

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF YANKTON)

IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

498-362

DAWN COOPER,

Plaintiff,

AFFIDAVIT OF RUBY GOEDEN

vs.

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TIMOTHY L. JAMES,

Defendant.


Carolyn R. Jensen
CLERK OF COURTS

Ruby Goeden being first duly sworn on oath states as follows:

1. I am a resident of Yankton County South Dakota and have known Plaintiff , Dawn Cooper, formerly Dawn Sprik for several years.
2. I am familiar with Defendant, Timothy L. James, having worked together on the YPD K-9 drug dog committee.
3. Because Dawn and I have been friends for many years and due to her separation and divorce in 1994 and 1995, Dawn came to live with my husband, Kent, and I from approximately April through July, 1994.
4. Dawn discussed many details of her divorce case and her personal life with me as the divorce case developed and especially during the time she lived with us. She openly discussed the status of the divorce case including the amounts of money she hoped to receive from her husband as well as the relationships and problems she had with the men in her life.
5. Dawn never indicated that she was in any way dissatisfied with the legal representation of Tim James. Her only complaint was that she did not like Kevin Reiner becoming involved in her representation near the end of the case. In addition, Dawn complained that she wished she could get more money from her husband.
6. During the period that Dawn lived with us she was involved with numerous men. Of the several men Dawn was seeing I can only recall the names of Ron McElroy and I believe another named Mark Pravera.

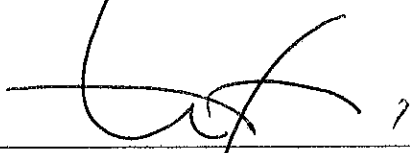
7. Despite discussing many details of her relationships and her lawsuit including discussions about Tim James, Dawn never suggested that she had a sexual or intimate relationship with Tim James. She never complained about his representation of her, his conduct or that he was in any way unprofessional.
8. While living with us, Dawn caused a great deal of difficulty due to the several relationships she was having with men.
9. Dawn met Mr. Pravera at a treatment facility in New Orleans, Louisiana and upon her return, Mr. Pravera also came to Yankton. Mr. Pravera engaged in very unusual behavior including trying to get into the neighbor's house and arriving at our home with blood on his shirt. Mr. Pravera caused so much difficulty for Dawn and us that we initiated steps to have a protection order issued against him.
10. I recall that Dawn was consulting with Mr. Pravera concerning her divorce case and sought his opinions and advice. I also recall that Dawn said she had at least discussed matters involving her case with Mike Marlow.
11. After her divorce, Dawn mentioned that Mr. Pravera had called her from a foreign country and claimed to be a secret agent.
12. I was of the impression that Dawn in some ways encouraged Mr. Pravera's behavior to receive attention and/or sympathy.
13. Due to the behavior of Dawn and the problems with the men in her life, she was ~~to leave our home~~ to leave our home. She then moved to the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. Suggested *ra*
14. After leaving Yankton, Dawn continued to see Mr. McElroy and reported to me that he continued giving Dawn several expensive gifts. Dawn has since told me that she has stopped seeing Mr. McElroy, is or was living with a different man in Minnesota and has been calling her ex-husband Calvin Sprik, who has since remarried, and indicating that she is not over him.
15. In approximately Spring of 1998, Dawn called and ~~stated~~ *stated ra* that she was building a new \$200,000 townhome in Minnesota. She stated that she was concerned about the new house in that it caused her to spend her security money.
16. Given the nature of my relationship with Dawn, particularly the fact that she routinely described intimate details of her life including the divorce case and her personal relationships with men, it seems unlikely to me that Mr. James could have engaged in any improper, unprofessional, sexual, intimate, threatening or objectionable conduct with Dawn Sprik without Dawn relating at least some of the details to me.

Dated this 10 day of January, 1999.



Ruby Goeden

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1999.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/22/99
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