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) Covington Criminal
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) Covington, Kentucky
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TRANSCRIPT OF CROSS-EXAMINATION, REDIRECT EXAMINATION,
AND RECROSS-EXAMINATION of EILEEN SHARKEY
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1 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were had in the
2 presence of the jury.)

3 THE COURT: Mr. Cline, you may examine the witness.

4 MR. CLINE: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 CROSS-EXAMINATION

6 BY MR. CLINE:

7 Q Good afternoon, ma'am.

8 A Good afternoon.

9 Q I think you testified that you left the Church of God - PKG
10 in -- was it 2006?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And you left for spiritual reasons; is that correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q While you were at the church, did you have any role in the
15 management of the church?

16 A No, I did not.

17 Q Did you have any role in handling the church's money?

18 A No.

19 Q Were you ever in a position where you had to decide whether
20 something was a church expense or not?

21 A No.

22 Q Do you have any -- and I want to focus on personal
23 knowledge or things you observed or not what you heard from
24 somebody else or what you assumed, if you follow me.

25 A Uh-huh.

1 Q Do you have any knowledge or did you have any knowledge
2 back in the time that you were with the church who made those
3 decisions within the church between a church expense versus a
4 personal expense?

5 A At that time, my belief was that Ron Weinland did, but I
6 did not know that from any interaction with him on financial
7 matters.

8 Q And that's what I'm getting at. I understand you have
9 beliefs about Mr. Weinland, but I want to focus on what you knew
10 from your personal knowledge at the time. Did you have any
11 personal knowledge about --

12 A I had no -- nothing to do with the financial transactions
13 in the church, so I had really no knowledge of exactly how they
14 did it.

15 Q All right. Thank you. That's what I was getting at.

16 A minute ago, you were asked about church expenses and you
17 named things I think like hall rentals and travel. Now, is it
18 fair to say that those are things that you perhaps expect would
19 be church expenses, but you didn't actually have knowledge in
20 the sense of seeing checks or writing checks and that kind of
21 thing; is that fair?

22 A Yes, I accepted them as church expenses, but I was never
23 involved in the transactions or did I ever see any of the
24 transactions -- any checks or whatever.

25 Q All right. And you were asked some questions about Jeremy

1 Weinland and Audra Weinland. Do you remember those questions?

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q I take it that, again, back at the time that you were a
4 member of the church you didn't really know from personal
5 knowledge one way or the other what, if anything, they did for
6 the church; is that fair?

7 A I believe that I remember that Jeremy started working on
8 the website.

9 Q Okay.

10 A Audra, I don't know. I don't remember anything about her.

11 Q All right. And so apart from you knowing that Jeremy
12 worked on the website, whatever more or different they might
13 have done, if anything, you didn't have any personal knowledge
14 about?

15 A No other personal knowledge.

16 Q You were asked questions about cars and that kind of thing.
17 When you say no, you don't have any reason to think the church
18 would get them a car, you're basing that on what you knew at the
19 time; is that --

20 A Correct.

21 Q Okay. And when it came to the finances of the church and
22 the activities of those two people, you didn't know a whole lot
23 at the time?

24 A That's correct.

25 Q Is it fair to say, ma'am, that you have never -- and I'm

1 talking now about any church, not just PKG. Have you ever been
2 responsible for the operations of a church, the financial
3 operations of a church?

4 A Not the financial operations.

5 Q Have you ever studied the business aspects of operating a
6 church, the financial aspects?

7 A I was on the board of the locally incorporated United
8 congregation. So from that I learned a little bit about church
9 transactions because I prepared the book for publishing and I
10 was at the board meetings. But that's the limit of it.

11 Q That's the limit of it, okay. And that was at the United
12 Church?

13 A Correct, yes.

14 MR. CLINE: Okay. Ma'am, I think that's all my
15 questions. Thank you very much.

16 THE COURT: Let's see if there's any rebuttal.

17 Mr. Nasson?

18 MR. NASSON: Briefly, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: He has just a few questions for you.

20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. NASSON:

22 Q Ms. Sharkey, did I understand your testimony correctly that
23 you said you were on the board of United Church?

24 A The local congregation.

25 Q The local congregation?

1 A Yeah, I served as a secretary for a while.

2 Q In what area was this congregation?

3 A North of Cincinnati. It was called the Cincinnati North
4 congregation. We met only one -- I can't remember the exact
5 area.

6 Q And did this board have officers?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did it have a president?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Vice president, treasurer, those sorts of positions?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And what was their role within the local congregation?

13 A Well, our role was to guide the local activities of the
14 church. We were affiliated with United, the parent church, and
15 our role was just the local congregation.

16 Q And did this board of directors have the responsibility for
17 preparing the financial statements of the church?

18 A Yes, the treasurer did that.

19 Q The treasurer did that?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. And these were eventually published, you would say?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. Now, Mr. Cline had asked you during cross-
24 examination, he asked you whether you had any role in deciding
25 whether something was a business or personal expense with PKG.

1 Do you recall that question?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And you testified that you did not have any role?

4 A I had nothing to do with those decisions; right.

5 Q To your understanding, who made those decisions?

6 MR. CLINE: Again, objection, lack of personal
7 knowledge.

8 THE COURT: She may explain what her understanding is.
9 Of course, that's subject to further cross-examination.

10 But you can answer the question.

11 THE WITNESS: My understanding was that Ron Weinland
12 made the decisions.

13 MR. NASSON: Okay. Thank you, ma'am.

14 Nothing further.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 Mr. Cline?

17 RECROSS-EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. CLINE:

19 Q I'm sorry to keep zeroing in on this question, but, again,
20 I appreciate your understanding, I want to focus on what you
21 knew at the time --

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q -- in the sense that I described earlier.

24 Did you have any knowledge of how those decisions were made
25 within the church, decisions about church expense -- what are

1 appropriate church expenses?

2 A I wasn't involved in those decisions at all.

3 Q All right. And is it fair to say that although I
4 appreciate that you had an understanding of how it was done, at
5 the time you didn't have any actual personal knowledge of how it
6 was done?

7 A No, it was not published in any formal procedure and it
8 wasn't really discussed much, if at all.

9 Q And sorry to keep after you on this, but is it -- is it
10 fair to say that you did not have any actual personal knowledge
11 of how that was done at the time?

12 A I did not have detailed knowledge or actual knowledge in
13 the sense of being involved in any of that, no, I did not.

14 MR. CLINE: All right. Thank you, ma'am.

15 (Testimony concluded at 2:13 p.m.)

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18 correct transcript from the record of proceedings in the
19 above-entitled matter.

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