

Transcript of the Testimony of

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1 bullet point, when you say SSP influenced by RS, I  
2 think it's important to note, I don't know exactly  
3 how many are on the steering committee, but I think  
4 there is like seven people. So I only had one vote,  
5 so there were others involved.

6 BY MS. HANLEY:

7 Q Okay. So about seven.

8 A Ultimately --

9 Q I usually use the mathematical symbol for about,  
10 you know? So much easier.

11 So about seven members?

12 A As much as I can recall, yeah. About that.

13 Q Okay. Is there anything else that you think -- if  
14 we were to take a snapshot of, say, August 2018 that  
15 in terms [REDACTED] career or status in the U.S.  
16 would be important to note?

17 MR. MACARIO: Object to form.

18 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat that question?

19 I'm not sure what you meant.

20 BY MS. HANLEY:

21 Q Sure. So if we're looking at [REDACTED] career  
22 in, say, if we took a snapshot in August 2018,  
23 usually you look at, like, who supervised his work,  
24 who pays for work, who gives people access to  
25 professional opportunities, who is signing off on

1 immigration-related information or permits to get  
2 to -- or letters of recommendation.

3 I think you were also on the AZA ethics committee;  
4 is that right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And so were you the chair?

7 A I became the chair in 2018.

8 Q Okay. And tell me about the scope of the ethics  
9 committee work?

10 A So did you want me to answer the previous question  
11 or not?

12 Q Sure. Answer the previous question, and then I  
13 will ask the other one.

14 MR. MACARIO: Object.

15 THE WITNESS: Sorry about that, Matt.

16 I think that it would be incredibly important  
17 to note that we are -- AZA is one segment, but  
18 [REDACTED] worked for the University of Wisconsin.

19 And so I would say they were hugely influential in  
20 terms of what he could and couldn't do day to day,  
21 because he wasn't an associate professor or an  
22 assistant professor and I believe taught classes.

23 But even more than that, he also had worked for  
24 the Chinese Academy of Sciences. And so the majority  
25 of his time, my understanding was, was working for

1 the Chinese Academy of Sciences and with captive  
2 orangutans in China, which are not included in the  
3 international studbook because the Chinese, to my  
4 knowledge, don't tend to participate. So there is  
5 many, many orangutans over the world in Asian and the  
6 Philippines and so on that -- in South America that  
7 potentially are not part of the studbook because they  
8 don't want to participate.

9 So the AZA and the SSP are just a -- a snapshot  
10 of international and national partners that [REDACTED]  
11 would work with. So I wanted to be clear on that.

12 BY MS. HANLEY:

13 Q Sure. And, I mean, for more clarity on that, if  
14 we were to look at any -- [REDACTED] we've talked  
15 about, is a researcher in genetics. So that centers  
16 around a lot of this type of stuff. The AZA SSP and  
17 the -- which at some point has a studbook, and  
18 genetic samples. Those are sort of part and parcel  
19 with being a genetic researcher, right?

20 A I guess so, yeah.

21 Q And so if doctor -- and because [REDACTED] when  
22 he's teaching or doing work with the Chinese or  
23 anything like that, it's all sort of tied to these  
24 things -- the genetic samples, the SSP -- would you  
25 agree with me that if these things are cut off -- the

1 Q And you are not a man, of course, right?

2 A That is correct.

3 Q Sometimes I state those things not to be rude or  
4 anything, but because what happens later is  
5 transcripts are, like, nobody sees the people. So  
6 it's kind of a peculiar thing. And I don't say it to  
7 be kind of like, a jerk, but because eventually you  
8 realize as a lawyer that if you fail to say -- have  
9 people say what their gender is, it's not in the  
10 record.

11 A That's fair.

12 Q But it can come off as being, like, a little rude,  
13 so I don't intend it that way.

14 So at the time that you came up to the hotel room  
15 on Sunday, September 23rd, had [REDACTED] already started  
16 preparing for bed and was he wearing a T-shirt and  
17 boxer shorts?

18 A I don't really recall. I wasn't super focused on

19 [REDACTED]

20 Q And at a certain point, you grabbed [REDACTED]  
21 penis?

22 A No.

23 Q At a certain point, you groped him?

24 A No.

25 Q Did you touch [REDACTED] at all?

1 A I mean, I don't know exactly what you mean by  
2 touched. I believe he hugged me or patted me on the  
3 back to try to console me at one point. I recall  
4 something along those lines.

5 Q Did [REDACTED] ask you to stop touching him?

6 A I don't recall anything like that.

7 Q Did [REDACTED] touch you in any way that you felt  
8 was inappropriate?

9 A No.

10 Q Did you go into the bathroom and about 20 minutes  
11 later come out naked?

12 A I recall going into the bathroom. I did not come  
13 out naked.

14 Q Do you recall trying to leave the hotel room  
15 naked?

16 A No.

17 Q Did [REDACTED] tell you not to leave the room  
18 because you were naked?

19 A I do not believe that happened.

20 Q Did you ask [REDACTED] to have sex with you?

21 A No.

22 Q Did you tell [REDACTED] that you were very popular  
23 with the men at the bar?

24 A No.

25 Q Did you tell [REDACTED] that your husband couldn't

1 have sex anymore?

2 A No.

3 Q Did you tell [REDACTED] that he should have sex  
4 with you?

5 A No.

6 Q Did you put a T-shirt on and eventually fall  
7 asleep on top of the bed?

8 A What I recall is I went into the bathroom. I got  
9 ready for bed, which includes putting on pajamas, top  
10 and bottom, and then going back to the bed and going  
11 to sleep.

12 Q What did you do the following morning?

13 A I recall getting up the following morning and  
14 getting ready for the conference. I don't know. I  
15 don't think the official conference had started, but  
16 there were meetings that I needed to be at. So I  
17 spent the day doing specifically whatever meetings I  
18 needed to go to.

19 Q On Monday -- so that following day, Monday,  
20 September 24th, 2018, did you have -- did you drink  
21 again at the bar?

22 A On Monday the 24th, I recall going out to dinner  
23 again with some zoo director friends. And then  
24 afterwards, we did stop at the bar again to say hello  
25 to some colleagues and friends.

1 place you went before just taking the elevator up to  
2 the room shared with [REDACTED] correct?

3 MR. MACARIO: Object to form.

4 Go ahead.

5 THE WITNESS: Yeah. Like I just stated, I had  
6 been in the bar and was talking to friends. And  
7 [REDACTED] and Janine came over and said they were going  
8 to bed, and so I went with them.

9 BY MS. HANLEY:

10 Q And when you took the elevator up -- you took the  
11 elevator up at the Sheraton from the Sheraton bar and  
12 then went to the hotel room, right?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And when you got to the hotel room, you came in  
15 and you and [REDACTED] were alone, correct?

16 A I believe so, yes. I don't think Janine stayed.

17 Q And when the -- did you and so isn't it true that  
18 you resumed the sexual behavior with a male that had  
19 started in the bar, but once you were in the hotel  
20 room, did it to [REDACTED]

21 MR. MACARIO: Object to form.

22 THE WITNESS: Isn't it true what?

23 BY MS. HANLEY:

24 Q That you were sexually aggressive and intoxicated  
25 in the Sheraton bar, took the elevator up, and



1 resumed sexually aggressive behavior while you were  
2 intoxicated but this time with [REDACTED]

3 A That is not true at all.

4 Q There was not an -- did you tell [REDACTED] how  
5 attractive he [REDACTED] were and that you  
6 wanted to join them for sex?

7 A No.

8 Q Did you remind -- did you ever get caught by  
9 [REDACTED] having sex with another man at the zoo?

10 A No.

11 Q Did you ever tell him that you wanted him to join  
12 if that happened again?

13 A No.

14 Q Did you attempt to kiss [REDACTED]

15 A No.

16 Q Did [REDACTED] fall onto the bed and you got on top  
17 of him and grabbed his penis?

18 A No.

19 Q Were you intoxicated at this time?

20 A My recollection is, is I was tired and I was ready  
21 to go to bed.

22 Q So different question.

23 So were you intoxicated or were you not?

24 MR. MACARIO: Object to form.

25 Go ahead.