So I -- I just -- I just thought you were actually still in -- in office. You had -- You stepped down as, as the Speaker. But were you still a...

A. Yeah.

4. Q. -- a representative?

A. Yeah, I was still in office. But I -- I don't want to misspeak, but I think in the month of May -- I'm kind of embarrassed as I look back,--

5. Q. No that's all right.

A. -- but I -- I don't think I went to any sessions in May.

6. Q. All right. I'm -- I'm just flipping through my papers; I want to get my -- the records I have

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on the vote. And I'm pretty sure you – you did not vote on it.

**A. Right.**

7. **Q.** Let's see, that's the Senate, and here's the House.

**A. You – you can look at the House journals.**

8. **Q.** Right. Right. Yeah, I actually have something similar to that. And yeah, you didn't – no, you didn't – you didn't vote on it, so.

**A. Yup.**

9. **Q.** So I'm assuming that if you didn't vote – I shouldn't assume. You didn't vote on it, so are you telling me that you weren't there that day, is that what it is?

**A. I – Yeah, I – I wasn't there. In fact the journal – Because what I did was um, I – I went over the journals last week. You can get them on the computer, it's ...**

10. **Q.** Oh, you can.

**A. You can get, yeah, the journals from -- I guess they got like six, seven years' worth of journals.**

11. **Q.** Okay.

**A. And uh, yeah, it appeared I wasn't there any time during the month of May.**

12. **Q.** Okay. All right. And you're just going by the votes that occurred in May, you, you didn't vote on a lot of them or?

**A. Well, I didn't look at votes, I just ...**

13. **Q.** Yeah.

**A. -- look at House journals. The attendance is the ...**

14. **Q.** Oh, I gotcha. Okay. I gotcha.

**A. And uh ...**

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15. Q. I gotcha.

A. Again, I got it – I got it – I wrote it down on a sheet at my office just looking at the computer, but um, maybe I might have been there one day in May, but ...

16. Q. Okay.

A. -- I – my rate wasn't good.

17. Q. Okay. So you don't – you don't remember that particular bill coming to the floor then, and – and ...

A. I wasn't ...

18. Q. -- where you were present.

A. Yeah, I wasn't present.

19. Q. Okay. Well what knowledge of the bill do you have at all, you know, first-hand knowledge of the bill?

A. Um, well at – at this point I'm not going to answer questions, and, and here's – here's why.

20. Q. Yeah.

A. I'm representing Speaker Fox.

21. Q. Right. Mm hmm.

A. And again, it was, you know, something that was four or five years ago.

22. Q. Right.

A. So, I mean, there's a lot of stuff now that I have picked up that I, didn't, you know, that you hear ...

23. Q. Right.

A. -- during the course of – I mean, when the thing was going good, I mean, you had

everybody saying, *Oh, it's a great deal, it's a great deal*, and when the thing went sideways, you know, everybody's ...

24. Q. Oh yeah.

A. Yeah. So.

25. Q. No, we understand that. Trust me. This is just really, this – we're not contacting anybody because anybody's a target of any investigation, we're just ...

A. Right.

26. Q. -- making sure we do our due diligence and talk to everybody, open up the lines of communication, you know, and you know, in the event there is something out there. So I'm not calling you because, you know, we think that you're a target or anything or that you ...

A. Oh no, I [Indiscernible] ...

27. Q. -- did anything wrong, so.

A. I ...

28. Q. Yup.

A. I've already been dragged through the press and ...

29. Q. Oh yeah.

A. -- they said I had nothing to do with , you know, the deal here in Rhode Island, I wasn't – wasn't the Speaker and, you know, ...

30. Q. Right.

A. -- I didn't have contact with anybody here about the deal, so.

31. Q. Okay. But did you know that

A. [Indiscernible]

32. Q. -- did you know that 38 Studios wanted to come to Rhode Island or?

A. **Um, Well I mean, put it this way, I'm not going to answer that**

33. Q. Yup. Okay. I gotcha.

A. **-- question... At, at some point – Um, you know, I mean you hear things now that you know, ...**

34. Q. Right.

A. **So.**

35. Q. Okay. No, I totally understand that. I just wanted to give you an opportunity and give you a call, so.

A. **Yup.**

36. Q. No, no problem. I -I thank you very much for your time.

A. **Yup.**

37. Q. And ...

A. **But you know what you should do, seriously?**

38. Q. Yup.

A. **Go through the House journals.**

39. Q. Okay. All right. I will do that.

A. **They're – they're all on computer; you just go to *General Assembly*, and ...**

40. Q. Yup.

A. **-- then you hit, and then on the left side it says *House Journal*.**

41. Q. Okay. And then you just – you just scroll through dates or how does that?

A. **Yeah, it – it literally will say, you know, *House* or *Senate*, and then when you hit *House*, ...**

42. Q. Mm hmm.

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A. -- it'll have the whole calendar, you know, January, February, March, April, May ...

43. Q. Oh, okay.

A. -- and then you can pick a particular date. But I -- What I had done is I went back myself to say -- you know, because I was trying to figure out, you know, what's going on here too and ...

44. Q. Right.

A. -- I looked and I -- I ... I might have missed all of every session in May.

45. Q. In May. Okay.

A. I'm -- Now that I go forward, I'm not proud of it, but at that point, I was, you know, thought I wasn't running again, so.

46. Q. Right. Yeah, I gotcha.

A. You know.

47. Q. Okay. Thank you very much for your time.

A. All right?

48. Q. Okay. Bye.

A. Okay. Bye.

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