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2	COUNTY OF MARICOPA			
3	Peter S. Davis, as) Receiver of DenSco)			
4	<pre>Investment Corporation,) an Arizona corporation,)</pre>			
5) No. CV2017-013832 Plaintiff,) COPY			
6	vs.)			
7 8	CLARK HILL PLC, a) DEPOSITION OF Michigan limited)			
9	liability company;) BARRY LUCHTEL David G. Beauchamp and)			
10	Jane Doe Beauchamp,) husband and wife,)			
11	Defendants.)			
12	THE DEPOSITION OF BARRY LUCHTEL,			
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15	commencing at 9:08 a.m., March 7, 2019, at			
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1 (Exhibit 722 was marked for

- 2 identification by the reporter.)
- BARRY LUCHTEL,
- 4 called as a witness, having been first duly
- 5 sworn, testified as follows:
- 6 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. DeWULF:
- 8 Q. Will you please state your name for the
- 9 record.
- 10 A. Barry Luchtel.
- 11 Q. Barry, I want to just ask some
- 12 background questions. Did you attend high school
- 13 in Iowa?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. Where?
- 16 A. Okoboji High School in Milford, Iowa.
- 17 Q. What year did you graduate?
- 18 A. 1997.
- 19 Q. And you attended college at Buena Vista
- 20 University?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And is Buena Vista University in Iowa?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Where is it?
- 25 A. Storm Lake, Iowa.

1 Q. And you graduated there in 2001?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And you had a degree in business there?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And let me just kind of go through with
- 6 you kind of a career background with you bringing
- 7 us up-to-date. And, I'm sorry, the information
- 8 I've been able to get ahold of is not complete,
- 9 so let me kind of walk through with you.
- 10 I understand that Advanced Roofing
- 11 was an entity that you either owned or worked at;
- 12 is that right?
- 13 A. That's correct. I owned it.
- 14 Q. And that was from 2000 to 2004?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And then you had HomeBuyer Group LLC
- 17 from 2004 to roughly 2013?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And what business did HomeBuyer Group
- 20 LLC do?
- 21 A. It was in the real estate investment
- 22 business.
- 23 Q. And did it buy real estate in any
- 24 particular location?
- 25 A. Primarily almost exclusively in the

- 1 Phoenix Metro area.
- 2 Q. There's also an entity -- and did you
- 3 wind down HomeBuyer Group LLC in 2013?
- 4 A. If I remember correctly, that sounds
- 5 about right.
- 6 Q. Now, there's also an entity called
- 7 Arizona Home Buyer LLC that I've seen referenced
- 8 in some of the documents, which is also one of
- 9 your entities; right?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And is that also a real estate
- 12 investment firm?
- 13 A. That is an entity that was formed by --
- 14 for investment purposes, and all that that's done
- 15 to this date is real estate investment. Just a
- 16 handful of deals, if that.
- 17 Q. And were the deals primarily in Metro
- 18 Phoenix?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. I've also seen references to an entity
- 21 called Flip Capital, Inc. Is that one of your
- 22 entities?
- 23 A. It was, and --
- 24 O. Does it --
- 25 A. It was never active. I don't believe --

1 I don't believe we had any activity there, or maybe

- 2 just a handful of deals were done through that
- 3 entity.
- 4 Q. It looks like there's also an entity
- 5 called B, as in boy, L-L Capital LLC, which I think
- 6 is the entity through which you invested in
- 7 DenSco, but could you explain what that entity
- 8 did?
- 9 A. Yeah. That's a -- that entity was
- 10 established to help facilitate a self-directed
- 11 IRA.
- 12 Q. And is that the entity through which you
- 13 invested in DenSco?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 O. And then I've also seen references to
- 16 Kayak Capital, LLC. Could you explain when you
- 17 formed that entity and what it does?
- 18 A. I believe that was formed in 2013, and
- 19 that entity lends money to real estate investors.
- 20 Q. And does it do business in Arizona, in
- 21 Iowa or where?
- 22 A. In the Phoenix Metro area primarily.
- 23 Q. Do you understand the word "hard money
- 24 lender"?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Would Kayak Capital be a hard money

- 2 lender?
- 3 A. Yes. I understand the word "hard money
- 4 lender" to be an asset-based lending, and, yes,
- 5 that's what we do.
- 6 Q. Would a hard money lender also be an
- 7 entity that -- typically when you say asset-based,
- 8 it's typically looking at the asset being
- 9 purchased to secure the loan being made as opposed
- 10 to guaranties by borrowers and that kind of thing;
- 11 right?
- 12 A. That's correct.
- 13 Q. And typically the loans are perhaps
- 14 short-term and there may be a higher interest rate
- than would be charged by a conventional lender
- 16 like a bank?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And you think you formed Kayak Capital
- 19 in 2013?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. I also saw a reference to an entity
- 22 called Mortgage Capital and Investment LLC. Do
- 23 you have some affiliation with that entity?
- 24 A. At one time I -- that was my broker when
- 25 I had a mortgage loan originator license.

1 Q. Do you remember what time frame you had

- 2 that entity?
- 3 A. It was not my entity. It was the entity
- 4 that I hung my license under.
- 5 Q. I've also seen references to a K2
- 6 Charitable Foundation. Did you form that entity?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. You're a director of that entity,
- 9 though?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And what business does it do?
- 12 A. That is a charitable organization set up
- 13 to support the mission of spreading and --
- 14 spreading God's word and supporting Christian
- 15 ministries.
- 16 Q. It grants money to church organizations?
- 17 A. Exactly.
- 18 Q. Then I've also seen a couple of websites
- 19 referenced, Barry, and I just want to follow up.
- 20 I've seen a reference to a webuyiowahouses.com.
- 21 Is that a website registered to your name?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And what does it do?
- 24 A. Nothing. It's parked.
- 25 Q. And another entity called

1 offmarketaz.com. Is that an entity you also own?

- 2 A. That's also an inactive domain.
- 3 Q. Is there any other entity through which
- 4 you do business currently that we haven't
- 5 identified?
- 6 A. There's the entity Kayak Capital
- 7 Mortgage, LLC; and that is the entity with which
- 8 holds my mortgage broker license in the state of
- 9 Arizona.
- 10 Q. Do you do any hard money lending in Iowa
- 11 through any entity?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Do you remember how you first met Dennis
- 14 Chittick, or Denny Chittick?
- 15 A. I was -- I don't remember -- I remember
- 16 the first time I ever talked to him was in --
- 17 while I was searching for funding for a deal that
- 18 we had purchased with HomeBuyer Group.
- 19 Q. Do you remember what year?
- 20 A. I don't.
- 21 Q. So this first exhibit that we've marked
- 22 here, or Debbie has marked, Barry, is a personal
- 23 guaranty. And it's October 9, 2006. It's
- 24 Exhibit 722, and it looks like it's a personal
- 25 guaranty. If you go to the last page, or the

1 third page, it shows your name, a signature and a

- 2 Social Security Number.
- 3 Does this refresh your memory in any
- 4 way as to when you may have initially borrowed
- 5 money from DenSco?
- 6 A. This -- if I -- this would be about
- 7 right. I mean, if I had to guess, it would be
- 8 2005 or 2006.
- 9 Q. And you said you talked to Denny
- 10 Chittick about funding for a deal. Do you know
- 11 how you became aware of him and DenSco?
- 12 A. I do not recall that.
- 13 Q. Let's look at the next document in that
- 14 stack.
- MR. DeWULF: Debbie, if you could
- 16 mark that as 723.
- 17 (Exhibit 723 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- MR. MURPHY: Which document is that?
- 20 MR. DeWULF: It's the next document
- in the stack, which has "DenSco Investment
- 22 Corporation" across the top. It's a form letter.
- MR. MURPHY: Had you premarked that
- 24 or prenumbered that in any way or --
- 25 MR. DeWULF: No, nothing is

- 1 premarked, because I did not want to -- I wasn't
- 2 intending to use every document. I wanted to get
- 3 everything to everyone so that they could look at
- 4 things, but I'm not going to mark every one, and
- 5 so I didn't premark it, Ryan. Do you have it
- 6 handy? It's October 5, 2007.
- 7 MR. MURPHY: Yeah. I don't have the
- 8 dates. Do you have the doc number on the bottom
- 9 of it?
- 10 MR. DeWULF: Yeah, it's 70340.
- MR. MURPHY: Thank you.
- MR. DeWULF: Yeah.
- 13 Q. Barry, this is a form letter dated
- 14 October 5, 2007, on DenSco letterhead having to do
- 15 with what I read to be a default or a potential
- 16 default of a loan. And I'm only showing this to
- 17 ask a couple of questions.
- In the loans that you did with
- 19 DenSco over the number of years that you did work
- 20 with them, did DenSco ever allege that there was
- 21 a default or seek to collect default interest on
- 22 the loan?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. As I look at the documents, it appears
- 25 that many of the loans were six-month loans at 18

- 1 percent. Is that your memory?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And the default interest was 29 percent
- 4 on those promissory notes?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And the notes were typically secured by
- 7 a deed of trust in favor of DenSco?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Let me ask you, did you do any loans
- 10 with any other hard money lenders in Arizona other
- 11 than DenSco from the period of 2007 through 2016?
- 12 A. Not that I recall.
- 0. Let's look at the third document in that
- 14 stack, so this will be 724. Again, I'm trying to
- 15 get a chronology to the events relative to your
- 16 working with DenSco.
- 17 (Exhibit 724 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- MR. MURPHY: Document number,
- 20 please?
- 21 MR. DeWULF: 724. Oh, I'm sorry,
- 22 the Bates stamp is 70338.
- MR. STURR: Can I just ask, who is
- 24 asking? Is that the videographer?
- MR. DeWULF: No, it's Ryan Murphy

1 who is his counsel who is in Minneapolis.

- 2 MR. STURR: Okay.
- 3 Q. So would it be fair, Barry, to say that
- 4 when you initially started doing business with
- 5 Denny Chittick and DenSco, you discussed with him
- 6 how he went about the business of hard money
- 7 lending with borrowers such as yourself?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Do you recall what he told you would be
- 10 the procedures he would follow?
- 11 A. I don't specifically recall. I think I
- 12 was more familiar with his procedures just because
- 13 I had been through them so many times.
- 14 Q. Could I ask you to clarify? "Been
- 15 through them so many times, " you mean with other
- 16 hard money lenders or --
- 17 A. As a borrower.
- 18 Q. As a borrower.
- So prior to borrowing money from
- 20 Denny Chittick and DenSco, had you borrowed money
- 21 from other hard money lenders?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. How was it that you were familiar with
- 24 his procedures when you started out with him if
- 25 you had not dealt with hard money lenders before?

- 1 A. Well, I must have misunderstood your
- 2 question. This is dated 2009, and the last E-mail
- 3 you sent me was 2006, and so I was thinking of
- 4 that, you know, in those three years I probably
- 5 had 45 loans with him. I have no idea.
- 6 0. I understand.
- 7 A. I mean, that's a rough ballpark, but we
- 8 had a lot of loans, so I had been through -- been
- 9 able to see from the borrower's side what he was
- 10 doing and how he conducted business.
- 11 Q. That's a good answer. I thank you for
- 12 the clarification.
- 13 Let me back up. I want to do a
- 14 couple of more background questions, and I
- 15 appreciate you clarifying for me your answer. If
- 16 any of my questions are difficult to understand or
- imprecise, will you tell me and I'll try to
- 18 rephrase?
- 19 A. Sure.
- 20 Q. And if you answer the question I ask
- 21 you, I'm going to assume you understood the
- 22 question I asked. Is that fair?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. You've been good so far, but just a
- 25 couple other things to keep in mind. One is that

- 1 we're going to have to allow each other to
- 2 complete speaking before the other speaks because
- 3 it's going to be hard, particularly in these
- 4 instances where we're a distance apart, for the
- 5 court reporter to take everybody down accurately.
- 6 Do you understand that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Have you been deposed before?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. How many times?
- 11 A. Once, I believe.
- 12 Q. And was that in a litigation?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And was it here in Arizona?
- 15 A. It was in Iowa.
- 16 Q. What is your date of birth?
- 17 A. February 17, 1979.
- 18 Q. And where do you currently reside?
- 19 A. At 303 South 61st Street in West
- 20 Des Moines, Iowa 50266.
- 21 Q. And do you understand that you're being
- 22 deposed today in connection with a lawsuit that
- 23 was filed by the receiver on behalf of DenSco
- 24 against a law firm Clark Hill and its lawyer David
- 25 Beauchamp?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And you're represented by counsel
- 3 Mr. Ryan Murphy?
- 4 A. Yes. I would like to clarify one other
- 5 thing.
- 6 Q. You had indicated -- yes.
- 7 A. With regards to the number of
- 8 depositions, I can't remember if I was actually
- 9 deposed or if I just attended a second deposition,
- 10 and that was in Phoenix.
- 11 Q. Okay. You mentioned that you may have
- 12 started borrowing money from DenSco in 2006, and
- 13 you estimated that by 2009 you may have borrowed
- 14 as many as 45 times. Is that your testimony?
- 15 A. That is an extremely rough ballpark. I
- 16 think that was -- if I had to try to dial it in
- 17 and think about the number of times I borrowed
- 18 money from Denny in the first three years, I think
- 19 it would actually probably be closer to a hundred.
- Q. And just to clarify your answer, so do
- 21 you think from the time that you would have
- 22 started borrowing through your entities from
- 23 DenSco in 2006 to the time that Mr. Chittick
- 24 passed away in 2016 you would have borrowed
- 25 approximately a hundred times?

1 A. I would think I would have borrowed more

- 2 than a hundred times.
- 3 Q. And the purpose for the loans that
- 4 you were making with DenSco was to purchase
- 5 residential real estate?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. And was the goal to -- did you have a
- 8 pattern that you followed with respect to the real
- 9 estate you purchased with the loans from DenSco?
- 10 In other words, did you typically fix those
- 11 properties up and resell them? Could you explain
- 12 to us what your normal procedure would be with
- 13 respect to the real properties that secured the
- 14 loans with DenSco?
- 15 A. Typically we would do one of two things.
- 16 I would either fix them up and sell them or we
- 17 would wholesale the property to another investor
- 18 who would complete the remodel and sell it
- 19 themselves.
- Q. When you use the word "wholesale," does
- 21 that mean you actually sell the property soon
- 22 after you buy it to another investor?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And when you do that, do you normally
- 25 then pay off the loan from DenSco that secured the

- 1 original purchase?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Let's look at the next exhibit in that
- 4 stack, if we could, Barry. It would be 725.
- 5 MR. DeWULF: And it is stamped
- 6 70819, Ryan.
- 7 MR. MURPHY: Thank you.
- 8 (Exhibit 725 was marked for
- 9 identification by the reporter.)
- 10 Q. Barry, you will see this document
- 11 Exhibit 725 is dated October 16, 2009. Do you see
- 12 that at the top?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And it looks to be a communication
- 15 between Landon Luchtel and Denny Chittick. Landon
- 16 is your brother?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And did he work with you at HomeBuyer
- 19 Group?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. If you look at the middle of this
- 22 exhibit, it identifies various properties in
- 23 Mesa, Arizona, with purchase prices, and then
- there are comments under each of the properties.
- 25 Do you see that?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And the ultimate E-mail that is being
- 3 sent is to both you and Landon. Do you recall
- 4 this communication?
- 5 A. I don't.
- 6 O. It appears as though Mr. Chittick is
- 7 providing you input on the values of the
- 8 properties that are the subject of the E-mail. Do
- 9 you see that?
- 10 A. I see what you're referring to.
- 11 Q. Those notes under each of the identified
- 12 properties, are those your or Landon's notes or
- 13 are those Denny Chittick's, do you know?
- 14 A. I believe those are Landon's.
- 15 Q. All right. Let me ask about Denny
- 16 Chittick's knowledge of the Phoenix Metropolitan
- 17 area and real estate values. Were you able to
- 18 gain an opinion of his ability to accurately
- 19 evaluate properties in the Phoenix Metropolitan
- 20 area?
- 21 MR. MURPHY: I object to the extent
- 22 it calls for speculation. Go ahead and answer the
- 23 question, if you can, Barry.
- A. We evaluated the properties on our own,
- 25 so we never relied on any outside parties'

1 evaluation, so it wasn't part of the discussion

- 2 with Denny very often.
- 3 Q. Did he have to determine, though,
- 4 whether there was sufficient value in the
- 5 properties to secure the loan?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 MR. STURR: Object to the form.
- 8 Q. But you don't recall having
- 9 conversations with him as to what his view of
- 10 purchase prices were versus the value of the
- 11 properties being loaned against?
- 12 A. No, I don't recall any specific
- 13 conversations of that nature.
- 14 Q. Do you know whether he did any due
- 15 diligence with respect to checking the properties
- out that were the subject of the loans that DenSco
- 17 made to you and your brother and your entities?
- 18 A. I was aware that he would do diligence
- 19 on them because he would say -- you know,
- 20 sometimes he would comment on the property when I
- 21 was on the phone with him talking to him setting
- 22 up the loan.
- 23 Q. Do you know what the due diligence
- 24 consisted of?
- 25 A. I don't. I don't specifically know.

1 Q. Did it appear that -- at least this is

- 2 my take, and I'm asking whether you agree with
- 3 this -- that over time he, Denny Chittick, grew to
- 4 trust your judgment about values in the properties
- 5 that you were borrowing for?
- 6 MR. STURR: Object to the form.
- 7 A. Well, I always felt like Denny was
- 8 watching what he was lending. I never had the
- 9 impression that I'd just send him something and
- 10 he'd set it up. It was always my impression that
- 11 he was doing diligence behind the scenes.
- 12 Q. And again, do you know what that
- 13 consisted of? Was he checking public records?
- 14 Was he driving by the properties? What do you
- 15 know?
- 16 A. I don't know what that would consist of.
- 17 I do know he did check public records. That's one
- 18 thing I know he did. And as we discuss this, I
- 19 do specifically, you know, remember one time me
- 20 sending a loan over and him coming back and
- 21 saying, well -- contacting me later that afternoon
- 22 and saying what the hell's going on with this
- 23 property, I don't think it's worth that much type
- 24 of a discussion. Or why is it worth that much, I
- 25 guess, or why are you paying that much.

1 Q. During the entire time that you were a

- 2 borrower, either you, your brother or your
- 3 entities were a borrower from DenSco, were you
- 4 able to pay all those loans off in a timely way?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did you ever need more than the term of
- 7 the loan to pay the loan back? In other words,
- 8 for a six-month loan there would frequently be a
- 9 balloon payment required at the end of the six
- 10 months. Did you ever have to extend the terms of
- 11 the loan that you can recall?
- 12 A. Yeah, I think we held some properties
- 13 for more than six months.
- 14 Q. Did you ever get charged default
- 15 interest when you didn't meet the six-month term
- 16 of the loan?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. And just a broader question, Barry.
- 19 Even though perhaps the specific terms of the loan
- 20 had not been met, Mr. Chittick wasn't enforcing
- 21 default terms under the loans made to you or your
- 22 entities?
- MR. MURPHY: I object to the form of
- 24 the question.
- 25 A. Well, I had -- no.

1 O. Let's look at this next document in the

- 2 stack. It will be 726.
- 3 MR. DeWULF: And, Ryan, it is
- 4 58298.
- 5 (Exhibit 726 was marked for
- 6 identification by the reporter.)
- 7 Q. Barry, I'm showing you a document that
- 8 has a letterhead of DenSco Investment. It's dated
- 9 February 5, 2010. And it's a letter that Denny
- 10 Chittick is writing to, I believe it's the state
- of Arizona. I'm not clear because I don't really
- 12 have all of the surrounding documents, but do you
- 13 recall an occasion in February of 2010 where you
- 14 asked Denny Chittick to write a letter on your
- 15 behalf?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Do you remember the reason for asking
- 18 for a letter?
- 19 A. I needed a reference.
- 20 Q. Do you know why you needed a reference?
- 21 A. It was in regard to -- it specifically
- 22 was in regard to a court case regarding a dispute
- 23 or connected to a dispute I had with a contractor.
- 24 O. A contractor in Arizona?
- 25 A. That's correct.

1 O. And so did this have to do with the

- 2 Arizona Department of Real Estate?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Do you remember what department of the
- 5 state of Arizona was involved in the issue with
- 6 the contractor?
- 7 A. It was a criminal case.
- 8 Q. And we'll get to that in a minute. Let
- 9 me just focus on this letter for a minute. The
- 10 first paragraph references that by this date there
- 11 had been loans in 25 transactions of worth roughly
- 12 \$3.639 million. Do you see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Do you think that would have been
- 15 accurate as of February 5, 2010?
- 16 A. I assume it is. Denny kept meticulous
- 17 records, as far as I knew.
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 And then let's go to the second
- 20 paragraph, Barry. He mentions that you and your
- 21 brother had borrowed funds. The second sentence
- 22 he says, "Every transaction went as planned; all
- 23 monies were paid back with interest. I never had
- 24 a single problem with any loans that we did
- 25 together."

1 And then his last sentence, "I lent

- 2 this money sight unseen many times because they
- 3 had built such a good reputation with me that I
- 4 trusted them without issue." Do you know what
- 5 he's saying there, what he means by "sight
- 6 unseen"?
- 7 MR. MURPHY: Object to the extent it
- 8 calls for speculation.
- 9 MR. STURR: Object to the form.
- 10 A. I don't.
- 11 Q. You don't know if he's talking about the
- 12 actual properties against which the loans are
- 13 being made?
- 14 A. I don't.
- 15 Q. Let's look at this next document. It is
- 16 727, and it's Bates stamped 58297.
- 17 (Exhibit 727 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 19 Q. I think this is referencing, Barry, your
- 20 requesting help from Denny Chittick. Let me ask
- 21 you, does that refresh your memory at all? Was
- this the communication you had with Denny about
- 23 having him write a letter on your behalf?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Let's look at the next

- 1 document, 728; Bates stamp 59708.
- 2 (Exhibit 728 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 4 MR. STURR: John, before we go on,
- 5 can we just -- I've had this issue before,
- 6 basically before. I don't know where these
- 7 documents come from, because they don't have an
- 8 identifying Bates number. You put the doc ID
- 9 number. Can you tell me the source of this
- 10 document?
- 11 MR. DeWULF: I can't tell you
- 12 specifically each of these documents. They're all
- in the documents that we've shared.
- 14 MR. STURR: I don't think that's the
- 15 case. We'll get to an exhibit that I don't think
- 16 I saw until yesterday, but I just want to raise
- 17 the issue. I'm going to raise it with you again.
- 18 I'm concerned that we don't know where these
- 19 documents come from.
- 20 MR. DeWULF: Okay. Well, you can
- 21 raise that and we can talk about it. I don't
- 22 think you're going to find any of these documents
- 23 all that critical one way or the other. They're
- 24 more context for questions.
- 25 Q. So let me ask you to look at 728, if I

1 could, Barry. There's a reference to a Kevin

- 2 Potempa. Do you see that?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 MR. MURPHY: Would you please
- 5 identify the document?
- 6 MR. DeWULF: Yes. 59708.
- 7 Q. Did you ever do business with
- 8 Mr. Potempa?
- 9 A. Not that I recall.
- 10 Q. If you look at the E-mail at the very
- 11 top of the first page on 728 from Denny Chittick
- 12 to Princeville Group/Kevin Potempa, he says, "I
- 13 meant to forewarn you. I lent this guy and his
- 14 brother a lot of money during the boom. They
- 15 left at the right time and now are coming back."
- 16 Let me just stop there. Did you
- 17 and your brother do borrowing and real estate
- 18 purchasing in Arizona for a period of time and
- 19 then stopped and then came back later?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. Can you give us roughly the timing of
- 22 being in the market, then getting out of the
- 23 market, then coming back in?
- A. I think we were to some degree active
- 25 out there throughout the entire time, but we did

- 1 physically move back to Iowa. And I think we
- 2 would have moved about 2-4-2007-ish and -- to Iowa
- 3 at that time and then came back, you know, just
- 4 judging by the date stamp on this, somewhere late
- 5 2010.
- 6 O. Came back to Arizona in 2010?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. And then did you move back to Iowa then
- 9 later?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. When was that?
- 12 A. Well -- maybe 2014, approximately.
- 13 O. Let's look at the next document in the
- 14 stack, Exhibit 729.
- MR. DeWULF: Debbie, if you could
- 16 mark it; and, Ryan, it's stamped 13383.
- 17 (Exhibit 729 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 19 O. So this document 729 is an E-mail from
- 20 Denny Chittick dated February 2, 2011, to you and
- 21 a variety of other individuals. Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And your E-mail address is
- 24 barryluchtel@gmail.com?
- 25 A. Correct.

1 O. Do you know whether these were -- this

- 2 listing is a listing of borrowers for DenSco?
- 3 A. That was my understanding.
- 4 Q. Did you know any other borrowers for
- 5 DenSco?
- 6 A. I knew Miller Blackford very casually.
- 7 I mean, probably seen him in person less than a
- 8 handful of times. And I recognize some of the
- 9 other names, but I didn't personally know them.
- 10 Q. There's a reference here about four
- lines down to, it says smena98754@aol.com. Do you
- 12 see that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And that is a reference to an E-mail
- 15 address for a man named Scott Menaged. Did you
- 16 ever meet Scott Menaged?
- 17 MR. STURR: Object to the form,
- 18 foundation.
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Do you remember ever talking to Denny
- 21 Chittick about Scott Menaged?
- 22 A. No. I never heard that name until after
- 23 Denny was dead.
- Q. So this E-mail seems to be saying to you
- 25 and others that DenSco has money available to be

- 1 lent. Is that your reading of it?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And we'll see a variety of these kinds
- 4 of communications, but was it your experience,
- 5 Barry, with Denny Chittick that he would
- 6 periodically reach out to you and other borrowers
- 7 about having money available through DenSco to
- 8 lend?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And also it appears from a number of
- 11 these documents that you or your brother might
- 12 locate a residential property that under the
- 13 circumstances would require funds on an expedited
- 14 basis. Would that be true?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And there are occasions where you would
- 17 E-mail Denny Chittick and say can you provide me
- 18 X dollars within two or three days; correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And frequently he was able to do that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And in those instances -- and I know
- 23 every case and every transaction would be
- 24 different, but on many of those instances would
- 25 Denny Chittick through DenSco wire funds before

- 1 the loan documents were signed and notarized?
- 2 A. There may have been occasions where he
- 3 would send the funds to title prior to title
- 4 obtaining the -- or prior to the loan docs being
- 5 executed.
- 6 Q. And were there occasions, Barry, where
- 7 Mr. Chittick would wire money directly to you as
- 8 opposed to through an escrow agent or a title
- 9 company?
- 10 A. I believe there may have been one
- 11 occasion that that happened.
- 12 Q. And we'll see this in the E-mails, and
- 13 you and your counsel may have seen this when I
- 14 forwarded the documents, but there are occasions
- 15 where you're talking to Denny Chittick about doing
- 16 the loan outside of escrow. Do you recall that?
- 17 A. Funding outside of escrow?
- 18 O. Yes.
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Can you explain the mechanics of that
- 21 situation? How would you do that?
- 22 A. Well, everything went -- I think that
- 23 happened a handful of times. I don't specifically
- 24 remember how many. But that was more a function
- of necessity because I would guess the timeline

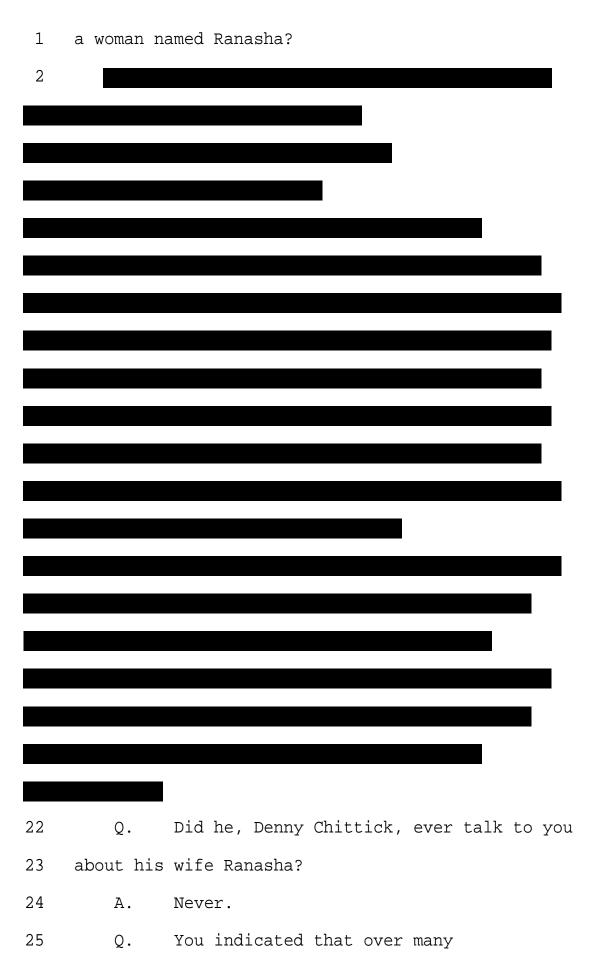
- 1 issues. So if he funds through escrow, so to
- 2 speak, then the sellers would have to sign -- the
- 3 title company would put that loan on the HUD in
- 4 the settlement statement that the sellers would
- 5 sign.
- 6 And when him -- at least when Denny
- 7 and I were talking about funding outside of
- 8 escrow, we were talking about all the money is
- 9 still going to the title company, but he was --
- 10 but he didn't need to be put on there as the
- 11 lender on the HUD because -- because it would
- 12 slow the transaction somehow.
- 13 Maybe my sellers had already signed,
- 14 and I got in a cash crunch and said do you have
- 15 money available? He said yes, and I'd say can we
- 16 fund this one outside of escrow? Instead of
- 17 having title possibly delay it or have to re-sign
- 18 the borrowers, can you just send the money and
- 19 I'll execute the docs directly with you? And, you
- 20 know, he recorded them himself.
- 21 Q. So he would wire the money still through
- 22 a title company?
- 23 A. Yes, exactly.
- 24 O. And then he would follow up with having
- 25 you sign whatever necessary loan documents there

- 1 would be?
- 2 A. Well, as I recall it almost always, I
- 3 would sign -- send signed docs before he would
- 4 send the wire. I don't specifically remember a
- 5 time where he would shoot -- you know, sending
- 6 wires out without having my signed docs.
- 7 Q. A moment ago you talked about a HUD
- 8 statement, and by that you're referring to the
- 9 settlement statement that's generated that would
- 10 identify the fees and charges and how the money
- 11 is being used in the transaction?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. Do you think over the period of time
- 14 from 2006 or so to 2016 you were able to gain an
- 15 opinion about Mr. Chittick, his personality, his
- 16 qualities, that kind of thing?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What would you share with us, and what
- 19 we would share with the jury, in terms of your
- 20 view of Denny Chittick, his strengths, his
- 21 weaknesses, his personality traits?
- MR. STURR: Object to form and
- 23 foundation.
- MR. MURPHY: I also object to form.
- 25 A. Well, obviously once I found out Denny

- 1 had committed suicide, I reevaluated everything,
- 2 so, you know, to a degree I have kind of two
- 3 states of -- my opinion of him now if I were to
- 4 share it with you would be different than they
- 5 were prior to when he died.
- 6 Q. Let's break that down then, if we could.
- 7 Do you remember how you learned -- and we'll see
- 8 some documents that are timed right around the
- 9 time of the suicide on July 28, 2016. Do you
- 10 remember how you learned about the suicide?
- 11

- 17 Q. You indicated that your view or
- 18 impression of Denny may have changed as a result
- 19 of the suicide. Let me ask you what your
- 20 impression of Denny was before his suicide.
- MR. STURR: Object to the form,
- 22 foundation.
- MR. MURPHY: Same objection.
- 24 A. I thought he was very fair. I thought
- 25 he was a straight shooter. He and I shared a dry

- 1 sense of humor, and he was -- I believe -- he
- 2 would do things like just automatically send you
- 3 back overpaid interest when you paid a loan off
- 4 or when a title company sent in too much money,
- 5 and that was rare.
- I don't think anyone else in the
- 7 Valley was doing that. You would have to request
- 8 it or else they could potentially keep hundreds
- 9 or thousands of your dollars. And it is pretty
- 10 standard, and it still is today, that if you don't
- 11 specifically call your hard money lender and tell
- 12 him you want your money back, they'll just keep
- 13 it.
- 14 Denny wasn't like that. He would
- 15 just -- a check would show up in the mail or --
- 16 and so, you know, I looked at things that there
- 17 were a lot of small things like that that Denny
- 18 did that -- and working with a guy over hundreds
- 19 of deals for over a decade, yeah, I felt like I
- 20 could trust the guy.
- We didn't share a lot of personal
- 22 information, but, you know, occasionally did check
- in on the families, each other's families, just
- 24 over E-mail or over the phone.
- Q. Do you remember that he was married to



1 transactions you felt that you could trust him.

- 2 Was that your testimony?
- 3 A. I felt like he was trustworthy.
- 4 Q. And did you gain an understanding that
- 5 he trusted you as well over the years?
- 6 A. Yeah, I think there was a mutual respect
- 7 because of the -- we were both -- my brother and
- 8 I were successful real estate investors; and, you
- 9 know, like I said, at the time I thought Denny was
- 10 a, you know, very successful real estate lender.
- 11 So we were both respected in the industry and so
- 12 that, you know, just kind of a mutual respect for
- 13 each other.
- Q. Some witnesses have observed that he was
- 15 really smart, particularly with numbers. Was that
- 16 your experience?
- 17 MR. STURR: Object to form.
- 18 A. Yeah, I don't specifically remember that.
- 19 I thought -- I'd never had that thought. I always
- 20 pictured him sitting in front of a computer, so
- 21 anything he'd rattle off I guess I just thought
- 22 came out of a calculator.
- 23 Q. So you didn't gain an opinion of whether
- 24 he was smart or not?
- 25 MR. STURR: Object to the form.

- 1 A. Well, I thought Denny was intelligent.
- 2 As far as being some type of wizard with numbers,
- 3 I knew he was meticulous with his bookkeeping.
- 4 I knew that -- at least that was my impression.
- 5 And, you know, he seemed to run a business very
- 6 straightforward. I mean, he was -- he was keeping
- 7 track of stuff.
- 8 He -- if I didn't get him a payment
- 9 on the 1st, even if it was my 200th loan with him,
- 10 you know, on the 3rd or 2nd I'd get an E-mail
- 11 saying where the hell's my money, which was
- 12 partially his dry sense of humor, but also, you
- 13 know, I appreciated that about him.
- I think that actually happened once.
- 15 Other than that, I don't think we ever missed a
- 16 payment on the 1st. And that was a -- turned out
- 17 to be a bank -- an oversight or something. I
- 18 don't remember what the cause was.
- 19 Q. When you're talking about payment, are
- 20 you talking about interest payments on the loans?
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. You know, it looks in the documents,
- 23 Barry, as though there were times when you would
- 24 ask Denny Chittick for advice about hard money
- 25 lending in connection with some of the work that

1 you were doing. Is that a fair observation?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And was he willing to share with you
- 4 lessons he had learned and ways that he thought
- 5 you ought to go about hard money lending?
- 6 A. He was extremely helpful and gracious
- 7 with his time.
- 8 Q. I've seen in a couple of documents, as
- 9 have you, where you thanked him for the time he
- 10 spent in being available to talk about hard money
- 11 lending. And were there occasions when you talked
- 12 to him about the business of hard money lending?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you gain the impression that he was
- 15 good at the business of hard money lending?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And by that he understood -- he had good
- 18 loan documents, knew what they allowed him to do
- 19 and knew how to enforce them?
- 20 MR. STURR: Object to the form,
- 21 foundation.
- 22 A. When I say he was good, I just had the
- 23 impression that he -- he was working with a bunch
- 24 of other borrowers like me that never missed the
- 25 payments and he was getting good loans on deals

- 1 and was running a successful business. I was
- 2 never under the impression that Denny didn't just
- 3 have a great portfolio of loans, and in my opinion
- 4 that was good.
- 5 Q. I've seen some references to discussions
- 6 of the loan docs and loan procedures. Did you
- 7 gain the impression that he understood how to
- 8 safeguard his money when he was making loans and
- 9 how to protect his secured position when he was
- 10 making loans?
- 11 MR. STURR: Object to form and
- 12 foundation.
- MR. MURPHY: Same objection.
- 14 A. Yes, I respected his opinion on those
- 15 matters.
- 16 Q. And you were also an investor, as was
- 17 your brother, right, in DenSco?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And do you recall that the business
- 20 model for DenSco as it related to its loans was
- 21 that it sought to make sure that its loans had
- 22 proper loan to value ratios?
- 23 MR. STURR: Form and foundation.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And did you see him applying that when

- 1 he loaned money to you and your entities, that he
- 2 wanted to make sure there was proper security for
- 3 the loans?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And as it related to safeguarding the
- 6 money of DenSco in connection with making the
- 7 loans, did you understand that he understood the
- 8 need to make sure that the money was wired to the
- 9 proper location to make sure that it was used
- 10 properly?
- 11 MR. STURR: Form and foundation.
- 12 A. That was never even a part of our
- 13 discussion.
- Q. I mean, it's pretty fundamental to a
- 15 hard money lender that you make sure that you're
- 16 safeguarding the monies that you're loaning and
- 17 you make sure that you are secured properly on the
- 18 loan; is that fair?
- 19 A. Right. I would never imagine he'd send
- 20 money anywhere other than, you know, a proper
- 21 place.
- 22 Q. And did you always understand that he
- 23 was requiring a first position lien or deed of
- trust on the loans he was making to his borrowers
- 25 like you?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 MR. MURPHY: Object to form.
- 3 Q. And so in order to do that in Arizona,
- 4 he would need to make sure that he recorded the
- 5 deed of trust against the property that was the
- 6 subject of the loan in a timely way?
- 7 MR. STURR: Form.
- 8 A. I really had knowledge of Denny's
- 9 procedures as they related to my company, so --
- 10 and I assumed that that's how he was doing it
- 11 everywhere; but, yes, he -- I assumed that as he
- 12 did with us hundreds of times, he was recording
- 13 the deeds of trust and getting the appropriate
- 14 documents and sending money straight to the title
- 15 company.
- 16 Q. And was that your experience from the
- 17 first loans that you made with DenSco in roughly
- 18 2006 or 2007 forward?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. You indicated that he was meticulous
- 21 with his bookkeeping. How were you able to
- 22 conclude that?
- 23 A. Well, that is an example of one of those
- 24 opinions that changed after his death, because
- 25 prior to his death I thought he was tracking a

1 \$50 million loan portfolio of \$200,000 loans

- 2 successfully and had been for over a decade.
- 3 Q. And what did you learn after his death?
- 4 A. I learned that that wasn't the case. It
- 5 seemed like there was a -- the Denny I learned
- 6 about after his death is not the Denny that I
- 7 thought I knew.
- 8 Q. And are you talking specifically as to
- 9 the relationship with Scott Menaged as a borrower
- 10 from DenSco?
- 11 MR. STURR: Object to form.
- 12 A. Well, after his death I questioned
- 13 everything I thought about him. So I found out
- 14 about the relationship with Menaged after his
- 15 death, and I had never even heard of the quy. And
- 16 then when I heard -- you know, found out that he
- 17 had \$45 million lent to this single guy, I thought
- 18 I do not know this Denny. This isn't the guy I've
- 19 been talking to on the phone.
- Q. Have you been able since Denny's death
- 21 to be able to determine how he allowed himself to
- 22 get in this position at DenSco?
- 23 MR. MURPHY: Object, calls for
- 24 speculation.
- MR. STURR: And form.

1 A. I think I have an understanding of where

- 2 this -- everything went wrong, of the flaw in his
- 3 procedure that allowed him to be compromised.
- 4 Q. And what is that?
- 5 A. Again, this is based off of my
- 6 understanding, but I believe he was not doing an
- 7 adequate job of ensuring that he was -- the money
- 8 he was sending out was secured in first position.
- 9 And that was the result of him wiring -- my
- 10 understanding, was wiring funds directly to a
- 11 borrower instead of -- when a trustee sale is
- 12 purchased and you're the lender, typically the
- 13 procedure is to get a cashier's check made out to
- 14 the trustee and deliver it to the trustee.
- 15 Q. So what he did with Scott Menaged, that
- is as you've observed that he was not making sure
- 17 that his loans were being properly used and
- 18 secured in first position, that was inconsistent
- 19 with how you viewed Denny Chittick did business
- 20 before his death?
- 21 MR. STURR: Object to form.
- 22 A. That was a complete 180 from what I
- 23 thought of Denny and how he operated.
- Q. And do you have any sense today as to
- 25 what it was about that relationship between him

- 1 and this Scott Menaged that caused him to lower
- 2 his guard or do something out of the ordinary with
- 3 respect to protecting his money and his lien
- 4 positions?
- 5 MR. STURR: Object to form and
- 6 foundation.
- 7 MR. MURPHY: I object, calls for
- 8 speculation.
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether he had any problems
- 11 with any other borrowers in the same way that he
- 12 had with Menaged where he showed a lack of care
- with the use of the DenSco funds and securing
- 14 first position liens?
- MR. STURR: Form and foundation.
- 16 A. Menaged was the first borrower I had
- 17 ever heard of that Denny had a problem with and
- 18 still the only. I don't know of anyone else that
- 19 comes to mind.
- 20 Q. Do you know, Barry, whether before
- 21 his death Denny ever spoke to anyone about the
- 22 problems he had with Menaged or his loan -- his
- 23 lending relationship with Menaged?
- 24 A. I don't. Once I realized Denny was
- 25 dead, I had a wife and a young family, and I

1 believe one of -- my son or my daughter was just

- 2 one year old or less. And quite frankly, I just
- 3 compartmentalized that whole issue and put it --
- 4 I mean, haven't thought about it.
- 5 I didn't speculate. A lot of guys
- 6 were call -- not a lot, but people would want to
- 7 talk about it, and I just didn't want -- I just
- 8 wanted to move on and focus on my family.
- 9 That's one thing I took from
- 10 Denny's death was that guy would answer his phone
- 11 anywhere. He'd take a call and he'd be out on the
- 12 field coaching his kids and answered in the middle
- 13 of the night. And I thought, man, you know, this
- 14 quy's priorities were screwed up. And it went
- 15 off the rails, apparently.
- And just in hindsight maybe he
- 17 wouldn't have felt -- yeah, I don't want to
- 18 speculate. I mean, I just thought it was an
- 19 unfortunate thing, and I thought, you know, he
- 20 probably wishes at the end he would have spent
- 21 more time focusing on his family. So I didn't let
- 22 Denny's suicide or speculation about what may or
- 23 may not have caused it take away from my family.
- 24 O. Some witnesses have observed that he may
- 25 have been too trusting, that is Denny Chittick,

1 with some of his borrowers. Do you have any basis

- 2 for -- do you have any opinion about that at all?
- 3 MR. STURR: Object to form and
- 4 foundation.
- 5 A. I only know what I saw in my experience
- 6 with Denny, and I was always -- I always felt like
- 7 he was being diligent and was -- you know, I never
- 8 thought he'd lend me more than a house was worth.
- 9 I never thought he'd lend me more than was
- 10 appropriate for the hard money model, regardless
- 11 of our history together.
- 12 He was pretty straight -- like I
- 13 said, prior to his death I thought he was a pretty
- 14 straitlaced guy. He just played by the rules.
- 15 Q. Would you agree with me that the things
- 16 that Denny Chittick did with respect to Menaged as
- 17 a borrower were completely counter to the typical
- 18 hard money model that hard money lenders follow?
- 19 MR. STURR: Object to form and
- 20 foundation.
- 21 MR. MURPHY: Same objection.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And could you explain that answer?
- 24 A. Well, as I stated earlier, the hard
- 25 money model is -- and the success of the hard

- 1 money model is based on getting appropriate
- 2 security for the money you lend; and Denny was not
- 3 doing that, apparently from what I can see.
- 4 Q. So would you agree with me that at least
- 5 the following three things are important to a hard
- 6 money lender and a part of the hard money model?
- 7 It would include making sure that the money gets
- 8 to the right location, to the right party; that
- 9 there is sufficient security in the property to
- 10 cover the loan; and that you have properly
- 11 recorded in first position the deed of trust
- 12 recording -- protecting the loan?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- MR. STURR: Object to form and
- 15 foundation.
- MR. MURPHY: Join.
- 17 Q. And in your experience as a hard money
- 18 lender and having worked with hard money lenders,
- 19 that's fundamental, and all hard money lenders
- 20 understand that as a part of doing business;
- 21 right?
- MR. STURR: Form, foundation.
- MR. MURPHY: Same objection.
- 24 A. That's the business as I understand it.
- 25 Those are the most important things.

1 Q. And you understood, having worked with

- 2 Denny Chittick over that period of time that you
- 3 did, that he understood as a hard money lender that
- 4 that was the model he needed to follow and did
- 5 follow; right?
- 6 MR. STURR: Form and foundation.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. DeWULF: All right. So it's
- 9 been a little over an hour. Do you want to keep
- 10 going or how are you doing? Do you need a break?
- 11 Or I can do whatever you wish.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I'm good. Maybe we'll
- 13 take a break here in 15 minutes.
- 14 MR. DeWULF: All right. Debbie, how
- 15 are you?
- THE COURT REPORTER: Oh, I'm fine.
- 17 MR. DeWULF: Okay. Let us know.
- 18 Sometimes we forget that you have to take breaks
- 19 too, so just let us know.
- 20 Q. So I'm not going to ask you about the
- 21 next document in the stack of documents, but I do
- 22 want to go to the subscription agreement, which is
- 23 the document after that, Barry.
- 24 MR. DeWULF: And it would be 730;
- 25 and, Ryan, it's 63891.

1 (Exhibit 730 was marked for

- 2 identification by the reporter.)
- Q. Actually, you know what, I'm going to
- 4 move on. I'm going to come back to one, because
- 5 you actually signed a subscription agreement
- 6 later. I'm not going to ask you about that.
- 7 Let's go on to the next document in that stack,
- 8 which is Bates stamped 62152.
- 9 (Exhibit 731 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 11 Q. Barry, this is E-mails between you and
- 12 Denny Chittick. They're dated January 3, 2012.
- 13 Do you recall these communications?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And a part of the communication relates
- 16 to you becoming a father. Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And there were times when you and Denny
- 19 Chittick would share information about the
- 20 experience of having children; right?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And in your E-mail you're also asking
- 23 for a request for money from Denny Chittick for a
- 24 purchase of property; right?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. And let's look at his E-mail back to
- 2 you. The last paragraph it reads, "Ok, attached
- 3 are the documents. Let me know what bank and bank
- 4 account you want me to transfer the money to.
- 5 Just need the aba and account number. Thanks,
- 6 dc."
- 7 Did I read that correctly?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. So was this an occasion where he was
- 10 wiring money directly into your bank account?
- 11 A. I don't -- I specifically recall that
- 12 discussing our children, but I don't -- like I
- 13 said, I don't have any recollection of Denny
- 14 wiring -- other than just one time maybe, wiring
- 15 money directly to my account, so --
- 16 Q. Okay. And was this --
- 17 A. And I'm not a hundred percent certain,
- 18 because I was -- yeah, that could be the case
- 19 here. I'm not certain that this is what was
- 20 occurring here, but it could have been.
- 21 Q. Well, he clearly trusted you, and I
- 22 guess I'm -- it appears as though there was a
- 23 fairly informal process of you asking for money
- 24 and him being able to turn around and get you
- 25 money fairly quickly. Was that your experience

- 1 with him?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And does it refresh your memory that on
- 4 some occasions, because of the logistics of the
- 5 deal, that he would wire money directly to you as
- 6 opposed to through a title company or an escrow
- 7 agent?
- 8 A. At this time I do not remember him
- 9 wiring direct to my accounts.
- 10 Q. So let's look at the next documents, and
- 11 let's mark that 732.
- MR. DeWULF: And that's 62498, Ryan.
- 13 (Exhibit 732 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 15 Q. Barry, I want to focus your attention on
- 16 the top of that first page. There's an E-mail
- 17 from you to Denny dated February 14, 2012, and it
- 18 reads, "I'm not sure, but let's just do it outside
- 19 of title, if that's okay." And then he writes you
- 20 back later that day, "No problem, I'll send you
- 21 docs today."
- Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- O. Now, this would reflect the fact that
- 25 you're asking him to forward monies outside of the

- 1 title company; correct?
- 2 A. That's incorrect. So as a homebuyer,
- 3 we would commit to buying a house in cash or just
- 4 buying it. We're buying it no matter what. So
- 5 occasionally, if I remember correctly, people
- 6 would say -- would see a borrower on the -- or,
- 7 I'm sorry, a lender on the settlement statement
- 8 and would wonder if the deal was actually going to
- 9 happen, like has this really been approved, are
- 10 we -- what are we waiting for, this --
- 11 And so in reflecting on this, what I
- 12 think we were discussing here -- when we said
- 13 "outside of title," he still sent the money to the
- 14 title company, but I didn't send -- and this is
- another instance, as I discussed earlier, where
- 16 maybe it was -- well, let's see. When did I send
- 17 this? On a Tuesday shooting for a closing on
- 18 Friday. Where it could have been an issue of
- 19 timeliness. Maybe the borr -- the sellers had
- 20 already signed or they were out of state and title
- 21 had sent the docs.
- 22 And when I said "outside of title,"
- it didn't mean send me the money, Denny, and I'll
- 24 use it. It meant I'm not going to have the title
- 25 company put you on the HUD. It means, you know,

- 1 if I'm buying it for a hundred and -- a hundred
- 2 thousand, then you send them the 90,000 and -- or
- 3 85 grand or whatever you're sending me, and I'll
- 4 send them the rest.
- 5 Q. All right. So as we're looking at this
- 6 Exhibit 732, where would he then be transferring
- 7 the money if it's outside of title?
- 8 A. Well, the way him and I referred to, at
- 9 least with Denny and I when we said "outside of
- 10 title, " that means that the title company isn't
- 11 going to put the lender on the settlement
- 12 statement.
- So if it's -- if it's through title,
- 14 that means the title company is going to -- at
- 15 least this was how we worked together. If I --
- 16 typically I would just say, hey, we're doing it.
- 17 It's at -- Chicago Title's closing it, and go
- 18 ahead.
- 19 But there were times where because,
- 20 like I said, of timeliness or some other issue
- 21 where he would just wire it -- I'd send him the
- 22 title company wire instructions or he would
- 23 still -- I'd forward them on from the title
- 24 company, but he would fund the title.
- 25 I mean, I don't -- I really don't

1 ever remember him sending money for a real estate

- 2 purchase directly to my account. This was always
- 3 still going to the title company. I didn't touch
- 4 the money and send it through. I mean, it would
- 5 be inefficient anyway, you know, from the amount
- 6 of volume we're doing to account for it all. He
- 7 would just not -- and I don't think he would have
- 8 done it, at least the Denny I knew then. I
- 9 wouldn't even ask him to do it. There's no point
- 10 in it.
- So, yeah, he -- this -- outside of
- 12 titlement, they're not going to have to withdraw
- docs or they're not going to put you on the
- 14 settlement statement. You're just going to send
- 15 the money to them and I'm going to execute the
- 16 docs and get them back to you.
- 17 Q. Were there times when your execution and
- 18 notarization of documents lagged the money being
- 19 placed with the title company?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And I saw on some of the documents that
- 22 you would typically have your mother notarize the
- 23 documents for you?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- 25 Q. Were there other times when you would

1 send documents unnotarized to Denny and he would

- 2 have them notarized by someone in Arizona?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Do you remember who he used to notarize
- 5 the documents?
- 6 A. I do not recall.
- 7 Q. Do you remember a woman named Veronica
- 8 Castro? Does that ring a bell?
- 9 A. I don't.
- 10 Q. You never had any dealings with a woman
- 11 named Veronica Castro?
- 12 A. No. And it wouldn't be common for me to
- 13 see the notarized -- you know, I'd send him what I
- 14 had and then close the deal when we were fixing up
- 15 the house; so, you know, that next component of it
- 16 wouldn't be common for me to see, at least on a
- 17 regular basis.
- 18 Q. Let's look at the next document, Barry.
- 19 Let's make that 733. And it's stamped 63184.
- 20 (Exhibit 733 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 22 Q. This document, Barry, references an
- 23 attachment of a private offering memorandum 2011.
- 24 Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Do you recall whether you first became
- 2 an investor with DenSco in 2011? I apologize.
- 3 The date of the E-mail is May 7, 2012. Do you
- 4 think that you would have first become an investor
- 5 around that time?
- 6 A. Well, I had seen this -- I actually
- 7 don't remember specifically when I became an
- 8 investor; but if you could refresh my memory, that
- 9 would be great.
- 10 Q. I think --
- 11 MR. STURR: John, excuse me for
- 12 interrupting, but it looks like he has the wrong
- 13 document. He's got a multipage document.
- MR. DeWULF: Oh.
- MR. STURR: And you've got a single-
- 16 page document.
- MR. DeWULF: I'm sorry, that's a
- 18 good point.
- 19 Q. So there should be, the document in your
- 20 hand, it's just a very short E-mail at the top of
- 21 the page.
- MR. STURR: Yeah, I think you
- 23 skipped over one of the stack, John. Forgive me
- 24 for interrupting.
- MR. DeWULF: No. I may have.

1 MR. STURR: The document that I

- 2 think he's looking at is the subscription
- 3 agreement, and the next document is the E-mail
- 4 you're talking about.
- 5 MR. DeWULF: Okay. Yeah, so drop
- 6 that, and then if you could go to a document
- 7 that's stamped 63184.
- 8 Debbie, if you could help him with
- 9 that.
- 10 (Exhibit 733 was re-marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 12 Q. So going back to my question earlier,
- 13 this references a private operating memorandum.
- 14 You don't recall when you first became an
- 15 investor?
- 16 A. Well, I know it was -- I don't recall
- 17 the specific year.
- 18 Q. So let me back up, because I should have
- 19 asked this question. Why did you use DenSco as a
- 20 lender on the transactions you were doing? Did
- 21 you not have liquidity sufficient or why did you
- 22 need to go to a hard money lender to borrow?
- A. Because we needed to borrow funds.
- 24 Yeah, an insufficient liquidity, especially in the
- 25 beginning of our professional investment career.

1 Q. And when you finally decided to become

- 2 an investor in DenSco, why did you decide to do
- 3 that?
- 4 A. Well, I did that because I had money in
- 5 an IRA, and I didn't want to -- I wanted a place
- 6 to invest it for a return. And at -- as I said,
- 7 prior to his death I felt very comfortable with
- 8 Denny and his procedures and --
- 9 Q. Do you recall, Barry, whether in
- 10 connection with becoming an investor with DenSco
- 11 that you reviewed the private operating
- 12 memorandum?
- 13 A. Yes, I had.
- 14 Q. But you understood the way he did
- 15 business because you had done business with DenSco
- 16 for a period of time as a borrower; right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And so you at least believed prior to
- 19 Denny's death that he was doing things consistent
- 20 with a hard money model of making sure that the
- 21 loans were properly secured and that the money was
- 22 safeguarded so it was used properly; fair?
- 23 A. Absolutely.
- Q. All right. Let's look at the next
- 25 document in that stack, and it is stamped 63890.

1 (Exhibit 734 was marked for

- 2 identification by the reporter.)
- 3 Q. So, Barry, I'm just going to ask you
- 4 really quickly. The E-mail that begins about a
- 5 third of the way down on that page is from you to
- 6 Denny Chittick dated August 21, 2012. Do you see
- 7 that?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Let's look at the second paragraph of
- 10 that E-mail. It reads, "Thinking about the hard
- 11 money business idea again, along with the ppm. Do
- 12 you have a note or subscription agreement? If so,
- 13 would you mind if I read through that? I'd like
- 14 to know the level of fine print and sign your life
- 15 away someone has to do before handing me a check.
- 16 Probably similar to the forms the anesthesiologist
- 17 has patients sign."
- 18 Was this communication in connection
- 19 with you becoming an investor or was it you were
- 20 wanting to know more about how DenSco did
- 21 business?
- 22 A. This would be me exploring the
- 23 necessary -- yeah, how Denny did business. How a
- 24 hard money lender did business.
- 25 Q. You hadn't started your work through

1 Kayak Capital as a hard money lender as of this

- 2 August 21, 2012 date; right?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Were you able to use the information
- 5 that you gained from Denny Chittick in connection
- 6 with hard money lending to start your own
- 7 business?
- 8 A. I would say that I didn't take his
- 9 information and start my business, but I
- 10 definitely looked at him as one of the many
- 11 sources, resources I could call on to understand
- 12 the business better.
- 13 Q. And there are references in the E-mails
- 14 about you thanking him for sharing information.
- 15 Would it be true over the time that you knew him
- 16 that he did share with you how he went about hard
- 17 money lending and the business practices he
- 18 followed?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And did you feel that the business
- 21 practices he followed were a good model for how
- 22 you would want to be a hard money lender if you
- 23 started your own business?
- A. Well, at the time I perceived him as
- 25 having -- being successful, and so I thought he

1 was a good -- you know, one of many resources I

- 2 could look to to see the inner workings of a
- 3 successful lender.
- 4 Q. I'm going through some of these
- 5 exhibits, Barry. I don't think I need to ask you
- 6 about all of them, so I'm going to kind of move
- 7 through some of these to save us some time.
- 8 Let's go to -- let's skip the next
- 9 documents and go to what's marked as 64130. It's
- 10 dated September 17, 2012.
- 11 (Exhibit 735 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 13 Q. Let me be quick about this, if I could,
- 14 Barry. Your note to Denny Chittick dated
- 15 September 17, 2012, says, "I mean, let's fund
- outside of escrow." And then you go on, or the
- 17 later E-mail reads, "Let's close Marshall outside
- 18 of escrow if you haven't already contacted the
- 19 title company."
- 20 So would this be an instance where
- 21 monies would be funded still through the title
- 22 company but not reflected on the HUD or are you
- 23 describing something else?
- A. Nope, this is where money goes still to
- 25 the title company, just not -- yeah, I'm not

1 talking about something else. This is where Denny

- 2 is still sending money to the title company.
- 3 Q. So let's look at 736, which is the next
- 4 document in the stack.
- 5 (Exhibit 736 was marked for
- 6 identification by the reporter.)
- 7 MR. MURPHY: What is that document?
- 8 MR. DeWULF: Oh, I'm sorry, it's
- 9 61 -- I'm sorry, 64147, Ryan. I apologize.
- MR. MURPHY: Thank you.
- 11 Q. So your E-mail at the bottom of that
- 12 first page, Barry, reads "That" 450,000, "450K,
- 13 house got postponed. Can you help me with cash
- 14 flow forecasting/management over here? Do you
- use a program with lots of bells and whistles you
- 16 can recommend or are you doing it on some
- 17 homemade Excel spread -- worksheet? Thanks.
- 18 Are you asking for advice about hard
- 19 money lending here?
- 20 A. I believe so. I was asking how he did
- 21 it.
- 22 Q. And then you will see his E-mail
- 23 follow-up he talks about his practice and
- 24 procedure. Is this a part of what you earlier
- 25 observed were kind of meticulous recordkeeping

- 1 practices by him?
- 2 A. I guess. This isn't that meticulous,
- 3 but, yeah, in general I just -- I was interested
- 4 in his opinion because, you know, my understanding
- 5 was he had hundreds of loans and 40 or \$50 million
- 6 out and was doing it successfully. So I would
- 7 approach him with, well, I was thinking about the
- 8 hard money business. You know, I -- and how I
- 9 would do it. I'd see -- I'd also touch base with
- 10 Denny and see how he's doing it.
- MR. DeWULF: Why don't we take a
- 12 brief break, if we could. You can stretch your
- 13 legs, maybe use the rest room. Debbie, you can
- 14 get a little bit of a break. We've been going a
- 15 while. And do you think ten minutes would be
- 16 sufficient?
- 17 THE WITNESS: That's plenty of time.
- 18 MR. DeWULF: So let's get back in
- 19 about ten till or so?
- THE WITNESS: All right, great.
- 21 MR. DeWULF: All right. Thanks.
- 22 (A recess was taken.)
- MR. DeWULF: Ryan, are you on the
- 24 line?
- MR. MURPHY: I am.

1 MR. DeWULF: Okay. Barry, are you

- 2 good to go?
- THE WITNESS: You bet.
- 4 MR. DeWULF: All right. Thank you.
- 5 Again, I appreciate you coming down. I know you
- 6 got weather there, and I appreciate you coming for
- 7 the deposition.
- 8 Q. Let me ask a couple of -- I want to
- 9 circle back on a couple of questions. There are
- 10 E-mails, and I'm going to try not to go through
- 11 some of these if I can just cover the subject
- 12 matter without having to make the documents
- 13 exhibits, where you're asking for some advice on
- 14 things like pediatricians and baby-sitters and
- 15 that kind of thing. You recall that?
- 16 A. Generally, yes.
- 17 Q. Would you have called your relationship
- 18 with Denny Chittick a friendship?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. But did it appear to you now looking
- 21 back that there were things about his life that he
- 22 didn't share with you?
- 23 MR. STURR: Object to the form.
- 24 A. Yeah, there were things he didn't -- you
- 25 know, he didn't share anyway. I mean, it's not --

- 1 in retrospect. But, yeah, particularly the fraud
- 2 and the way everything went down, yeah, I was
- 3 surprised at all that.

- 7 O. There are some references in some of the
- 8 communications about technology and the use of
- 9 technology. Did you draw any conclusions about
- 10 Denny Chittick being technology savvy?
- 11 A. Well, it was my understanding he had
- 12 successfully -- had had success in a technology
- 13 company prior to starting the hard money lending
- 14 business, so I kind of gave him the benefit of the
- 15 doubt that he knew what he was doing in that
- 16 realm.
- 17 O. Do you recall ever giving Denny Chittick
- 18 advice? I know we talked earlier about him
- 19 sharing with you some of his knowledge and
- 20 experience in the hard money lending business. Do
- 21 you recall ever giving him advice about anything?
- 22 A. Yeah, I would talk to him. Like I said,
- 23 I think there weren't a lot of places -- from my
- 24 friendship with Denny and what we discussed, there
- 25 weren't a lot of areas of his life I knew well

- 1 enough to give advice, but I think on occasion I
- 2 would -- Denny was so available to borrowers that
- 3 I just thought, man, you should cut it back a
- 4 little bit. I think I mentioned that previously
- 5 that -- so I might have shared something about,
- 6 hey, you should get some help in there. You
- 7 should, you know, be more conscious of keeping
- 8 your free time free as opposed to working day and
- 9 night. One of those deals where --
- 10 Q. -- to that advice?
- 11 A. I'm sorry, what's that?
- 12 Q. I apologize. I cut you off. Go ahead.
- 13 A. Oh, just one of those things where you
- 14 would -- as a friend you would hope -- one of
- those things where if he didn't answer your call
- late at night or respond to an E-mail at 10 p.m.,
- 17 you'd kind of be glad in a way, even though it was
- 18 a work deal. Which never happened; but, I mean,
- 19 just in general you send them out, fire them out
- 20 at all hours and maybe hope one doesn't come back
- 21 and he's just hanging out.
- Q. Do you recall how he reacted to your
- 23 advice about things like that?
- A. Yeah, I don't recall broaching it too
- 25 directly except for maybe once or twice, and, you

- 1 know, he said he's got it covered, you know. He
- 2 said -- I think he appreciated it, but just said,
- 3 yeah, thanks, you know. I'm doing my thing over
- 4 here and I've got a pretty good system. And I
- 5 actually thought it's hard to change systems, so,
- 6 I mean, it makes sense.
- 7 Q. Do you know whether he was getting help
- 8 from anyone in connection with the DenSco
- 9 business?
- 10 A. I don't know that anybody -- I guess
- 11 the only people I knew affiliated -- that were
- 12 affiliated with the business were Denny and his
- 13 attorney David, and like on an ongoing basis.
- 14 Q. A comment has been made by some
- 15 investors that Denny was really careful with his
- 16 money, and some might call him cheap. Did you see
- 17 that evidenced anywhere or do you have any opinion
- 18 about that?
- MR. STURR: Form.
- 20 A. Yeah, I thought he was -- him and I both
- 21 came from a -- my understanding of Denny was that
- 22 we both came from a similar background and a --
- 23 kind of a small town, and money was hard to make
- 24 in kind of rural small-town areas. And he
- 25 respected -- he was wise with his money, so that

- 1 was another thing that we really had in common.
- I mean, I think a lot of guys that
- 3 I ran into in our business were particularly
- 4 interested in the show and the flash, and I could
- 5 relate to Denny in, you know, driving an older car
- 6 and just, you know, being a good steward of the
- 7 money as I -- as I had interpreted him to be, you
- 8 know, prior to his death.
- 9 Q. Did he ever talk to you about attorneys'
- 10 fees or complaining about the cost of attorneys?
- 11 A. He did mention that one time I remember,
- 12 or that I thought of.
- 13 Q. What do you remember?
- 14 A. Well, I couldn't remember if it was in
- 15 an E-mail or a discussion. I mean, I'm hoping it
- 16 was an E-mail, but he -- you know, he just said --
- 17 when we had discussed -- I don't specifically
- 18 remember what it was in relation to, but something
- 19 like I'm paying them so damn much money they
- 20 better do it type of thing.
- 21 Q. You don't remember what it related to?
- 22 A. I don't. And I don't even specifically
- 23 remember -- you know, it was a -- it was something
- 24 I thought of that -- you know, I can't put -- it
- 25 just stood out because I could relate. That's how

- 1 I feel about all attorneys. They're paid a lot of
- 2 money, so they should do a good job.
- 3 Q. There were a couple of occasions where
- 4 I saw in the documents where you had referred
- 5 individuals to David Beauchamp. Do you recall
- 6 that?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Do you remember why you referred them?
- 9 A. Well, at the time prior to Denny's
- 10 death, you know, I assumed David was part of --
- 11 seemed to be an instrumental part in the -- in
- 12 this really successful hard money business. So
- 13 these were guys that were interested in the hard
- 14 money business; and in the same fashion that Denny
- 15 opened -- open to dialogue with me about -- was
- open to dialogue with me about the business and
- 17 just was helpful in general, I kind of wanted to
- 18 pay it forward.
- 19 So when guys would call me and say
- 20 how do you do this or what about this or do you
- 21 know anybody that does this, prior to Denny's
- 22 death I would say, you know what, if you really
- 23 want to get into the weeds on it, call the -- you
- 24 know, Denny's attorney. This guy's a great hard
- 25 money lender for 15 plus years.

1 Q. Do you recall actually reaching out to

- 2 David Beauchamp at some point to have him do or
- 3 provide you legal services or give you legal
- 4 advice?
- 5 A. I do remember contacting him and as
- 6 part of our diligence in considering starting a
- 7 business, a hard money lending business.
- 8 Q. And was the hard money lending business
- 9 what ended up being Kayak?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. And had you reached out to David
- 12 Beauchamp because you had gained a favorable
- 13 impression of him?
- 14 A. Well, I had -- I reached out to him on
- 15 the advice of Denny who said call David. He's --
- 16 he can help you do that or he'll be able to answer
- 17 questions about that.
- 18 Q. Do you recall Denny ever sharing with
- 19 you any of his views or opinions of David
- 20 Beauchamp at any time?
- 21 A. I don't. I just remember the fact that
- 22 I think that if I had a positive view of David, it
- 23 wasn't because Denny said this is an amazing guy.
- 24 It was just that Denny associated with him
- 25 regularly, and I knew he was involved in the

- 1 business, in Denny's business; so that's where I
- 2 gleaned that -- you know, my thoughts about David,
- 3 initial thoughts.
- 4 Q. We'll see these documents later in your
- 5 deposition, but do you recall that after Denny's
- 6 death you communicated with David Beauchamp with
- 7 respect to trying to pay off monies that were due
- 8 on loans DenSco had made to you?
- 9 A. I do.
- 10 Q. Was he helpful to you in that regard?
- 11 A. He was.
- 12 Q. You know, sitting here today, do you
- 13 have any complaints about David Beauchamp or his
- 14 law firm based on your experiences?
- 15 A. Well, I have one observation that sticks
- 16 with me about David after coming to full light on
- 17 the events that transpired and Denny's death and
- 18 then the things I learned afterward, and that is I
- 19 just thought it was in retrospect -- and it seemed
- 20 a little odd at the time; but after Denny's death
- 21 David hopped right in there, you know, was very
- 22 proactive, got involved, but was particular -- and
- 23 I believe it's even in an E-mail, but then also in
- 24 conversations I had with him or he had with other
- 25 investors, my understanding is, I mean, was just

1 very, hey, this -- receivers are a terrible thing.

- 2 You guys do not want a receiver in here. They eat
- 3 up all the money.
- 4 And I'm not exaggerating this
- 5 at all. And in hindsight you're going, yeah,
- 6 that kind of makes sense, I guess, based on
- 7 the knowledge I've gleaned of the overall
- 8 circumstances that led up to and --
- 9 But he was just that's kind of
- 10 like -- and I think if the guy had -- was sitting
- 11 there truly giving the investors the best advice,
- 12 he'd probably say let's get a receiver in here
- 13 right away. This is -- this is not a one-man job.
- 14 But alternatively, his professional legal advice
- 15 was, guys, we'll work through this. You'll end up
- 16 getting a lot more of your money back if I'm
- 17 running this. A receiver is the last thing in the
- 18 world that -- you won't get any of your -- you
- 19 know, you'll get a lot less money back.
- 20 So I look at that conversation and
- 21 kind of that -- the couple months that transpired
- 22 after Denny's death and David's involvement now
- 23 as somewhat curious as to what he was advising
- 24 everybody to do.
- Q. Did you actually have a conversation

1 with David or are you talking about the E-mails

- 2 that were sent to the investors?
- 3 A. There were E-mails, and then there
- 4 were -- to my recollection, I was on at least one
- 5 phone call with a couple other investors with
- 6 David and possibly Denny's sister after Denny's
- 7 death.
- 8 Q. Are you referring to Shawna Heuer?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you recall that Shawna Heuer was the
- 11 personal representative for Chittick's estate?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you ever have any communications
- 14 with Robert Koehler?
- 15 A. I believe he was on a conference call
- 16 with me. I don't know that I E-mailed him about
- 17 it. Like I said, I think it -- I had like a nine-
- 18 month-old or a year-old kid at home and a -- when
- 19 this was all going down and then a three- -- a
- 20 three- or four-year-old also, so I was --
- 21 People wanted to get -- to be
- 22 involved and discuss it and talk it through, and
- 23 I in general had just made the quick decision to
- 24 focus my energy on my family, because I didn't
- 25 feel like I could run parallel paths of being

1 extremely involved in the DenSco thing and being

- 2 a good dad and husband, so I -- it was too
- 3 distracting.
- 4 Q. So you were not that actively involved
- 5 in monitoring what was going on at DenSco after
- 6 Denny's death?
- 7 A. Not nearly as active as I could have
- 8 been.
- 9 Q. But you do recall that there was a
- 10 communication with David Beauchamp about receivers
- 11 being expensive; is that right?
- 12 A. Right.
- Q. What specifically do you remember him
- 14 saying, if you can recall?
- 15 A. Well, if I remember correctly, it was
- 16 something to the effect of that -- he may have
- 17 even cited some study, where if a receiver's
- involved, then plaintiffs -- plaintiffs end up
- 19 recovering 40 percent of the money and -- you
- 20 know, it was something to that effect. I mean,
- 21 we were just -- he was really -- you know, made it
- 22 a point to have us understand that, man, this is --
- 23 let's get our arms around this, and a receiver is
- 24 probably not the best path if you actually want
- 25 to get money back.

1 Q. Do you remember having any discussions

- 2 with him about getting a forensic accountant
- 3 involved to look at DenSco and what had happened
- 4 with all the money?
- 5 A. I think I do remember that. I do.
- 6 Q. And do you recall that the Arizona
- 7 Corporation Commission got involved fairly quickly
- 8 after Mr. Chittick's death?
- 9 A. I do.
- 10 Q. And, of course, you know that the
- 11 Corporation Commission then sought the appointment
- 12 of the receiver. Do you recall that?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So other than the comment that David
- 15 made about the receivers being expensive, any
- 16 other criticism or complaint you have about him
- 17 or his law firm sitting here today?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Let's go back to these documents. I'm
- 20 going to skip the next one, which is -- I guess
- 21 Debbie has got it in front of her, but we're going
- 22 to skip that one, 74978; and then let's go to the
- 23 next one, which is 65142.
- MR. DeWULF: Do you have that,
- 25 Debbie?

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1 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
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- 2 MR. DeWULF: All right. Let's mark
- 3 that then. I guess that's two -- is that going
- 4 to be 237?
- 5 MR. STURR: Seven.
- 6 MR. DeWULF: I'm sorry, 737?
- 7 THE COURT REPORTER: 737.
- MR. DeWULF: Got it.
- 9 (Exhibit 737 was marked for
- 10 identification by the reporter.)
- 11 Q. All right. So, Barry, let me just ask
- 12 you about this. I was just confused. There is a
- 13 communication from your brother Landon with a copy
- 14 to you, or to you and Denny, where you say, "Here
- 15 you do, Denny. This is the one that is being
- 16 vested in DenSco Investment Corp. It's through
- 17 John. Thanks again for all of your help."
- 18 And then he writes back again on
- 19 February 14, 2013, "Ok, call me, walk me through
- 20 oh you see this" -- must be "how you see this
- 21 working."
- Do you know what this refers to?
- 23 A. It looks like it refers to a house on
- 24 Redwing.
- 25 Q. How would it vest in DenSco?

- 1 A. I believe it was a trustee sale.
- Q. But when I use, when I see the word
- 3 "vested," I'm thinking someone might be gaining
- 4 title; but DenSco wasn't getting title, was it?
- 5 A. I don't recall if DenSco was on the
- 6 title or not. I remember the intention on this
- 7 was ultimately to own that house as a primary
- 8 residence.
- 9 Q. Let me ask you, do you recall how DenSco
- 10 protected itself when a trustee sale was involved
- in terms of recording documents to make sure it
- 12 had a first position lien?
- 13 A. I do.
- Q. What do you recall about that?
- 15 A. I remember he would fund the trustee,
- 16 fund the loan and simultaneously record a one-page
- 17 mortgage document. That was kind of a notice of
- 18 mortgage that would show up on title. And then he
- 19 would wait for -- and then I quess I don't -- I
- 20 knew he did that, and then after the -- you know,
- 21 he would record the -- after the deed had made
- it into the borrower's name, he would record
- 23 the actual full deed of trust and other loan
- 24 documents.
- 25 Q. So to make sure that nobody else got in

- 1 superior position to the deed of trust, he
- 2 recorded this one-page mortgage document to put
- 3 everyone on notice between the time the sale was
- 4 completed and the deed of trust was recorded?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Let's look at the next -- well, let's
- 7 skip the balance sheet, which is the next document
- 8 in that grouping, the balance sheet with income
- 9 statement; and then let's go to the next document
- 10 which is stamped 65755.
- 11 (Exhibit 738 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 13 Q. Are you there, Barry?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So at the bottom of that first page --
- 16 well, let's look at the second. Go back to that.
- 17 Are you looking at the same thing I am? Is it
- 18 dated April 4 -- or April 8, 2013, at the top of
- 19 that first page?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. All right. If you look at the second
- 22 page of that, it looks like you're asking for
- 23 Denny to fund you on a purchase of a property for
- 24 about 200,000?
- 25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And you're asking on the 8th, and then

- 2 he asks you on the first page, "Who is the escrow
- 3 company? Am I wiring to you or them?"
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So this would tell us that at least he's
- 7 willing to wire you money directly as opposed to
- 8 through an escrow or title company; right?
- 9 MR. MURPHY: I object to the extent
- 10 it calls for speculation.
- 11 A. I would have read that as just his dry
- 12 sense of humor. I mean, it didn't even really --
- 13 Q. All right.
- 14 A. He had never done that with me, and I
- 15 just wasn't on the radar at all.
- 16 Q. And so then you respond, "Wire to them,"
- 17 which is the title company. And then he sends you
- 18 the documents, the loan documents; right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. Then let's look at the next document,
- 21 which is a limited liability resolution.
- MR. DeWULF: It's stamped 70883,
- 23 Ryan.
- 24 (Exhibit 739 was marked for
- 25 identification by the reporter.)

- 1 0. This is a resolution for one of the
- 2 entities through which you bought residential
- 3 properties in Arizona?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And were you providing this to DenSco to
- 6 reflect that you and your brother were authorized
- 7 to sign on their behalf?
- 8 A. I just have the document, but it -- I
- 9 provided this to numerous title companies and, you
- 10 know, to Denny, I'm sure.
- 11 Q. Let's skip the next document; and then
- 12 let's go to the document after that, which is
- 13 66043 dated May 3, 2013.
- 14 (Exhibit 740 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 16 Q. If we just look at the first page of
- 17 that, Barry, together --
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. -- you say, "We just got one from Eric
- 20 @ Buy Arizona Foreclose -- Buy AZ Foreclosures."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Does this mean you were actually -- were
- 24 you buying a property directly from another buyer?
- 25 A. From, yeah, a wholesaler.

1 Q. Did you ever work through any parties

- 2 that bid for you at trustee sales?
- 3 A. Less than a handful of times. I think
- 4 literally two or three times.
- 5 Q. Did you ever have any dealings with a
- 6 guy named Luigi Amoroso?
- 7 A. Never. He was another name I hadn't
- 8 heard until after Denny's death.
- 9 Q. The comment back to you from Denny
- 10 Chittick, again on May 2nd, is, "I'm going to
- 11 check with Eric."
- 12 So he apparently knows Eric. Do you
- 13 recall that?
- 14 A. Yeah. I mean, that would make sense
- 15 he --
- 16 Q. Then he finishes, "So we need to make
- 17 sure we've got clear title and nothing hanging out
- 18 there."
- 19 Was that always a concern -- well,
- 20 did you discuss with Denny the importance of
- 21 getting clear title on properties?
- 22 A. I think we both had a clear
- 23 understanding that that was critical to him
- 24 lending on it or me buying it.
- Q. I mean, that's fundamental from a hard

1 money model standpoint, right, is that the title

- 2 is clear for the buyer and the lender?
- 3 A. Exactly.
- 4 Q. And is that title clear meaning that
- 5 there are no superior liens on the property as
- 6 well?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Let's skip the next documents. And
- 9 the document after that I'm not going to have
- 10 marked. I just want to ask a quick question. It
- 11 relates to a MOMS meeting. Do you recall there
- 12 being MOMS meetings that were organized by Denny
- 13 Chittick?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And did you attend any of those?
- 16 A. I think maybe three to five.
- 17 Q. What went on at those meetings, do you
- 18 recall?
- 19 A. Denny would give an update, share his
- 20 thoughts on the market. And there was typically
- 21 some food, and we would hang out with other guys.
- 22 You know, there would be a handful of investors
- 23 that were -- at the time, I thought, were very
- 24 active real estate investors in Phoenix, and I
- 25 thought they were doing the same thing my brother

- 1 and I were doing.
- 2 Q. Do you remember any of those folks who
- 3 attended those meetings you attended?
- 4 A. Yeah, yes.
- 5 Q. Any names?
- 6 A. I remember Kevin Potempa being there,
- 7 and Jacob Garcia was at one that I was at. As
- 8 I -- oh, and Miller Blackford. He's an Iowa guy
- 9 also.
- 10 Q. All right. Let's go to the next
- 11 document, and let's mark it as an exhibit. It's
- 12 69921.
- MR. DeWULF: Is that 740, Debbie?
- 14 THE COURT REPORTER: It's 741.
- MR. DeWULF: Oh, 741, okay.
- 16 (Exhibit 741 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 18 Q. So I just want to -- why don't you look
- 19 at this real quickly, and I'm going to ask you a
- 20 couple questions about it.
- 21 Barry, I'm showing you 741. Denny
- 22 in his comment to you on the bottom of the first
- 23 page -- again, this is dated May 28; Tuesday,
- 24 May 28, 2013 -- he says, "I feel better and sleep
- 25 better knowing you owe me more than 50,000 a

1 month, because I look at this this way, you owe

- 2 me \$4.5 million!"
- Was there a point in time where you
- 4 and your brother through your entities owed DenSco
- 5 on loans around \$4 1/2 million?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you were paying monthly interest of
- 8 approximately 50,000 a month?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Let's look at the next document in that
- 11 stack. It's 742, and I'll just -- Debbie will
- 12 mark it for you.
- 13 (Exhibit 742 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 15 Q. So let me just ask, this references a
- 16 loss of loan docs, that Denny Chittick can't find
- 17 the documents that relate to a loan that he made
- 18 to you even though I think he has sent the wiring
- 19 of the monies. Do you recall this occurring in
- 20 June of 2013?
- 21 A. I don't specifically remember this.
- I actually think I do remember this
- 23 now that I see he was on vacation.
- Q. So let's look at the top of that second
- 25 page, Barry. On June 10, 2013, it says, "Docs

- 1 attached, instructions requested, wire sent."
- 2 So would this indicate to you that
- 3 he does not have the documents yet but he's wiring
- 4 the money?
- 5 A. One correction. Insurance requested is
- 6 what that -- it's not instructions, so insurance.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. But the -- yes, it would.
- 9 Q. Would it be fair to say that at some
- 10 point in time you and Denny grew to trust each
- 11 other so you knew that each of you would cover the
- 12 formalities of the loan even if it wasn't done
- 13 immediately?
- 14 A. To a degree. There's -- when he's
- 15 sending wires, he's sending them to a Chicago
- 16 Title, for example, so it's not coming in for me
- 17 to go spend. So there's -- it's not uncommon in
- 18 the lending business if you know by necessity
- 19 to occasionally send a wire prior to -- to a
- 20 title company prior to getting the executed docs
- 21 back.
- 22 Q. But if you're going what's called
- 23 outside of title, then the escrow agent or the
- 24 title agent wouldn't know to finalize the loan
- 25 docs in connection with releasing the money;

- 1 right?
- 2 A. Actually, that's -- I don't believe this
- 3 was outside of title.
- 4 O. Okay. But in those instances where that
- 5 happens, you're trusting one another that the loan
- 6 docs will get executed maybe after the money is
- 7 wired in; right?
- 8 MR. MURPHY: I object to form of the
- 9 question.
- 10 A. I don't know if he circled back in with
- 11 a final authorization to release or not; but,
- 12 you know, if Denny sent loan docs over, I would --
- 13 you know, I would send them back, execute them and
- 14 send them back.
- 15 O. Let's skip the next documents and the
- 16 next one after that and the next one after that
- 17 and the next one after that, and let's look at
- 18 what is stamped 71208.
- 19 (Exhibit 743 was marked for
- 20 identification by the reporter.)
- 21 MR. DeWULF: Is that 743, Debbie?
- THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
- 23 Q. So I just want to look at this really
- 24 quickly with you. Halfway down the page, Barry,
- 25 there's an E-mail from you dated November 6, 2013.

1 It says, "Thanks again for chatting with me about

- 2 this business, Denny. You've been a significant
- 3 part of our success over the past eight years, and
- 4 we appreciate your all your help along the way!"
- 5 Let me just ask, what are you
- 6 referring to where you've said he's been a
- 7 significant part of your success?
- 8 A. I mean, he was -- from the background I
- 9 came from, money was hard to come by, and I didn't
- 10 have a big network of high net-worth individuals.
- 11 And the fact that Denny would lend us money
- 12 enabled us to be successful. There's no way I
- 13 could have bought and sold that many houses
- 14 without a private money lender.
- Q. And so when you're saying "help along
- 16 the way, " you're really referring to help in the
- 17 form of funds that allow you to purchase
- 18 properties?
- 19 A. I believe so. Oh, absolutely. When I
- 20 discuss the past eight years, yeah, that's -- I'm
- 21 referring to AZ Home Buyer and HomeBuyer Group,
- 22 and I'm talking about, hey, just giving me some
- 23 money so I can get these properties.
- MR. DeWULF: All right. So let's
- 25 skip the next document, Debbie. Let's skip the

1 next document, and then let's mark the document

- 2 that's stamped 69131.
- 3 (Exhibit 744 was marked for
- 4 identification by the reporter.)
- 5 Q. So, Barry, just this is a short E-mail
- 6 back and forth. You're saying to Denny Chittick
- 7 on January 8, 2014, "Any word from Beauchamp if
- 8 Obama has put us out of business yet?"
- 9 Do you know what that's referring
- 10 to?
- 11 A. Yeah. I think -- well, two things. In
- 12 my discussions with Beauchamp and Denny, you know,
- 13 it's my understanding that he was a fairly -- that
- 14 he had some specific involvement with regulators
- and the state of Arizona, AZDFI and things like
- 16 that, that would affect our business. So on that
- 17 basis my question to Denny was, hey, with this --
- 18 I was basically asking if Beauchamp had any idea,
- 19 any word of new regulatory requirements that
- 20 would -- you know, may affect us as lenders.
- 21 Q. All right. And then he indicates back,
- 22 again on January 8, 2014, "I actually have a
- 23 meeting with him tomorrow at 10."
- 24 Did you ever learn about what
- 25 happened at that meeting?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 0. This was about the time when the
- 3 information about Scott Menaged and his borrowings
- 4 from DenSco was being shared with his lawyers.
- 5 And I know I asked you earlier, and you said that
- 6 you didn't know anything about Menaged until after
- 7 Denny Chittick's death. Let me ask a broader
- 8 question. Did you ever learn from Denny Chittick
- 9 before his death that he was having problems with
- 10 any of his lender -- any of his borrowers?
- 11 A. I never had an idea.
- 12 O. So let's look at the next document.
- 13 It's Exhibit -- we'll mark it 745, and it's Bates
- 14 stamped at the bottom 69097.
- 15 (Exhibit 745 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 17 Q. Barry, I'm showing you 745; and let me
- 18 just ask you, it looks like your first E-mail to
- 19 Denny Chittick is on the second page, January 15,
- 20 2014. You say, "Do you have 200 for me Friday if
- 21 I need it? I'll know in 30 minutes."
- You're asking for 200,000; right?
- 23 A. Right.
- Q. And this is Wednesday, January 15. And
- 25 you're asking whether he would be able to fund you

- 1 two days later?
- 2 A. I believe so, yes.
- 3 Q. And then if you look at the first page
- 4 of this document, he indicates, yes, that he
- 5 would be able to fund. And then you get back to
- 6 him on the 15th; 2014, January 15, "Great! Kim
- 7 has already drawn docs, and I think seller is
- 8 literally signing right now, so let's fund outside
- 9 of escrow. 200K, COE Friday."
- 10 Did I read that correctly?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And then he writes you back, "Get me
- 13 details."
- So you would have to get him details
- 15 about where to wire the funds and that kind of
- 16 thing?
- 17 A. Yeah. I don't know -- you know, I would
- 18 guess he would have wanted the purchase price and
- 19 the, you know, wire instructions and the evidence
- 20 of insurance.
- 21 Q. But I'm mainly asking about this
- 22 document to illustrate a point, and that is that
- 23 your relationship with Denny Chittick, at least as
- 24 of this point in time, was one where you could ask
- 25 for money with a pretty short fuse, and he would

1 make an effort and turn around so he could get

- 2 money to you to meet whatever your needs were;
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Yeah. A Wednesday to a Friday close is
- 5 actually not -- relative to the layman seems like
- 6 a quick close, but 48 hours is not that untypical
- 7 in this -- in the hard money lending and real
- 8 estate investor world. But, yeah, I could
- 9 definitely contact him and -- on a Wednesday; and
- 10 if he had money, we could do a deal on Friday.
- 11 But this -- one other thing to point
- 12 out, this is literally the exact thing I'm talking
- 13 about when you read, "Great! Kim has already
- 14 drawn docs. The seller is signing right now, so
- 15 let's fund outside of escrow." Exactly, so -- and
- 16 this is what I'm talking about where, hey, I got
- 17 one Wednesday. The seller is signing all this
- 18 stuff. We don't want to have him re-sign it, so
- 19 just send it direct to escrow without getting on
- 20 the settlement statement.
- 21 Q. Understood.
- Do you remember whether you did
- 23 anything with Denny Chittick on a shorter time
- 24 fuse than 48 hours?
- 25 A. It would not surprise me at all if we

- 1 did some on a shorter 24-hour time frame.
- 2 Q. All right. Let's skip the next
- 3 document, and the document after that I'm not
- 4 going to have marked as a document, but it
- 5 references a DenSco dinner party. Do you recall
- 6 ever going to DenSco dinner parties?
- 7 A. I went to one.
- 8 Q. Was any business done at those or was it
- 9 strictly social?
- 10 A. It was strictly social.
- 11 Q. All right. Let's skip that document,
- 12 and let's go on to the -- let's skip the next one
- 13 after that. Let's skip the next one after that,
- 14 and let's go to -- let's skip the one after that.
- 15 Skip the one after that. Let's skip the one after
- 16 that. Skip the one after that. Skip the one
- 17 after that.
- 18 Let's go to what's stamped 71948 and
- 19 mark that as an exhibit.
- 20 (Exhibit 746 was marked for
- 21 identification by the reporter.)
- Q. Do you have that, Barry?
- A. Yes, yes.
- MR. DeWULF: I think that's 746?
- THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

1 Q. Let me just ask, this series of E-mails

- 2 which occur on April 8, 2014, reference Denny
- 3 Chittick's bank account at Bank of America being
- 4 shut down. Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did Denny share with you what happened
- 7 with regard to that bank account?
- 8 A. No, he didn't.
- 9 Q. This E-mail that's from Denny to you on
- 10 the 8th references that "B of A has closed my
- 11 account because of suspicious large dollar
- 12 transactions in and out on a regular basis."
- Do you remember anything about that?
- 14 A. I remember getting this E-mail, and I
- 15 had actually previously worked with B of A. They
- 16 had all my business accounts, and I switched
- 17 because they -- to FirstBank because they were so
- 18 hard to work with. So when I saw this, I just
- 19 thought, God, it's about time. They, you know,
- 20 are terrible over there. So that's really what I
- 21 read into this.
- Of course, in hindsight now anyone
- 23 switching bank accounts -- my Advantage IRA guy
- 24 switched bank accounts, banks, like a year ago;
- 25 and I was so paranoid about it you wouldn't

- 1 believe it. So I realize now there should be a
- 2 red -- could have been a red flag, but at the time
- 3 I thought, yeah, they're terrible. I switched --
- 4 had to switch a couple years ago.
- 5 Q. Did you introduce him to another bank in
- 6 Arizona?
- 7 A. I called my banker to introduce him; and
- 8 by the time I did make the introduction, he had
- 9 been introduced to a different person at FirstBank
- 10 through another investor. So while, you know, I
- 11 saw it as an opportunity to help Denny and connect
- 12 him with a good banker, by the time I had made the
- 13 contact at the bank I wanted to plug him in with,
- 14 he had already spoken with another branch manager
- 15 somewhere else in the FirstBank network.
- 16 Q. All right. Let's skip the next
- 17 documents. Let's mark this next document which is
- 18 71397.
- 19 (Exhibit 747 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 21 Q. Barry, I want to focus your attention on
- the middle of this first page. On May 7, 2014,
- 23 you're writing Denny Chittick, and you say, "Hard
- 24 money people jack me around all day, and then I've
- 25 got this extra spreadsheet over here called AZ

1 Home Buyer that my brother constantly jumps on and

- 2 destroys my cash flow. Thanks for your help!"
- What are you referring to there?
- 4 A. Oh. Well, I'm talking about trying to
- 5 balance -- trying to have capital available for
- 6 the purchases for AZ Home Buyer that show up last
- 7 minute. Like we just saw a purchase contract
- 8 comes in Wednesday for AZ Home Buyer and we've got
- 9 to have the money Friday, so I was talking about
- 10 having to manage cash flow.
- 11 Q. And so "Hard money people jack me
- 12 around, " do you know who you're referring to
- 13 there?
- 14 A. Oh, yeah, that was -- so let me see.
- 15 2014 I was -- had two businesses. One was AZ Home
- 16 Buyer, the real estate investment business, and
- 17 the other was Kayak Capital, the hard money
- 18 lending business. And so when I said "Hard money
- 19 people jack me around, my -- we typically -- we
- 20 would utilize our own personal capital to make
- 21 loans through Kayak Capital, but we would also use
- 22 it to buy homes with AZ Home Buyer, just our own
- 23 money.
- 24 And when I said hard people -- "Hard
- 25 money people jack me around all day, " I think what

- 1 I'm talking about is probably that I'm having
- 2 trouble managing the cash -- you know, cash flow
- 3 between the two companies.
- 4 Q. All right. So let's skip the next
- 5 document, and I'm going to ask you about 66437.
- 6 (Exhibit 748 was marked for
- 7 identification by the reporter.)
- 8 Q. Showing you 748, you ask at the bottom
- 9 to Denny Chittick June 23, 2014, you say, "I'm
- 10 still vetting out a lot of these slow-paying
- 11 assholes, so it may benefit me more than you to
- 12 get this figured out. I would have an attorney
- 13 get the exact verbiage, but have you considered
- 14 putting a paragraph in the note that says
- 15 something like" -- and then you have a quote.
- 16 And then he responds and gives you
- 17 an excerpt from his promissory note. Do you see
- 18 that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And so this was a discussion about how
- 21 to address late fees and the consequence of a
- 22 borrower who is slow in payment?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. This would tell you that Denny knew what
- 25 his documents say and that this was a provision in

1 his promissory note that relates to late payment

- 2 and default; right?
- 3 MR. STURR: Object to form,
- 4 foundation.
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. The next document I'm not going to mark,
- 7 but it references a Chris Hughes. Did you ever do
- 8 any business with a Chris Hughes?
- 9 A. Not that I recall. The name doesn't
- 10 sound familiar to me.
- 11 Q. All right. The next document references
- 12 a Victor, but it doesn't have a last name. Do you
- 13 know what -- did you have a conversation with
- 14 Denny Chittick about an individual with the first
- 15 name Victor? Does that ring a bell?
- 16 A. I don't recall that conversation, no.
- 17 Q. Let's skip the next page. Let's mark
- 18 this next document which is 66821.
- 19 (Exhibit 749 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 21 Q. Barry, the E-mail to Denny Chittick from
- 22 you that starts about halfway down the page is
- 23 dated September 22, 2014. You tell him you're
- 24 closing a deal tomorrow. It's with American Title
- 25 Service Agency. "How about I just get them the

1 funds and have you backfill me? I bought this one

- 2 off the MLS, and it just seems easier to do it
- 3 that way since everyone has already signed
- 4 documents."
- 5 Are you saying here that you're
- 6 going to go ahead and pay for the property but
- 7 then he would loan you money later?
- 8 A. Yes, he would do that.
- 9 Q. And so he responds, "Attached are the
- 10 documents. I'll wire you 250K to you tomorrow."
- 11 So he's agreeing that he's going to
- 12 go ahead and lend you the money. And he's going
- 13 to wire the money tomorrow, and he's sending you
- 14 the documents regarding the loan; right?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 O. Let's look at the next document. Let's
- 17 have it marked, it would be 750, and it's 66848.
- 18 (Exhibit 750 was marked for
- 19 identification by the reporter.)
- 20 Q. So this has to do with checking
- 21 properties out, Barry. And I'm going to read the
- 22 bottom E-mail, your original E-mail to Denny
- 23 Chittick October 1, 2014. "Denny, when you're
- 24 writing a loan in Sun City West or Avondale and
- 25 you don't want to personally drive the properties,

- 1 do you have a good company that swings by and
- 2 takes a few pics for you or are you living off of
- 3 Google Earth and other technology like that?" And
- 4 he responds, "Live off technology."
- 5 So is he saying that in some
- 6 instances he doesn't actually drive by and eyeball
- 7 the properties but rather he relies on Google
- 8 Earth or something on-line?
- 9 MR. STURR: Object to form,
- 10 foundation.
- 11 A. Yeah, I believe that's what he's saying.
- 12 Q. Is that what you recall in some
- 13 instances?
- 14 A. Yeah.
- 15 Q. He would not drive by?
- 16 A. Well, I wouldn't know if he did or did
- 17 not drive by them, but -- you know, I would never
- 18 know that for sure.
- 19 O. Let's look at the next document. Let's
- 20 mark it. It's 58046.
- 21 (Exhibit 751 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 23 Q. This is a document, it's entitled "Loan"
- 24 Processing, and then it has a heading "Steps in
- 25 Loan Funding: " and then down below it has a

1 heading "Steps in Loan Payoff:" Do you recognize

- 2 this document?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Could you identify it for us?
- 5 A. It looks like at some point a draft of,
- 6 you know, my loan processing procedures.
- 7 Q. Do you know if you were sharing your
- 8 loan procedures with Denny Chittick?
- 9 A. I don't recall that. I'm actually
- 10 surprised to see this document here because I
- 11 don't recall sending this over, but it's not un --
- 12 if I did, it doesn't surprise me either.
- 13 Q. And these would be your loan funding
- 14 procedures through Kayak?
- 15 A. This was most likely a draft. I don't
- 16 know. I can't speak to -- it does -- it's not
- 17 dated. I don't see a date that it was attached to
- 18 an E-mail or anything. So this would be -- as I
- 19 said, in the process of starting Kayak Capital,
- 20 you know, we explored and tried to gather
- 21 absolutely as much information as possible and
- 22 then develop extremely great procedures. So this
- 23 was definitely, you know, part of that process.
- 24 O. Over the period of time that you worked
- 25 with Denny Chittick, was he sharing with you the

1 steps that he follows on loan funding and loan

- 2 payoff?
- 3 A. He would. And I was just so familiar
- 4 with him also from being a borrower that, you
- 5 know, he would -- he would answer any questions I
- 6 would ask him, but I knew a lot of it already.
- 7 Q. Based on your experience, were the loan
- 8 funding steps and the loan payoff steps that
- 9 DenSco followed under Denny Chittick consistent
- 10 with the ones you've identified here for Kayak?
- MR. STURR: Object to form.
- 12 Q. Or for, I guess, you as a lender?
- MR. STURR: Form and foundation.
- MR. MURPHY: Same objection.
- 15 A. I don't specifically know his procedure.
- 16 O. It wouldn't be inconsistent with what
- 17 you know, though; right?
- MR. STURR: Object to the form.
- MR. MURPHY: Same objection.
- 20 A. This would be similar to what I would
- 21 expect his procedure to be.
- Q. Let's look at the next document. It's
- 23 stamped 66930.
- 24 (Exhibit 752 was marked for
- 25 identification by the reporter.)

- 1 O. Let me ask to look with you on the
- 2 second page at the bottom, Barry. Your E-mail to
- 3 Denny Chittick dated November 18, 2014, you say,
- 4 "I am lending to an individual, but the EOI has
- 5 his LLC as the insured. I am named as the
- 6 mortgagee. Does it matter that the EOI is under
- 7 his LLC and the DOT is under his personal name?"
- And then he responds to that; right?
- 9 A. Yes. So I would -- it's not uncommon
- 10 for me to take -- if I had questions about the
- 11 lending business, to take a question like this and
- 12 pose it to several different resources as I was
- 13 getting things going.
- 14 Q. And he's telling you basically that the
- 15 title company -- or the insurance company will
- 16 help but you need to make sure that the names
- 17 match up?
- 18 A. Correct, yeah.
- 19 Q. All right. Let's skip the next
- 20 documents. I'm not going to mark the next
- 21 document after that, which is stamped 67000, but
- 22 you're asking him an accounting question. Do you
- 23 recall talking to Denny Chittick about how he kept
- 24 his books as it related to the loans being made?
- 25 A. Would you repeat the question there?

- 1 O. Yeah.
- 2 My question is simply, is this an
- 3 example -- well, does this refresh your memory
- 4 that, in fact, you were also asking Denny for
- 5 advice as it related to how he booked the loans
- 6 that DenSco was making?
- 7 A. Sure, yup, absolutely. I mean, I was
- 8 diligent in approaching many resources to try to
- 9 develop, absolutely, the best business possible,
- 10 so Denny was one of those guys that I posed
- 11 questions like this to. It wasn't exclusive to
- 12 Denny, but definitely I counted him as a resource
- and took his opinion into consideration on things
- 14 like this.
- 0. Okay. Let's skip the next documents,
- 16 and let's mark the next document just so we've got
- it in the record, so that's 67384 is the number.
- 18 (Exhibit 753 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 20 Q. Barry, if you look at the second page of
- 21 this document, there's a reference "I made it to
- 22 Iowa."
- Does this refresh your memory? Do
- 24 you think you would have moved back to Iowa in
- 25 March of 2015?

1 A. Yeah, that looks right. I wouldn't move

- 2 back here in January.
- 3 Q. Or perhaps February or March?
- 4 A. Right, exactly.
- 5 Q. All right. So let's skip the next
- 6 document. We'll skip the next document, and let's
- 7 mark the document that's 67557.
- 8 (Exhibit 754 was marked for
- 9 identification by the reporter.)
- 10 MR. DeWULF: What number, Debbie, is
- 11 that?
- THE COURT REPORTER: 754.
- 13 MR. DeWULF: Thank you.
- Q. So I'm going to be brief on this. The
- 15 middle of that first page Denny Chittick is
- 16 writing you. He says, "Basically I am not
- 17 funding anything. I have three investors that
- 18 for different unrelated reasons asked for 4.5
- 19 million back. I am about halfway through the
- 20 total, so every time I get a close, I am returning
- 21 money and not funding deals."
- Do you recall receiving this E-mail
- 23 on or about June 9, 2015?
- 24 A. Yes, looks familiar.
- 25 Q. Did he ever explain to you the situation

- 1 with these investors?
- 2 A. Never talked about it.
- 3 O. Let's mark the next document. It is
- 4 67572.
- 5 (Exhibit 755 was marked for
- 6 identification by the reporter.)
- 7 Q. Here you're asking Denny Chittick about
- 8 bankruptcy and what might occur if you are --
- 9 well, let me just ask, what are these E-mails
- 10 about?
- 11 A. Okay, I'm going to review it.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Apparently I was approached by a
- 14 gentleman that was currently in bankruptcy that
- 15 was looking for a loan to access some equity he
- 16 had in a property.
- 17 Q. And this had to do with what protection
- 18 you might have if they were to file for
- 19 bankruptcy?
- 20 A. Yup. So anytime I came across a unique
- 21 situation that I hadn't encountered before, I
- 22 always just again researched it and consulted my
- 23 network, and Denny was part of that network. Say,
- 24 well, what's this; what do you think of this,
- 25 what's your opinion and what would you do. So I

1 definitely posed a lot of different questions like

- 2 this to him and other people.
- 3 Q. And did you find that he generally had
- 4 an answer for you?
- 5 A. Yeah, Denny -- consistent with what I
- 6 thought was true, which was he was running a, you
- 7 know, \$50 million fund with hundreds and hundreds
- 8 of outstanding loans at any given time, you know,
- 9 Denny would -- had seen everything, you know, been
- 10 around a long time. And I never threw one -- I
- 11 don't think I ever threw one at him that he hadn't
- 12 seen or -- so he had an opinion on about everything.
- 13 Q. So let's just look at the next document,
- 14 but I'm not going to mark it. June 26, 2015,
- 15 you're thanking Denny for help on your lending
- 16 business. Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Again, recognizing that in setting up
- 19 your business as a lender, he had been a resource
- 20 for you?
- 21 A. Absolutely.
- Q. Let's mark the next document, which is
- 23 67723.
- 24 (Exhibit 756 was marked for
- 25 identification by the reporter.)

- 1 Q. All right. So, Barry, I'm just going to
- 2 ask you really quickly if you would look at the
- 3 second page. Your first E-mail to Denny Chittick
- 4 July 22, 2015, you're saying, "I'd love to use
- 5 that money! I bought this one a few weeks ago,
- 6 and we decided to keep it as a rental instead of
- 7 wholesale it. Have a look and see if you can do.
- 8 We" -- I think it's probably "bought the hell out
- 9 of it at 115K, but I could use 200K if you can
- 10 swing it. I know that's not typical, but this
- is the deepest buy we've had in over a year.
- 12 Anything will do, though. Thanks for your help!"
- What are you asking for there, do
- 14 you recall?
- 15 A. Yeah, I'm asking for a \$200,000 loan on
- 16 that property.
- 17 Q. And a \$200,000 loan on a property that
- 18 you purchased at 115,000?
- 19 A. Yeah. That's not un -- I mean, it's not
- 20 uncommon. We wouldn't have bought it if it didn't
- 21 have a lot of equity, so at that -- when I look at
- 22 that, I think I reference in there it was a heck
- 23 of a buy.
- Q. So typically then Denny would have to
- 25 make a determination of whether he could lend the

1 money at 200,000 and have sufficient equity in the

- 2 property to protect him in the event there was a
- 3 default; right?
- 4 A. Correct. I think it's worth noting that
- 5 this is a property we already owned, so it wasn't
- 6 a -- I wasn't getting cash out at a closing.
- 7 This is one we owned, and I was asking for a
- 8 cash-out refi.
- 9 Q. Understand.
- 10 All right. Let me, I'm going to
- 11 blow through some of these documents, so skip the
- 12 next documents. Skip the next document. Skip the
- 13 next document. Skip the next document. Let's go
- 14 to the questionnaire, the prospective purchaser
- 15 questionnaire, which is 67942.
- 16 (Exhibit 757 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 18 Q. Do you have it?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And this does not bear your signature,
- 21 but do you recall filling out a prospective
- 22 purchaser questionnaire in connection with
- 23 becoming an investor with DenSco?
- 24 A. I don't specifically recall filling this
- 25 out. That's not to say that I didn't, but I don't

- 1 recall it.
- 2 Q. Do you recall that you needed to be an
- 3 accredited investor in order to invest in DenSco?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And did you later create a company to
- 6 serve as a lender where you took investors?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And was that Kayak or was that some
- 9 other entity?
- 10 A. That's Kayak Capital.
- 11 Q. All right. I'm going to again move
- 12 through these. Let's skip the next page. This
- 13 next document I'm not going to mark, but it's you
- 14 asking questions about how to charge interest on
- 15 a loan. Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And what date you note. And so again,
- 18 Denny Chittick is advising you as to when interest
- 19 ought to start running in connection with when the
- 20 funds are wired?
- 21 A. Correct. He was part of the -- part of
- 22 my process to gather information on that kind of
- 23 thing.
- Q. Let's skip the next documents. This is
- 25 a subscription agreement is the next document.

- 1 Let's mark it. And it is 486027.
- 2 (Exhibit 758 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 4 Q. And is this a subscription agreement
- 5 dated November 30, 2015, for the investment by BLL
- 6 Capital LLC in DenSco?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 O. Let's mark the next document in that
- 9 stack. That will be 759, and it is Bates stamped
- 10 68133.
- 11 (Exhibit 759 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 13 Q. Do you have that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So let me just ask, if you look down
- 16 about two-thirds of the way down the page, you
- 17 say, "Hey, Denny, here are the subscription
- 18 documents." Then you go on and you say, "I would
- 19 like to roll the interest. Also, please send me
- 20 the PPM so I can throw it in my file as well."
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And then he indicates that he's
- 24 forwarded it to you?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. He's attached the PPM?
- 2 So then let's keep looking at that
- 3 E-mail, and you say, "I also wanted to follow up
- 4 on our discussion a few weeks ago about succession
- 5 planning for DenSco and our interest in being a
- 6 part of that."
- 7 Do you recall talking to Denny about
- 8 you and/or your brother involving yourself in
- 9 acquiring DenSco at some point in time?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. What do you remember about that?
- 12 A. Well, they were pretty one-sided
- 13 conversations. It was my interest to potentially
- 14 acquire what at the time I thought was an
- 15 extremely successful business, and I knew Denny
- 16 was at an age and perceived him to be at a wealth
- 17 level that he could retire any day.
- 18 So I would bring it up occasionally,
- 19 and it wouldn't go much further than, hey, well,
- 20 let's talk about this in five or seven years or
- 21 when the boys are out of high school or, you know,
- 22 there was always something down the road.
- 23 So the interest wasn't there; but
- 24 the last thing, I just wanted to be sure that
- 25 if -- some day I didn't wake up and find out Denny

1 had sold the company to somebody else. I wanted

- 2 to kind of be on the top of that list of guys he
- 3 calls if he ever does sell it.
- 4 Q. And so here he's saying that it's going
- 5 to be at least six or seven years out before he's
- 6 going to actually think about a succession plan or
- 7 actually try to accomplish one.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Is that what you're reading that to be?
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. Let's skip the next document. Let's go
- 12 to what are form statements. And the first one is
- 13 stamped 19148. And then let's mark the next one
- 14 too. Let's mark them both, if we could.
- 15 (Exhibits 760 and 761 were marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- 17 MR. DeWULF: So are those 760 and
- 18 761?
- THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
- 20 Q. And is this a reflection of the
- 21 investment that you made into DenSco, you and your
- 22 brother? Or, I'm sorry, you through BLL Capital?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Let's skip the next document. Let's
- 25 skip the next document, but do you recall getting

- 1 a newsletter periodically from DenSco?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What would the newsletter typically tell
- 4 you?
- 5 A. I really read it just a handful of
- 6 times, but it was market information and his
- 7 general take on global issues and local issues and
- 8 things like that. We had our own -- I felt like I
- 9 was -- the things Denny covered I felt comfortable
- 10 that we had an extremely in-depth knowledge of
- 11 typically, and I didn't feel like there was much
- 12 to gain from reading those given what I already
- 13 understood and my propensity to stay connected to
- 14 the news at that time.
- 15 Q. All right. So we're looking now at 762,
- 16 which is Bates stamped 68415.
- 17 (Exhibit 762 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 19 Q. And at the top of the first page this is
- 20 Denny Chittick referencing this mortgage document
- 21 that he records in order to preserve his position
- 22 so that he can get a first deed of trust in
- 23 connection with a trustee's sale; correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 MR. STURR: John, I'm sorry, did we

- 1 mark this?
- MR. DeWULF: 762, and it's Bates
- 3 stamped 68415.
- 4 MR. STURR: Got it.
- 5 Q. All right. Then let's skip the next
- 6 document. Skip the next document. Skip the next
- 7 documents. Let's skip the next document. Mark
- 8 this next document, which is 7124. Actually, let's
- 9 not. Let's skip it.
- 10 I think let me just -- you testified
- 11 or you talked earlier, Barry, about the fact that
- 12 you actually conferred with David Beauchamp at
- 13 some point in time about the business of Kayak
- 14 Capital?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. And potentially using him as a counsel
- in connection with doing a private placement and
- 18 complying with mortgage licensing laws in Arizona?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And I think on the mortgage licensing
- 21 issues you also referred a couple of your business
- 22 associates to Mr. Beauchamp?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And was that in 2016, do you recall?
- 25 A. I believe it was. I always referred

1 guys when I felt like they were getting -- asking

- 2 beyond what is common knowledge into legal advice.
- 3 Q. Understood.
- 4 Let's skip the next two, the next
- 5 one after that. Skip the next one after that, the
- 6 next one after that. Skip the next one after
- 7 that. Let's look at 68653.
- 8 (Exhibit 763 was marked for
- 9 identification by the reporter.)
- 10 MR. DeWULF: What number is that,
- 11 Debbie?
- THE COURT REPORTER: 763.
- MR. DeWULF: Thank you.
- 14 Q. The E-mail from you on that first page
- 15 about halfway down, you indicate your notary is
- out. This would be a situation where you're
- 17 asking for more time because you're not able to
- 18 get the notarized copies to him yet; is that what
- 19 you're communicating?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And he tells you it's fine to not get
- 22 them to him till the following Monday?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And was this still a situation where you
- 25 were at least in Iowa having your mom notarize

- 1 documents?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 O. And is her name Arlene?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. And if we look at the next document, I'm
- 6 not going to mark it, but there's a discussion
- 7 about whether that's sufficient, and Denny has
- 8 told you that he can record the documents with
- 9 your mother's notarization?
- 10 A. Right. And we also -- you know, through
- 11 other means we also researched that, and that is
- 12 fine.
- 13 Q. So the next document is talking about
- 14 templates for documents, and let me just ask you
- 15 a general question. Was it your experience that
- 16 Denny Chittick had automated his lending practice
- 17 with technology?
- 18 A. I think it was my assumption that he had
- 19 some pretty efficient systems in place to manage
- 20 the amount of money he was managing.
- 21 Q. Let's skip the next documents, skip the
- 22 next documents. Let's mark the next document,
- 23 which is 68731.
- 24 (Exhibit 764 was marked for
- 25 identification by the reporter.)

- 1 Q. All right, Barry, it's a fairly lengthy
- 2 E-mail back and forth. Let me just ask you, the
- 3 E-mail from you that starts at the bottom of the
- 4 first page, it's dated April 5, 2016. The subject
- 5 is "My turn to help you." And in it you're
- 6 talking to him about hiring some help and trying
- 7 to free himself up a little bit. Do you recall
- 8 this E-mail?
- 9 A. Right, yes.
- 10 Q. This is an example of you providing him
- 11 some advice, even though it's unsolicited. And
- 12 you also reference a woman named Lauren. Who is
- 13 Lauren, do you know?
- 14 A. Yeah. She was his -- my understanding
- 15 was she was Denny's niece and -- that's it.
- 16 Q. And he writes back again on April 6th,
- 17 "I understand what you are doing. If it works to
- 18 make you more efficient, then that's great. I've
- 19 got a system that works pretty well. It's not
- 20 like I'm an old dog not willing to learn new
- 21 tricks!"
- So he appreciates the advice, but he
- 23 doesn't necessarily choose to take it; right?
- A. Yes. My wife does that sometimes as
- 25 well.

1 O. Let's look at the next document. Let's

- 2 mark it as an exhibit. So it will be 765, and
- 3 it's Bates stamped 68808.
- 4 (Exhibit 765 was marked for
- 5 identification by the reporter.)
- 6 Q. So here you're proposing in the E-mail
- 7 at the bottom of the page or questioning whether
- 8 it might make sense for you and DenSco to get
- 9 together and do business together or Kayak and
- 10 DenSco doing business together?
- 11 A. Yeah, let me read through this.
- 12 Correct.
- 13 Q. Did anything come out of that?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. He responds, he says, "I" -- and again,
- 16 this is April 29, 2016. "I pay out 12 percent to
- 17 earn 10 wouldn't make sense, nor would what I tell
- 18 my investors would that be allowed."
- 19 So when he says "I pay out 12
- 20 percent, " he's paying his investors 12 percent,
- 21 right, on their money?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. And what you're proposing is you would
- 24 pay him 10 percent, which is less than what he has
- 25 committed to his investors to pay?

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. Then he said, "nor would what I tell my
- 3 investors would that be allowed."
- In other words, he's saying I've
- 5 told my investors through the documents that I'm
- 6 going to do things a certain way, and doing
- 7 something with Kayak wouldn't be kosher with what
- 8 he has said in his PPM?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Did Denny Chittick ever talk to you
- 11 about his disclosures to investors or the need to
- 12 disclose information to investors?
- 13 A. Not that I recall.
- 14 Q. Did he ever say anything like, you know,
- 15 my lawyers are constantly telling me that I need
- 16 to disclose information to the investors when
- 17 things happen?
- 18 A. Not that I can recall.
- 19 O. All right. The next document I'm not
- 20 going to mark, Barry, but it does talk about
- 21 whether you can have a family member notarize.
- 22 Did you conclude that it was all right for your
- 23 mom to notarize documents in Iowa for recording
- in Arizona, even though maybe a family member
- 25 couldn't notarize in Arizona, or what do you

- 1 recall about that?
- 2 A. Let me -- let me see here.
- 3 Q. All right.
- 4 A. Yeah, that's it. I was just having a
- 5 discussion with him about that.
- 6 Q. And did you draw a conclusion it was
- 7 okay to do it the way you're doing it?
- 8 A. Ultimately I did. I remember not
- 9 relying on this to make that final determination.
- 10 Q. All right. Let's mark the next
- 11 document. It will be 766.
- 12 MR. DeWULF: It's 68825, Ryan.
- 13 (Exhibit 766 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 15 Q. 766 appears to be a series of E-mails
- 16 between you and Denny Chittick. They start in
- 17 April 13, and then they pick up on the first page
- 18 in May, early May of 2016. But it appears that
- 19 there were a set of loan documents regarding a
- 20 loan. Specifically appears to be on a Diamond
- 21 Street property. But do you recall there being
- loan documents that were not executed on a loan
- 23 that you did with him, you had to do them later?
- A. That appears to be the case.
- 25 Q. So skip the next documents. Skip the

1 next document. Skip the next document. Skip the

- 2 next document. Let's look at what's Bates stamped
- 3 68916.
- 4 (Exhibit 767 was marked for
- 5 identification by the reporter.)
- 6 Q. In some of these E-mails, and I haven't
- 7 shown you all of them, Denny is really expressing
- 8 stress about trying to maintain all of the loans
- 9 and making sure everything is done. Did he ever
- 10 express that to you, Barry, that he was stressed
- 11 out about all of the money in and out and keeping
- 12 track of everything?
- MR. MURPHY: I object to the form of
- 14 the question.
- 15 A. I don't remember him conveying that or I
- 16 never -- through these E-mails, I mean, I -- I
- 17 never had an impression that that was the case.
- 18 Q. So the first page of Exhibit 767
- 19 starting at halfway down looks like it's
- 20 referencing loaning the money and then signing the
- 21 loan docs, is that a fair summarization, all on
- 22 June 22, 2016?
- 23 A. Yeah. I said I'll -- wire the money in
- 24 the morning, and I said I'll notarize DOT to follow
- 25 in the morning, so yeah.

1 O. Let's look at the next document, which

- 2 is a note, and it's 485892 stamped.
- 3 MR. DeWULF: Be Exhibit 768?
- 4 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
- 5 (Exhibit 768 was marked for
- 6 identification by the reporter.)
- 7 Q. I just want to confirm with you, this
- 8 is a document that's dated June 23, 2016. Do you
- 9 see that, the first page?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And would this be an example of the type
- 12 of note that you would enter into with DenSco? And
- 13 then if you look back farther in this document,
- 14 there's a deed of trust and assignment of rents.
- 15 Would these be examples of the documentation you
- 16 would enter into with him?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And if we look at what is basically the
- 19 fifth page of this document, and it's Bates
- 20 stamped 00485892, this is your signature with your
- 21 mom notarizing it; right?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. And then the next page after that, is
- 24 this an example of what we refer to as a HUD
- 25 statement?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And if we look at the note on the first
- 3 page, it's a six-month note dated June and comes
- 4 due by December 30, 2016. Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And so typically the loans that you were
- 7 taking out from DenSco were six-month loans at
- 8 18 percent interest per annum. Interest payments
- 9 were due every month. The balloon payment on
- 10 principal was due at the end of the six months?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. And in the event of default, interest
- 13 would accrue at 29 percent?
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 Q. Let me ask you just to look at the next
- 16 page, the next document. I don't know if I'm
- 17 going to mark it. In Denny Chittick's E-mail to
- 18 you, at the very top you're referencing HUDs, and
- 19 it says, "When we do these deals where I'm wiring
- 20 in, signing the third-party agreement, HUD is going
- 21 to have to have all the paperwork."
- Is he simply saying that it's good
- 23 to have HUD statements to track all the money? Is
- 24 that what he's saying?
- 25 A. I don't know what he's saying here other

- 1 than that he would like to have the HUD.
- 2 Q. And your E-mail to him that is dated
- 3 June 24, 2016, you ask, "Is there some regulatory
- 4 reason you're keeping these now too?" And I think
- 5 you're referencing the preaudit. Was there any
- 6 regulatory reason or was it simply just keeping
- 7 track of the paperwork?
- 8 A. No, it was just keeping track of the
- 9 paperwork.
- 10 Q. Let's skip the next documents. Skip the
- 11 next document. Let's mark the next document,
- 12 which is 69003.
- 13 (Exhibit 769 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 15 A. Got it.
- 16 Q. All right. I think I just want to focus
- 17 you on the bottom of that first page. It's
- 18 Chittick's E-mail to you July 18, 2016. He says,
- 19 "I'm still trying to figure out cash."
- 20 And we now know, obviously -- this
- 21 is July 18, 2016. And so in reconstructing the
- 22 chronology of DenSco, there are lots of problems
- and issues going on at the company, but do you
- 24 recall in July of 2016 Denny relating to you in
- 25 any way any problems he had with cash or the

- 1 ability to lend money or anything?
- 2 A. I do not.
- 3 Q. And it looks like in this case he was
- 4 able to wire you the money you were asking for;
- 5 right?
- 6 Oh, I'm sorry, let me rephrase that.
- 7 I'm looking at this -- forget it. Forget that
- 8 question. I think it ended up being you didn't
- 9 need the money. All right. Let's go to the next
- 10 document. Let's mark this. This is 69002.
- 11 (Exhibit 770 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 13 Q. So he's telling you that you're -- is he
- 14 giving you notice that he needs your payment and
- 15 you're late? Is that the way this starts, this
- 16 series of E-mails?
- 17 A. Let me see here.
- 18 Q. Or just a reminder?
- 19 A. Yeah, I can't believe I would -- I
- 20 mean, we didn't pay late, so, yeah, it's just a
- 21 reminder.
- Q. When you go to the very top of that
- 23 first page, you say, "I understand that! You're
- 24 always my first stop for fixing problems before I
- 25 go to Plan B with my ski mask and getaway driver,

1 so nbd. Thanks for working on it, Denny. When

- 2 you get some extra cash, drop me a line!"
- 3 You're just basically telling him
- 4 when you have cash, I have some borrowing I'd like
- 5 to do?
- 6 A. Yeah. Yeah, I was just saying touch
- 7 base with me if I -- I don't know if I'll need it
- 8 or not, but let me know.
- 9 Q. So you indicated that this was a notice
- 10 you got, the first reference was a notice of a
- 11 monthly payment due. Would DenSco typically send
- 12 you a notice of payments that were coming due
- 13 before they came due?
- 14 A. He did.
- 15 Q. And was that generally a five-day
- 16 notice?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. Let's skip the next documents. Let's
- 19 skip the next document, and let's go to the
- 20 document that is 37910. I think this is
- 21 Exhibit 771.
- 22 (Exhibit 771 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- O. So this looks like, Barry, it's an
- 25 internal electronic document that records a

- 1 communication between you and Denny Chittick.
- 2 They may be texts. I'm not clear about that, but
- 3 did you have any actual communication with Denny
- 4 on or about either July 28 or 29? Or July 28 or
- 5 earlier than that day, 27th?
- 6 A. No, I don't believe so.
- 7 Q. So when you learned that Denny had
- 8 passed away, you hadn't communicated with him
- 9 within a day or two of that; right?
- 10 A. I guess I can't speak specifically to
- 11 that. I know I didn't communicate with him the
- 12 day of his death, and I don't think I did speak
- with him the couple days prior to his death
- 14 either.
- 15 O. Let's look at the next document. And
- 16 let's mark it. It would be 772.
- 17 (Exhibit 772 was marked for
- identification by the reporter.)
- 19 Q. And these are communications, Barry,
- 20 that are with you after Denny's death relating to
- 21 you paying off what was owed on interest on the
- 22 loans. And do you generally recall that topic?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you think you ever met with Shawna
- 25 Heuer?

1 A. No, I was in Iowa at that time. Oh, and

- 2 I don't think I met with her previously either.
- 3 Q. And did you understand that there were
- 4 a number of people involved in those last -- in
- 5 the days before the receiver was appointed as it
- 6 related to trying to handle the DenSco business?
- 7 In other words, the Corporation Commission was
- 8 stepping in.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Robert Koehler had some involvement,
- 11 Shawna Heuer had some involvement, and David
- 12 Beauchamp was trying to help. Did you recall
- 13 that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. And do you recall David Beauchamp making
- 16 an effort to try to inform you about what payment
- 17 was due and how you could handle satisfying your
- 18 obligations to DenSco?
- 19 A. Yeah. I actually -- my recollection is
- 20 that I contacted them first and said I've got -- I
- 21 want to pay these off. At some point. I mean, I
- 22 was -- we were definitely working together to get
- 23 these things paid off.
- Q. Do you recall that at some point David
- 25 Beauchamp introduced you to the attorney for the

- 1 receiver to communicate with that person?
- 2 A. I don't specifically recall that, but
- 3 I'm sure that that did occur.
- 4 Q. Do you remember having any
- 5 communications with a gentleman named Ryan
- 6 Anderson?
- 7 A. I recognize the name as a part of the
- 8 receiver's team, but specifically I think I --
- 9 I do remember reaching out to him about this
- 10 deposition, and other than that -- and he said he
- 11 declined to help or provide advice. And other
- 12 than that, I don't remember any specific dialogue
- or conversation or communication with him.
- 14 Q. Do you remember having any communication
- 15 with lawyers who represented the Chittick estate?
- 16 There's a gentleman named Kevin Merritt and a
- 17 gentleman named Jim Polese. Do those ring a bell?
- 18 A. They do not ring a bell.
- 19 Q. Did you have any communications with the
- 20 Corporation Commission in those days after Denny
- 21 passed away?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Let's skip the next few documents. Do
- 24 you remember referring a gentleman named John Lewis
- 25 to David Beauchamp?

1 A. I don't, actually. The name doesn't ring

- 2 a bell.
- 3 Q. Let me ask you to go forward to a
- 4 document that has a big Listserv of E-mail
- 5 addresses, and it's stamped 001346.
- 6 (Exhibit 773 was marked for
- 7 identification by the reporter.)
- 8 A. Got it.
- 9 MR. STURR: And is that 772?
- 10 THE COURT REPORTER: It's 773.
- 11 Q. And I was just going to ask you a quick
- 12 question. There's a reference here. Now, these
- 13 are communications from the receiver. And I know
- 14 you testified earlier that you were busy with a
- 15 young family and you didn't take a real active
- 16 role in working with the receiver in connection
- 17 with its business; fair?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. This relates to a reporter for a
- 20 publication called Crime Watch Daily with Chris
- 21 Hansen. Did you have any contact with any
- reporters or anyone in the media about DenSco?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. And we talked earlier, you did not know
- 25 who Veronica Castro is; correct?

- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. And you are a claimant as an investor in
- 3 DenSco in with the receiver; right? You're a
- 4 claimant on DenSco for the monies owed to you as
- 5 an investor?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. Let's look at, it's 001456. It's back
- 8 a ways. It's on a Simon Consulting letterhead.
- 9 (Exhibit 774 was marked for
- 10 identification by the reporter.)
- 11 A. Got it.
- 12 Q. Barry, I'm showing this to you. The
- 13 cover letter is from the receiver Peter Davis, and
- 14 then attached to it is a summary of filed claims.
- 15 That's on the third page of the document. I want
- 16 you to go to the fourth page of the document and
- go to Claim Numbers 61 and 62. Are you there?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So does this reflect that your entity
- 20 BLL Capital LLC is a creditor for \$87,000 or has a
- 21 claim for \$87,000 against DenSco?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And your brother Landon Luchtel through
- 24 LJL Capital LLC has a claim for 104,000?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. There also in this pile of documents are
- 2 LinkedIn pages just to confirm that over the years
- 3 2012 through 2015 you had endorsed David Beauchamp
- 4 for various areas of practice, legal practice?
- 5 A. Yes. It was in response to an
- 6 unsolicited endorsement from him, and I thought --
- 7 yeah, I'm never even on that LinkedIn really,
- 8 but -- I probably haven't been on there for a year
- 9 or two. But, yeah, so when somebody endorsed me,
- 10 I'd pop on and give them a few endorsements.
- 11 MR. DeWULF: Okay. I have no
- 12 further questions. Thank you. I really
- 13 appreciate --
- MR. STURR: Barry, do you have a few
- 15 more minutes? Do you want to take a break or
- 16 can -- I've got about ten minutes of questions.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Let's go for it.
- 18 MR. STURR: Okay. Thank you very
- 19 much. Barry, I'm Geoff Sturr. I represent the
- 20 receiver.
- Debbie, would you do me a favor.
- 22 Could you go back to -- these exhibits that
- 23 Mr. DeWulf has been working through are in
- 24 chronological order, and if you could go back
- 25 chronologically to the document that is

- 1 February 12, 2016. It's an E-mail.
- THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, was
- 3 it one of the ones that was marked or --
- 4 MR. STURR: No, it was not marked,
- 5 so if you kept that pile in order. I'm sorry to
- 6 do this. I apologize for doing this; but if you
- 7 could go back chronologically to February 12,
- 8 2016, and pull out an E-mail. It's from David
- 9 Beauchamp to Barry.
- 10 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Guys, I'll tell you
- 12 what, I actually would like to take just a five-
- 13 minute bathroom break, if that's okay. Does that
- 14 sound good?
- MR. STURR: That's fine.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yup, I mean,
- 17 I'll be right back.
- 18 (A recess was taken.)
- 19 (Exhibits 775 and 776 were marked
- for identification by the reporter.)
- 21 MR. STURR: Debbie, we ready to go?
- THE COURT REPORTER: Yup, I'm ready.
- 23 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. STURR:
- 25 Q. Barry, I've had the court reporter mark

- 1 two documents for you. 775.
- MR. STURR: Sorry, John, this is the
- 3 February 12, 2016 E-mail.
- 4 MR. DeWULF: Yes.
- 5 Q. And 776 is an unsigned engagement letter
- 6 from Clark Hill to you dated March 2, 2016. Do
- 7 you have those?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. I just want to go back in time.
- 10 Using Exhibit 775 as a starting point, February of
- 11 2016, do you have a memory of ever meeting David
- 12 Beauchamp before February of 2016?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Do you have a memory of speaking with
- 15 Mr. Beauchamp by phone before February of 2016?
- 16 A. Oh, I'm sorry, guys, so I have met -- I
- 17 have spoken with him by phone prior to that date.
- 18 Q. Okay. Here's my question, and I don't
- 19 want to -- did you ever retain David Beauchamp or
- 20 Clark Hill to represent you or Kayak Capital?
- 21 A. Guys, to the best of my recollection, I
- 22 did send -- I did retain them.
- Q. So in that case I don't want to delve
- into any attorney-client privilege, and I just
- 25 spoke with Ryan about this. So without divulging

1 information that you shared with Mr. Beauchamp,

- 2 what is your recollection about the retention?
- 3 What did you hire Clark Hill to do and what did
- 4 they do for you, without going into the substance
- 5 of it?
- 6 A. Yup. So we had an initial conversation
- 7 with him about potentially handling the placement
- 8 memorandum for us and about some regulatory
- 9 issues, so kind of a two-prong discussion. And
- 10 we -- and then he -- we sent him a retainer
- 11 because he said, hey, we've been talking about
- 12 this long enough, you're going to have to send
- 13 some money over.
- Q. Okay. Let me just stop you.
- MR. STURR: Ryan, do you have an
- 16 objection if Barry simply identifies Exhibit 775
- 17 and can authenticate it, the E-mail?
- 18 MR. MURPHY: Yeah, I don't. And I
- 19 guess just to put on the record what we talked
- 20 about before, to the extent that there's
- 21 communication between Kayak Capital here and Barry
- on its behalf and Mr. Beauchamp that's protected
- 23 by the attorney-client privilege, we haven't
- 24 waived that and are going to assert that as a
- 25 standing objection but will allow the questioning

1 to proceed and raise that objection further as we

- 2 feel appropriate.
- 3 MR. STURR: Thank you.
- 4 Q. And then, Barry, take a look at
- 5 Exhibit 776. That's an engagement letter that's
- 6 not signed. Is it your memory that you signed
- 7 this letter and/or otherwise engaged Clark Hill to
- 8 provide services?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And without going into any privileged
- 11 information you received, this letter refers to
- 12 being engaged to represent Kayak Capital in
- 13 connection with the Arizona Department of
- 14 Financial Institutions; correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And again, without divulging privileged
- 17 information, did Clark Hill and/or David Beauchamp
- 18 provide legal services to Kayak Capital relating
- 19 to the Arizona Department of Financial
- 20 Institutions?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. I want to briefly -- because we're going
- 23 to run out of time. Just very briefly, after Denny
- 24 died, you spoke about -- Mr. DeWulf was asking you
- 25 questions about if you had any complaints or

- 1 criticisms of Mr. Beauchamp. What was your
- 2 understanding of Mr. Beauchamp's role? Who was he
- 3 representing?
- 4 A. My understanding was he was representing
- 5 DenSco.
- 6 MR. STURR: All right. I think
- 7 given we're out of time, I think that that's all
- 8 I have for you right now. I want to say --
- 9 before we go off the record, I want to say for
- 10 the record, John, we did not receive these
- 11 documents until yesterday. I think there's
- 12 a question about whether they should have
- 13 been produced because of privilege; but if
- there's information relating to Clark Hill's
- 15 representation of the witness and Kayak
- 16 Capital, we think it should have been
- 17 disclosed beforehand. We'll take that up with
- 18 you separately.
- 19 MR. DeWULF: I'm not aware of
- 20 anything other than what you've just seen as
- 21 these two exhibits, so, you know, it was news to
- 22 me as well until we were able to locate these
- 23 documents in the file on a word search, but I
- 24 understand the point you're making.
- 25 Thank you, Barry. Appreciate all

- 1 the time you spent with us today and making the
- 2 trip down there.
- MR. STURR: And actually before we
- 4 go, Ryan, you know, our rules give you the right
- 5 to ask for the right to review before you sign
- 6 the transcript. I assume you'd like that, Ryan?
- 7 MR. MURPHY: Yes, we will reserve
- 8 the right to read and sign.
- 9 MR. STURR: Okay.
- 10 MR. DeWULF: Thanks, Ryan.
- 11 Appreciate your professionalism.
- MR. STURR: Thank you very much,
- 13 Ryan.
- MR. MURPHY: Okay.
- MR. STURR: And thank you, Barry.
- MR. DeWULF: Thank you.
- 17 (Deposition concluded at 12:50 p.m.)
- The deposition of Barry Luchtel is now complete. When transcribed, the original of
- 19 the deposition shall be given to Mr. DeWulf after reading and signing. The original exhibits shall
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