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1	BAKERSFIELD, CA; TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019
2	MORNING SESSION
3	DEPARTMENT 11 HON. DAVID LAMPE, JUDGE
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5	THE COURT: We're in session. We're on the
6	record in Cleveland versus Taft Union High School
7	District. Counsel are present. Ms. Angelo is present.
8	I've had an off-the-record jury instruction
9	conference with counsel to settle the instructions. I
10	think the instructions are settled at this point. Do we
11	have any proposed special verdict? The instructions as
12	currently drafted and prepared may be subject to action
13	by the Court on motion of the Defense. Mr. Herr has
14	indicated he will be addressing some issues regarding
15	who should be on the verdict form and who should be in
16	the jury instructions with the Court at the conclusion
17	of the evidence. But for that I think the instructions
18	are settled. We have to complete the evidence this
19	morning and then once we've completely settled the
20	evidence we'll have argument.
21	Anything else we need to take up,
22	Mr. Rodriguez?
23	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.
24	We're also going to have a motion at the end of the
25	presentation that will affect I think the special
26	verdict.
27	THE COURT: As to what?
28	MR. RODRIGUEZ: That will affect the special

verdict. 1 2 THE COURT: All right. 3 MR. HERR: I just have a question, Your Honor. And I'm not sure based on the Court's prior rulings. 4 asked Ms. Angelo would say Doug Hallmark did not show up 5 6 on the day of the shooting. Is that --THE COURT: I'm going to permit that because it's in the -- I've already said I would permit that. 8 But it's in the body of evidence, but it's not the basis 9 10 to claim negligence of the police. 11 First of all, we object, Your MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think I've stated before on the record. 12 Honor. Number one, it's not relevant. Number two, 352. 13 14 highly prejudicial. The fact he was there or not there, 15 how does that go as to a responsible school district 16 acting especially in light of the immunity. So our position, our view, is that there is no relevance, and 17 18 it's highly prejudicial. 19 I think we've been through THE COURT: Yeah. this on the motion addressing whether or not the 20 21 evidence could come in regarding the negligence of the 22 Taft police. And I indicated the whole issue for me was 23 completely reversed. Because the school district is 24 responsible for their independent contractor and whether 25 or not there is any negligence. But the plaintiff waived presenting that argument to the jury. I think 26 27 it's part of the body of evidence and I will permit it.

I'll overrule the objection.

1	MR. RODRIGUEZ: And additionally it's going to
2	cause confusion with the jurors. It's going to make
3	them think oh, why wasn't he there. Did he just simply
4	decide to take the day off, was he lazy, did he not
5	care?
6	THE COURT: Right. That's the whole issue
7	that I have with the issue as it was presented to the
8	Court. But it is part of the body of evidence, and I'll
9	permit it. I'll overrule the objection.
10	MR. HERR: That's all I had, Your Honor, thank
11	you.
12	THE COURT: As soon as the jurors are
13	accounted for, we can begin. We're ready for the jury.
14	Court is in session. I took roll. We've been
15	in session with counsel. Now the jury is in the
16	courtroom properly seated in the jury box. I believe
17	we're ready to proceed. Ms. Angelo may retake the
18	witness stand remaining under oath.
19	All right. Mr. Herr, your further questions?
20	MR. HERR: Thank you.
21	RONA ANGELO (for the Defense)
22	having been previously duly sworn,
23	testified further as follows:
24	DIRECT EXAMINATION (RESUMED)
25	BY MR. HERR:
26	Q. Good morning, Ms. Angelo.
27	A. Good morning.
28	Q. How are you doing today?

1 A. I'm fine, thank you.

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- Q. Okay. I just want to follow up. Yesterday we had talked about your activities as the assistant principal. In your job as assistant principal, were you required to work with other people in order to accomplish your job?
 - A. Yes, I was.
- Q. And can you tell the jury who are some of the people that you relied upon to do your job as assistant principal?
- In most of the incidents that happened on our campus I relied a lot upon our campus supervisors. Our campus supervisors were at that time Mary Miller and Kim Fields. They would bring information to us. Kim was known throughout the community so a lot of times parents would contact him at home and then he'd say hey, Ms. Angelo, we had this incident. So we would start that. Mary Miller also played the same thing. also -- type role. And she brought us students and stuff like that also. Mr. Shoffner was our school psychologist and we were able to take advantage of him from the standpoint that most schools do not have a school psychologist for their own students. And so we relied upon him to do anything that had to do based upon the psychological issues involving students. So a lot of times we would refer non special ed students to him that were having issues in their personal life or whatever. We also had a lot of families that had death

1 and loss and stuff. So he handled those also. We also 2 had our principal or depending upon the year the 3 principal superintendent who supported us. My job was mainly to deal with students, his 4 was to deal with teachers. And then we also had our 5 6 staff in our office that took care of the clerical stuff, the attendance. And we had our SRO. And our school resource officer, he was mainly there for truancy 8 But he also sat in on interviews with students. 9 issues. 10 And the way that we worked together was that 11 whenever there became an issue where we weren't for sure whether it crossed over into the realm of law 12 enforcement, he would be invited to sit in. And his 13 14 philosophy was he would sit in. And he said it's like 15 If I need to become involved and put on I'm not here. my police hat, I will let you know. Otherwise it's a 16 school matter, it's left at the school site. One of the 17 18 reasons for that was that --19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor, excuse me, a 20 narrative. 21 THE COURT: It is a narrative. 22 Α. Okay. 23 THE COURT: Your next question. 24 MR. HERR: Yes. 25 BY MR. HERR: 26 0. Ms. Angelo, you were talking about an SRO. 27 Was there a particular officer that you were referring 28 to?

1 Deputy Collins. Α. 2 Okay. Were there times when Deputy Collins 0. 3 explained to you the way he perceived his role as the 4 SRO? Yes, he did. 5 Α. 6 And what was it that he told you in terms of his role as the SRO? 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Objection. Hearsay. THE COURT: No, overruled, but admitted only 9 for the purpose of the -- that the statement was made, 10 11 not for the truth of the statement. 12 BY MR. HERR: And let me perhaps ask what I'll call a 13 0. 14 foundational question. In doing your job, did you rely 15 upon, at least in part, upon what Officer Collins told 16 you he perceived his job to be? Yes, I did. Α. 17 18 And what is it that he told you that Okav. 19 you utilized in doing your job as the assistant principal? 20 21 As being a law enforcement officer he knew 22 when things moved over into the realm of having a penal 23 violation. And so he would advise us on those type of things. But if it was a school matter, he just sat and 24 listened. 25 Okay. I'd like to ask you some questions 26 0. 27 about student discipline in general. First of all, if a

student received discipline at Taft Union High School

District, was some notation made in his or her file as 1 2 to the discipline that was imposed? There was a discipline log that all 3 Α. Yes. 4 discipline was entered into. And was a record of the discipline contained 5 0. in what I'll call the student's cumulative file? 6 Yes. Α. Now, were teachers informed when one of their 8 0. students were disciplined? 9 Yes, they were. 10 Α. 11 How were they notified? 0. 12 Α. They were notified two ways. If a teacher 13 wrote the referral, then they got the referral back. 14 They also were notified electronically. 15 Now, in terms of your workload can you tell us 0. 16 how many discipline matters you would deal with on a 17 daily or weekly or monthly basis? 18 We were always busy. So we'd go from -- we'd 19 have interactions between 20 to 30 students. And if we were working on investigation or different things, it 20 21 could be more students. 22 Okay. You say 20 or 30 students. Can you 23 give us an idea of what timeframe you're dealing with 24 them? 25 Well, we could only deal with the students during the school hours. So it was roughly 7:45 to 26 27 2:50.

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Q. But with regard to this number 20 to 30, I'm

1 trying to find out is that how many you would deal with 2 on average on a day, per week or --3 On a day. On a day. Α. 4 0. So you'd deal with 20 to 30 discipline matters 5 per day? 6 A. Yes. And you're familiar with Bryan Oliver? 0. Okav. 8 Yes, sir. Α. Okay. And you're familiar with some issues 9 0. 10 that he had with his deportment or conduct at school? 11 Α. Correct. 12 Before I get to my questions about Mr. Oliver, 0. 13 in terms of other students you dealt with, in terms of 14 discipline or deportment, how would Bryan Oliver rate in 15 terms of his conduct at the school? 16 Bryan was on the low end. We had some Α. 17 frequent flyer as I called the students that we saw at 18 least twice a week. And Bryan, it was -- we would go 19 months without seeing Bryan. In terms of the quality -- you told me 20 ο. Okay. 21 about the quantity, number of times you might see. 22 terms of quality of the discipline that Bryan received, 23 was his discipline more serious or less serious, where 24 would it fit in terms of the quality of the discipline? 25 He'd probably be in the middle range. Α. Did you ever deal with students who were 26 0. 27 serious threats at school?

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Yes, we did.

1 Can you give the jury an example of what you 2 considered a serious threat at school? A student bringing a knife or brandishing a 3 Α. knife. 4 And was there actually an incident along those 5 Q. lines? 6 Α. Yes. 8 And can you tell us what happened in that 0. 9 instance? 10 Well, we had one instance that I remember our 11 students -- it was an open campus, so they could go off 12 campus for lunch. And two students got in an argument 13 at the mini mart, whatever you want to call it, the fast 14 food place, and we were called over. And one of the 15 students had pulled a knife on another student. And so 16 the officer responded and that student was arrested and 17 also expelled from our school. 18 In terms of that student being expelled, as 19 the assistant principal was that something that you had 20 authority to do? I did the paperwork and presented the case to 21 22 the school board. The school board decided whether the 23 student was expelled. 24 And in terms of the expulsion, is there a 0. 25 period of time for which a student can be expelled from a public school in California? 26 27 There is two ways, two terms. One term Α. Yes.

is you can only do it for two semesters.

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So if it

- happens in one semester, that counts plus the following semester. If it's something more violent like pulling a knife or that type of stuff, it could be a calendar year. But that's the longest that we can expel for.
 - Q. So is there any provision that you're aware of in the Education Code that allows a public school to expel a student forever, for example?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about Bryan Oliver. First of all, do you recall there being an incident that occurred in the gym of Bryan's first year, his freshman year?
 - A. Yes, I do.
 - Q. And what do you recall about that incident?
- A. We received a call to send the campus supervisors down to the gym because there had been a fight in the gym between two boys. It was Bryan and another young man. And so the campus supervisors brought the students to our office and then we began our investigation talking not only to those two boys buy any witnesses that were around.
 - Q. And did you end up talking to Bryan Oliver?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. And what did you talk to him about?
- A. Bryan told me -- he told me that -- his version of the fight. And he said that there was actually two altercations. The first one was he felt that the other student Jake and him were having a

- discussion and Jake was making him mad and making --1 2 punching things. And they got into a fight. And Bryan had Jake on the floor in a headlock. And one of Jake's 3 friends tried to break them apart. And the kids were 4 saying the teacher is coming and so he tried to pull 5 Bryan off of his friend. And Bryan said well, I think 6 he T-bagged me. And I said okay, are you sure. I said -- this is the version that I heard from the other 8 student, that he was just trying to pull you off his 9 10 friend because you weren't letting go. And Bryan said 11 well, it could have happened that way. 12 Now, did you get written incident reports from all of the students? 13 14 Yes, we did. Α. 15 And is that a process that you follow when 0. 16 you're investigating situations where discipline might 17 be imposed? 18 Yes, it is. Α. 19 In addition to getting written incident 0. 20 reports do you also talk to the students? 21 Α. Yes. 22 0. Now, in this case was any discipline imposed 23 on Bryan Oliver? 24 Α. Yes.

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- Q. What was the discipline?
- A. Bryan was suspended from school and so was the other person.
 - Q. When a student is suspended such as Bryan

Oliver was for the gym incident, do you also speak to the mother?

A. Yes.

- Q. Do you recall speaking to Bryan Oliver's mother about the gym incident?
- A. Yes. Bryan's mother worked, because we had spoken with her before, at Rosewood. And so I called her that she needed to come and pick up her son because our policy is that we inform the parent of the issue. We invite them to come to the school and tell them that they have to come and pick up their student. And we have a conference when they arrive discussing the issue.
 - Q. What was her response when you spoke to her?
- A. Mrs. Oliver wasn't happy. She felt that Bryan had been bullied and picked on and that was the reason that he got into a fight. We had -- I remember now that we had spoken to her one other time about Bryan's being bullied. And she was saying that we didn't protect her son. So it was our fault that Bryan got in a fight.
- Q. Okay. After the gym incident were there any other incidents involving Bryan Oliver his freshman year?
- A. There was an incident I believe in his art class where he stole someone else's homework.
 - Q. What do you remember about that incident?
- A. Well, I remember speaking to Bryan. And at that time our principal superintendent said that any type of theft was a five-day suspension. So I -- Bryan

said that he didn't have his work done, so he took it and he copied the paper. And he admitted that he had done wrong, but he still had the five days suspension.

- Q. Now, what is the next discipline event that you recall with regard to Bryan Oliver?
- A. I'm trying to remember whether there was any -- Bryan usually wasn't sent in on -- he wasn't sent in a lot by teachers or anything. I believe the next one had to do with the bus incident.
- Q. Would it be correct to say that if there were any other reported discipline events they would be found in Bryan's cumulative file?
- A. Yes, they would have been on his discipline screen.
- Q. Let's talk about the bus incident. When did you first learn about the bus incident?
- A. I first learned about the bus incident when I arrived to work early that Monday morning. I arrive at work early. So the teacher -- the aide knew and so she came and met me in my office.
 - Q. Who was the aide that you met?
 - A. Dianne Kaszycki.
 - Q. And did you talk to her?
- A. Yes. She told me what happened and she was very worried about what happened on the bus. And she said that Kelly Federoff also heard some of the comments, so Kelly was going to bring me an incident report also.

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- 1 When you got this information from these two 2 employees, what did you do? Well, the first thing is we had to wait until 3 school started because we wouldn't get in contact with 4 any of the students until then. But when our school 5 6 resource officer came in I spoke to him about it and told him that we were going to be starting an investigation. And Kim was sent to wait for Bryan to 8 9 come to school. 10 Ο. Did you get information from people about this 11 incident? 12 Α. We got information from the aides that were on the bus and also from the students that were in the 13 14 group in which Bryan was. 15 In terms of the students that were in the 0. 16 group, did you get this information in terms of written 17 incident reports? Both verbal and incident reports. 18 Α. 19 Did you interview the students after you got 0. 20 the incident reports or before or at the same time?
 - A. It could be at the same time. What happens would be is -- we would -- first of all, we would pick up Bryan and then we would talk to Bryan and then we'd isolate Bryan and then we'd pick up any of the named students that he said or the ladies that were present. And we would -- I would start interviewing them. And while they were being interviewed the other ones would be told to not to talk to anybody and to write up the

incident report. So some of them could have been handing me the incident report as they came into my office.

- Q. Now, after you accumulated the information from the students verbally and in writing as well as the staff, did you speak to Mark Shoffner about the situation?
- A. Yes, I did. Whenever we have an incident like that I usually notify the principal and Mr. Shoffner if I think that we're going to need his help.
- Q. With regard to the bus incident in particular, what was your purpose in talking to Mark Shoffner?
- A. One of the reasons I would speak with Mr. Shoffner is because Bryan was a special ed student. And also because I don't deal with the psychological issues of the kids. I just deal with the discipline part.
- Q. Did you ask Mark Shoffner to do something with regard to Bryan Oliver?
- A. Yes. We asked him to do -- start -- be part of the threat assessment, in other words, to test him and to interview him and find out where we needed to go from there.
- Q. Did you understand that Mark Shoffner would actually do psychological testing?
- A. Yes. He had a test that he used as part of his program that he had brought with him I believe when he came to our district.

So did Mark Shoffner interview or spend some 1 0. 2 time with Bryan Oliver? The procedure was that Mr. Shoffner would call 3 Α. the student in and his mother and speak to both of them. 4 After Mark Shoffner met with Bryan Oliver, did 5 Q. 6 you and he chat further? And while Mark was in the process of doing his report we got information about a possible hit 8 list. And so I informed him of that we may have some 9 10 further information for him. O. What information did you get about a possible 11 hit list? 12 13 Well, we had rumors going around the school 14 that there was a hit list where several students were 15 going to be killed by Bryan Oliver. And so we started 16 looking into where it came from and investigated its 17 source and its validity. 18 And what were some of the things to 19 investigate whether this was a hit list? Well, we started talking to the students that 20 21 were talking about it in their classes as to where they 22 found out the information. And we started tracing it 23 back to the source. 24 Did there come a point in time when you 0. reached some conclusion about the hit list? 25 We couldn't find any hit list. And also 26 Α. Yes. 27 as a result of the possible hit list the principal

superintendent and it was the decided that would we have

the school resource officer check the student's home 1 2 also. Who was the school resource officer at the 3 **Q.** time? 4 Deputy Collins. 5 Α. 6 0. Did you ask Deputy Collins to search the home or did you ask someone to ask him? I'm not positive, but I do believe it was 8 Dr. Richardson that I knew about that he was going to 9 10 ask him, but I don't believe it was myself. 11 You don't believe what? 12 Α. I don't believe it was me that asked him to go 13 search the home. 14 Did someone tell you what the results of the 0. 15 search of the home brought? 16 A. Yes. What did you learn? 17 0. 18 That there were no weapons, lethal weapons, that Deputy Collins had found I think some pellet guns I 19 believe they're called and stuff but there was no hit 20 21 There was nothing that he found that we could use 22 to further our investigation. 23 During the course of the investigation did you also have conversations with Kim Fields? 24 25 Yes. Α. 26 0. And what was your purpose in talking to Kim

Well, Kim, he knew a lot about a lot of kids

Fields?

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- and stuff like that. But also Kim was one of the people 1 2 that we would have go get students and bring them to us. And a lot of times the kids would tell Kim, you know, 3 things that they knew about stuff. And then he'd let us 4 know so that we could, you know, ask the kids the 5 6 correct question. Because with students if you don't ask them 8
 - the correct question, you don't get the answer.
 - And did there come a point in time when you and Mark Shoffner discussed what to do about Bryan Oliver about the bus incident?
 - Α. Yes.

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- Q. And can you tell us what that discussion included?
- The discussion included -- and I believe Α. Dr. Richardson was also part of that, is that according to when we had checked with the SRO he hadn't broken any And so it was a decision because he didn't make a direct threat, with the psychological part was the part that decided whether Bryan would go up to expulsion or he would return to our campus.
 - Q. And who made that determination?
 - Mr. Shoffner. Α.
- 0. Once a decision was made, did you have Okay. any communication with Bryan Oliver's mother?
 - Α. Yes.
 - What was that communication? Q.
- 28 Α. Well, there was actually I think two

communications. One communication I had with her was stating that we would allow Bryan to return. But part of the conditions of his return was that he sign a contract, a behavioral contract. And on that contract he would be subject to search. The first time when Mrs. Oliver came and met with me, she refused to sign the contract. She thought that the other students should be in as much trouble as Bryan because they had told stories also. And so she -- there was a notation in his discipline screen that said that she took the contract with her. And then later when she met with Mr. Shoffner and was discussing the test and stuff she decided to sign it.

- Q. Now, this contract that was signed, was a copy of it provided to Bryan Oliver's counselor?
 - A. Yes.
 - O. And who was the counselor at the time?
- 18 A. Jana Durkan.
 - Q. Why was a copy of the contract provided to Jana Durkan?
 - A. All of the counselors receive information on their students. And because she was his counselor, she needed to know that he was on contract. And if there were issues that came up, it could affect whether he would remain on our campus.
 - Q. Now, after the bus incident were there any other discipline issues with Bryan Oliver that semester?

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- A. I'd have to refer to the sheet. I can't remember exactly.
- Q. Did you recall there being an incident with regard to a stabbing gesture with a pencil?
- A. The incident with the pencil was on a day that I was out of the office at a meeting. And Mr. Van Roekal, he's -- we have people that stepped in that had administrative credentials just to -- stepped for me and he handled that issue. But I did notice when I came back that Bryan's name was on the log so then and I went to talked to Mr. Shoffner about it.
- Q. How frequently would you and Mark Shoffner discuss students?
 - A. Very frequently.
- Q. And with regard to Bryan Oliver, how frequently would you and Mark Shoffner discuss Bryan Oliver?
- A. Any time anything came across my desk that had Bryan's name on it I would go and discuss it with Mark.
- Q. What was your purpose in talking to Mark Shoffner?
- A. Well, I wanted to make sure that Bryan was fine to be on our campus, whether in his opinion as a school psychologist he thought we needed to do any more interventions for Bryan.
- Q. Now, do you recall in the fall of 2012, which would be when Bryan became a junior, do you recall any

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incidents involving Bryan Oliver when he was a junior?

- A. I know he had a couple -- there was an incident in his math class.
- Q. What was the incident in his math class that you recall?
- Well, Dianne Kaszycki had told us that Bryan had told her or was in the library and he said something drastic is going to happen if I don't get out of my math So that meant to me that I needed to call Bryan in. And Bryan told me about incidents in that class. It was a very loud class. It had a lot of students in there that were chatting. And he didn't like the fact that some of them whistled, some of them said -- he felt they were disrespectful saying instead of America Merica. And so he wanted to get out of that class. And that he had gone to his counselor the week before to see about changing his schedule. And because of the time frame and stuff she told him that that was not an -- one thing that they couldn't do.

So when he had come in, he had -- I talked to him about that. And I said to him I will check into it. I checked with his counselor. It would have meant -- to change a schedule at that point in time would have meant that he would have had change teachers in several of his classes. We were less than a month before the semester was over. And so that potentially could hurt a student academically.

So I spoke to Bryan and I also called his

mother and I spoke with her. And I told her I will make
the change if you want to, but you need to understand
that if it does, it could affect his grades. It is your
choice. Because I can override the counselor because
the counselor could not make that change without
administrative permission.

And so the parent and Bryan -- I mean, Bryan's mother and Bryan decided that he would remain in the class to the end of the semester.

- Q. Now, do you recall an incident involving Bryan Oliver where he wasn't sort of the subject of discipline that involved a backpack?
 - A. Yes, I do.

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- Q. What do you remember about what I'll call the backpack incident?
- A. The backpack incident we got a call from the teacher saying that her student, which was Bryan, couldn't find his backpack and there was some books missing. And it was on a Friday. So Kim went over there to check it out. And they ended up finding Bryan's backpack. And then on Monday -- because it was a Friday and school was already out -- we started to do the investigation and we found out what happened with Bryan's books and backpack.
- Q. Did you identify the students who took or hid his backpack?
- A. Yes, I did. We found out and we interviewed several students and the students admitted that they did

1 it as a joke. Some students said that these boys play 2 jokes on other people. But they did receive Saturday school. 3 4 0. I'm sorry? They received Saturday school. They have to 5 Α. 6 come to school on Saturday and spend four hours doing schoolwork. Is that a form of discipline? 8 9 Α. Yes, it is. Q. 10 And was that discipline recorded in their 11 discipline or in their cumulative file? 12 Α. Yes. It was also on my log when I interviewed the students. 13 14 Do you recall any other incidents 0. 15 involving Bryan before January 10th, 2013? 16 Not that I can remember. But like I say, if Α. it's in the discipline screen, it would probably jog my 17 18 memory. 19 MR. HERR: And, in fact, why don't I do this, Your Honor, I would move Exhibit 106 into evidence. 20 21 That's Bryan Oliver's cumulative file. 22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: May I see it, Your Honor? Ιt 23 may be duplicative. THE COURT: I'll let counsel look at it at 24 25 this point. 26 MR. HERR: And there are some that you have 27 already admitted.

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MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think most if not all the

1 discipline log. Well, let me reserve on that. 2 THE COURT: 3 you need to use it, Mr. Herr, to refresh recollection, that is fine. But we won't admit it at this point. 4 5 MR. HERR: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor. 6 THE COURT: I'll need to see the entire 7 exhibit. BY MR. HERR: 8 Now, with regard to your relationship to 9 10 students at the school, how would you describe your 11 relationship with students? The students knew that I was firm but fair. 12 Α. 13 0. And in terms of the student population, about 14 how many students were there at the time? 15 We varied between 900 and maybe 950 students Α. 16 on our campus. 17 Did you know Bowe Cleveland? 0. 18 Yes, I did. Α. How would you describe your relationship with 19 0. 20 Bowe? 21 I would say it was good. I spoke with him 22 several times in my office. 23 Did you know a student by the name of Rebecca 24 Jackson? 25 Α. Yes, I do. MR. HERR: Your Honor, I'd move Exhibit 132 26 27 into evidence. No objection, Your Honor. 28 MR. RODRIGUEZ:

1 THE COURT: Admitted. (Whereupon Defendant's Exhibit No. 132 was 2 received in evidence.) 3 4 MR. HERR: If I may, Your Honor, I'm going to do this the old-fashioned way. 5 BY MR. HERR: 6 Do you recognize Exhibit 132? 0. 8 Α. Yes, I do. And can you tell the jury who is depicted in 9 Q. 10 this photograph that we've entered into evidence as 11 Exhibit 132? 12 Rebecca Jackson. Α. 13 Q. How would you describe your relationship with 14 Rebecca Jackson? 15 I dealt with Rebecca on one instance. Α. 16 would see her quite frequently outside the school and say hello to her and Bryan as I exited school. 17 18 What were the circumstances under which you 19 would see Rebecca and Bryan? 20 Α. Rebecca and Bryan, when I -- I wouldn't leave until around 4:00 every day or later. And as I went out 21 22 my car was parked on that side. And Bryan and Rebecca 23 would stand by the tree and they would be talking. And 24 especially if there was an issue like his books being 25 taken or something or his schedule being changed, I would make it a special point to say did this happen, 26 27 how was your day. But every day I'd walk by that I saw 28 them, and I'd say how are things going Bryan, how are

you, Rebecca. And she'd never really say anything about than maybe hello. So I saw them almost daily.

- Q. Now, before the school shooting do you recall there being any occasions when Rebecca Jackson came to you and told you things about Bryan Oliver?
 - A. No, I do not.

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- Q. Would there have been a record kept if a student comes to the school office, to the administration office?
 - A. Yes, there would.
 - Q. What record is kept?
- A. Well, there would be possibly two forms. One is any student that came into the attendance office was required to sign in. And there would be -- they're signing into the office. And then also if I spoke to them and it was about an incident or anything there would be an incident report. And I would have also if I spoke to them it would have been entered on my log.
- Q. Was it your process that whenever a student came to your office and brought you information that might result in discipline that you obtained an incident report from the student?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And have you looked at your records to see if there was an incident report that Rebecca Jackson signed concerning anything about Bryan Oliver?
- A. We pulled everything that had anything to do with Bryan. And I have looked, and there is nothing.

Now, do you know a student by the name of 1 0. 2 Mariah Doty? 3 Α. Yes. 4 0. Is that how you pronounce her last name? 5 Α. Doty. 6 0. You know Mariah Doty? Yes, I do. Α. How do you know Mariah Doty? 8 ο. Mariah Doty was called into our office in 9 Α. 10 December of 2012. I had received a phone call from the 11 principal over at Lincoln Junior High that one of their 12 students was afraid because they heard that there was a hit list and that there might be a student that was 13 14 bringing a gun. And so I called Mariah in to find out 15 because her name was mentioned. Mariah's name was 16 mentioned by the principal. And so I called her in and asked her about it. 17 18 And she said well, it's just I was talking to my friend 19 on Twitter and my friend scared me. And I said well, is there any new information or anything. And she said no, 20 21 it was just from the spring. She never said anything 22 other than that to me. 23 Now, this conversation you had with Mariah 24 Doty, are you the one who initiated it? 25 Yes. Α. 26 0. And you initiated it because you got information from some other source? 27

Right, from the principal over at Lincoln.

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And Lincoln was? 1 0. 2 Lincoln Junior High, I'm sorry. Α. 3 So Mariah Doty did not come in on her own and **Q.** 4 report this, correct? No, she did not. 5 Α. 6 0. When she came in and talked to you, did you have an understanding she was talking about new information about a hit list? 8 No, she was just saying she was referring to 9 the information from the previous spring. 10 11 Did she mention anything about Bryan having a 12 knife? 13 Α. No, she did not. 14 Now, with regard to this communication with 0. 15 Mariah Doty, did you record that in any way? 16 I had a little notation in my log that I met Α. 17 with her. And if there had been anything that she had 18 said about Bryan having a knife or anything, it would 19 have been in there. And it was just a short blurb saying -- referring to this spring incident. 20 21 Q. And by the same token given the processes that 22 you followed, had Rebecca Jackson come in and told you 23 something about Bryan Oliver either what he did or how 24 he was treated, would that have been recorded in your 25 discipline log? Yes, it would have been. 26 Α. 27 Now, I'd like to ask you about these cameras Q.

that were on campus. Are you aware that there are

1 cameras on campus? 2 Yes, sir. Α. 3 And what was the purpose of having the cameras 0. 4 on campus? The purposes of the cameras was so that we 5 Α. 6 would be able to -- if we had a fight or we had some event happening on campus and we needed to review footage, we could. We didn't have the manpower or the 8 time to monitor them all the time. But if we wanted to 9 10 check the hallways or something at any time we could do 11 that also. 12 What do you mean you didn't have the manpower 0. 13 or --14 Right. Α. 15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Excuse me, Your Honor, may we 16 have a sidebar, please? 17 THE COURT: Yes. 18 (Outside the presence of the jury.) 19 THE COURT: Yes, Mr. Rodriguez. 20 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Two things. First thing, Your Honor, it would be highly prejudicial. And it would be 21 22 against CACI 1117 of the parties if the next question, 23 the question is asking -- he's trying to elicit oh, did 24 you have the funding for it. So I didn't want to unring 25 the bell, have to unring the bell. So I would ask the Court to caution against asking that question. 26 27 And, number two, I think we've already been going 40 minutes and the estimate was 35 minutes 28

1 yesterday. When I put my case on in chief I was very mindful of what the Court would say to us as to the 2 timing. And we even had to shave off four witnesses 3 4 that we had to put on that we didn't put on. And this is impacting now the damages phase the longer this goes 5 6 on and on and on. Well, I presume -- first, as to THE COURT: your first objection, I think it's appropriate 8 cautionary objection. And so we're not going to go into 9 10 funding or the wealth or poverty of the district. 11 think that's appropriate. 12 As to the timing, I'm expecting this to 13 conclude fairly quickly, Mr. Herr, like in the next ten 14 minutes maybe. 15 I intend to ask her about the bus MR. HERR: 16 incident after this and that is it. 17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think you already have about 18 the bus incident. 19 THE COURT: Well --20 MR. HERR: I'm sorry, your correct. I meant 21 to ask about the shooting, day of the shooting. 22 THE COURT: Yeah. Okay. 23 That's the final subject matter. MR. HERR: 24 THE COURT: Okay. Then I think we're coming 25 to a conclusion. 26 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor, may I just ask 27 counsel to advise the witness not to go into funding or 28 money or financial things like that. I don't want her

to blurt it out. 1 2 Right. I think that's THE COURT: 3 appropriate. But I'll do that however counsel wishes to I think, Mr. Herr, it's not inappropriate for 4 you to just briefly mention that to her on the stand, 5 6 but I'll bring her back here if you want. MR. HERR: I was just going to ask her what I meant by manpower. 8 9 THE COURT: Well, she's not a lawyer. could then start talking about the resources or funding 10 11 of the school district. So I think you do need to 12 caution her. How do you want to do it? Do you want to 13 draw her -- you want to just briefly confer? It would 14 be in front of the jury. You want me to bring her back 15 briefly? Which I could do and let you confer with her privately. Or sometimes ask me to if they can discuss a 16 matter with the witness in the alcove. 17 18 MR. HERR: Yes, may I do that? So just take a 19 short break. 20 (In the presence of the jury.) 21 THE COURT: Thank you, counsel, for the 22 conference. 23 And, Mr. Herr? 24 MR. HERR: Your Honor, could I have a short 25 conversation with Ms. Angelo in the alcove? 26 THE COURT: Yes, go ahead. 27 (Discussion off the record.) THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Herr. 28

1 MR. HERR: Thank you, Your Honor. 2 BY MR. HERR: 3 Mrs. Angelo, you had mentioned manpower with **Q.** regard to those surveillance cameras. What were you 4 5 referring to? 6 I was referring to tying somebody up watching the cameras when they could be out supervising the campus or handling some other things with our students. 8 Did you have discussions with Officer Collins 9 10 and Officer Hallmark as to how you thought they could 11 best use their time on campus? 12 Yes, I did. Α. And what did you tell them? 13 0. 14 We liked the officers to be seen, because we 15 think that officer presence is a deterrent. And so we 16 wanted them out and around. We wanted them around, especially when school started, at lunchtime, and to get 17 18 to know the students so they accepted them and would 19 feel free to talk with them. Now, I'd like to ask some questions about 20 **Q.** 21 January 10th, 2013. Do you remember that day? 22 Α. Yes, I do. 23 And what time did you get to school that day? 0. 24 Probably before 6:30 on that day because we Α. 25 had two staff meetings. 26 0. And did there come a point in the day when something unusual occurred? 27

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1 What occurred that caught your attention? Q. A little before nine o'clock, maybe around 2 Α. 9:50, before 9:00 anyway, I heard on the radio that 3 there were shots or noises in the science building. 4 And when you heard that, did you do anything? 5 Q. 6 Α. Yes. I had been in IT checking with them 7 because we had -- in our meeting we had discussed in case of a lockdown how to react and stuff. And we were 8 checking on making sure different areas were covered. 9 Q. 10 And did you later learn what had occurred? 11 I heard on the radio, Kim and Mary on the radio, and I believe it was Mary said that it was 12 Bryan Oliver, he had shot Bowe, and that Kim had him on 13 14 the ground. 15 Now, did there come in a point in time when 0. 16 you reviewed the surveillance videos? 17 Α. Yes. And in reviewing those surveillance videos 18 19 were you able to determine the time when Bryan Oliver 20 came on campus? 21 Α. It was what is it time stamped what are 22 they. 23 And what was the time? 0. 24 It was probably a little bit before 8:50. Α. Around 8:50 I think. 25 Before 8:50 or nine o'clock? 26 0. 27 Well, it was before nine o'clock, which is you Α. know between 8:50 and nine o'clock. I don't remember 28

what exact time it was. I'd have to look at the 1 2 footage. 3 Okay. You watched the route that Bryan Oliver Q. 4 traveled? 5 Α. Yes. 6 And were there any bathrooms along the route of travel that Bryan followed on the day of the shooting? 8 The way that Bryan when he went along 9 Α. Yes. 10 the side of the science building and then up the steps and as he goes up to that center floor, there is a boys' 11 12 bathroom right there on the left. 13 Q. Okay. That's the floor that the science 14 classroom was in? 15 Α. That's correct. That's the room that Bryan went into? 16 Q. 17 Α. Yes. 18 And in watching the video did Bryan go into a 0. bathroom on that floor? 19 No, he walked straight towards the classroom. 20 Α. 21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Lack of foundation. 22 THE COURT: Overruled. 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: The camera doesn't show that 24 floor, Your Honor, that part. 25 Oh, just a second. The reference THE COURT: is being made to the video that's been in evidence. 26 27 MR. HERR: Yes. THE COURT: All right. Well, the video is in 28

evidence. So this is cumulative. I'll sustain it on 1 that basis as to what this witness saw from the video 2 because we all saw the video. 3 MR. HERR: 4 Thank you, Your Honor. BY MR. HERR: 5 6 Now, Ms. Oliver -- or, excuse me, Ms. Angelo, were there processes in place at the school in January of 2013 that had Sheryl Oliver called the school at, 8 say, 8:46 and said that Bryan -- she was very upset and 9 10 Bryan was suicidal and had access to a shotgun, what 11 processes were in place that would have dealt with the situation like that? 12 13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Excuse me. Argumentative and 14 incomplete hypothetical. 15 THE COURT: Overruled. 16 If Ms. Oliver had called the school, for one Α. thing, we would have called 911. The other thing is our 17 18 campus supervisors would be searching for Bryan. also our IT department would be starting to monitor the 19 cameras to see if they could identify where Bryan could 20 21 possibly be. 22 BY MR. HERR: 23 Would the school have gone on lockdown? 0. 24 Yes, we would have gone on lockdown. Α. 25 Now, since the day of the shooting have you Ο. thought about what occurred? 26 27 Yes. Α.

And what are your thoughts about what

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1	occurred?
2	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor, excuse me,
3	relevance.
4	THE COURT: Sustained.
5	BY MR. HERR:
6	Q. How often do you think about the school
7	shooting?
8	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Excuse me, relevance, Your
9	Honor.
10	THE COURT: Sustained.
11	BY MR. HERR:
12	Q. Do you think about Bryan Oliver?
13	A. Yes.
14	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Excuse me, relevance.
15	THE COURT: Yeah, I would sustain the
16	relevance objections to this line the questioning.
17	MR. HERR: Those are all the questions I have,
18	Mrs. Angelo.
19	A. Thank you.
20	THE COURT: Cross-examination?
21	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Your Honor. I'll be
22	brief.
23	THE COURT: All right.
24	CROSS-EXAMINATION
25	BY MR. RODRIGUEZ:
26	Q. Good morning, ma'am.
27	A. Good morning.
28	Q. Just a few questions, ma'am. During the time

1 that you were at Taft Union High School District you 2 took workshops on threat assessment, is that right, 3 ma'am? 4 Α. That is correct. And at least one of those were taught by 5 Q. 6 Dr. Mohandie, correct? Α. Correct. 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: May I approach, Your Honor? 9 THE COURT: You may. 10 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. 11 Well, you need to let counsel know THE COURT: 12 what you're doing. 13 MR. RODRIGUEZ: It is Exhibit 47-20 and 14 Exhibit 46-222 that --15 THE COURT: Just let counsel see it. 16 Thank you. All right. 17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Your Honor. (Whereupon Plaintiff's Exhibits Nos. 47-20 and 18 46-222 were marked for identification.) 19 20 BY MR. RODRIGUEZ: 21 0. Ma'am, you recognize Plaintiff's 22 Exhibit 47-20? And that's the incident report filed by 23 Kelly Federoff, correct? 24 Α. Correct. And she's one of the staff members that was on 25 Ο. 26 the bus on that field trip, correct? Correct. 27 Α. MR. RODRIGUEZ: I would move in Plaintiff's 28

Exhibit 47-20 into evidence, Your Honor. 1 2 MR. HERR: Objection. Cumulative. It's contained in the exhibit I just tried to move into 3 evidence. 4 THE COURT: Well, I will move -- I will 5 6 overrule. It's admitted for the fact that it was an incident report and statements made, not for the truth of the matter stated in the report. I'll -- I'm 8 reserving on the other. 9 (Whereupon Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 47-20 was 10 11 received in evidence.) 12 BY MR. RODRIGUEZ: 13 0. And, ma'am, may I show you what's been marked for identification purposes only as Plaintiff's 14 15 Exhibit 46-222? 16 Α. Yes. Is that part of the discipline log that you 17 18 had at Taft Union High School District? 19 This is my personal log. Α. And that's something you developed, right? 20 Q. 21 Α. Correct. 22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I would move in 23 Plaintiff's Exhibit 46-222, Your Honor. Your Honor, I object. 24 MR. HERR: That's contained in the documents I moved into evidence. 25 It's cumulative. 26 27 Are you talking about 106? THE COURT: Yes, Your Honor. These are all --28 MR. HERR:

may I be heard on this? 1 2 THE COURT: Sure. 3 (Outside the presence of the jury.) 4 MR. HERR: Your Honor, here's my problem. moved 106 into evidence. Plaintiff has cherry picked 5 6 certain documents out of that document and shown them to the jury. I wanted to go over these documents with my client with my Exhibit 106 which is the entire 8 cumulative file. The Court took my motion under 9 reservation so I wasn't able to go through those with 10 11 Now Plaintiff is again cherry picking some of 12 these documents he's going to show to the jury and then 13 he's going to object to 106 because he's already 14 introduced pieces of 106 into evidence. 15 THE COURT: Well, I don't know that that's 16 The only problem I have with introducing 106 -- I true. have no problem reducing the whole, anything related to 17 18 the bus incident or other matters of discipline. 19 whole 106 is the whole record of -- I mean, there is an elementary cumulative record checklist. 20 There is a lot 21 of material in 106. And typically unless it's testified 22 to I wouldn't admit an entire document like this. 23 like admitting an entire medical record. And the jury 24 is given this and they can peruse at their leisure when 25 it hasn't actually been testified to. But I have no problem admitting the matters that relate to the issues 26 27 that have been testified about, which is why I reserved

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1 MR. HERR: Well, for example, it contains the 2 records from Tennessee that there has been testimony on 3 concerning --4 THE COURT: Right. I don't have any issue in terms -- but I just couldn't -- in the time available as 5 6 we're trying to present the evidence, I couldn't go through this whole thing and -- over objection and determine what should come in of 106 and what shouldn't. 8 MR. HERR: Well, my -- he's introducing parts 9 10 of the discipline log. He's introduced some of the incident reports for these incidents. So now I'm going 11 12 to go to have to go back. And I don't now -- want me to 13 mark these, Your Honor? 14 THE COURT: Well, they're already marked. 15 They're part of 106. 16 MR. HERR: Correct. So --17 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor, may I be heard? 18 THE COURT: Yes. 19 MR. RODRIGUEZ: 106, the reason I objected is 20 one has got so much -- it's got duplicate stuff like the 21 threat assessment plan. As far as these two, this was 22 the only incident report that we inadvertently forgot to 23 move into evidence. So I was cleaning that up. It has 24 to do with Ms. Federoff on the bus. It's an incident 25 report. 26 THE COURT: Well, it's not part of whatever 27 record we have of the incident reports. 28 MR. HERR: It was the --

1 It was the only one that we MR. RODRIGUEZ: 2 left out because we thought we were going to call her and she didn't respond to our subpoena, Ms. Federoff. 3 MS. TRUJILLO: 4 No, we ran out of time. No, but I mean, it's an exhibit. 5 THE COURT: 6 There is no dispute that that's an incident report. 7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Oh, yes. Yes. 8 THE COURT: Okay. Then I don't have to ask this witness about it and it's just admitted as part of 9 10 the discipline log and the incident report. 11 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's what --12 THE COURT: And then counsel can argue the 13 matter, both sides. And I have no problem of admitting 14 all of it for counsel to argue to the jury. 15 All of 106? MR. RODRIGUEZ: 16 No, all of what's related to the THE COURT: issues that have been testified about. 17 18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. I thought it would be a 19 very simple process. 20 THE COURT: But you don't have to do that. Ι 21 don't think there is an objection. There is an 22 objection to it being isolated and coming into the 23 evidence as an isolated document and questioning her 24 about it. But if all you're doing is establishing a 25 foundation with her about it, there is no need to do that because it's a produced document. It's part of the 26 school record. It's that that will be admitted along 27 with I think everything that the school had available to 28

1 it to consider what they did with respect to Bryan 2 Oliver. 3 MR. HERR: Thank you, Your Honor. 4 THE COURT: Yeah. Let's just not waste time on the foundation. 5 6 (In the presence of the jury.) Thank you, counsel. I think we've THE COURT: resolved the issue with respect to the exhibits you were 8 discussing, Mr. Rodriguez. So if you'll move on. 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: And those two items were moved 10 11 into evidence, Your Honor? 12 THE COURT: Well, I'm reserving on those as we 13 discussed. But I've already given an indication of my 14 intent to counsel, so --15 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. 16 BY MR. RODRIGUEZ: Last question, ma'am. Before the school 17 18 shooting did Kim Fields ever tell you that he had been 19 told that one or two of the ROP employees were scared of 20 Bryan Oliver and had escape plans in case Bryan Oliver 21 attacked them? 22 Α. No, sir. 23 Okay. Thank you. Those are all the questions 0. 24 I have. 25 THE COURT: You may step down. 26 MR. HERR: Your Honor, could she be subject to 27 recall after my issue with these exhibits? 28 THE COURT: Well, you can address that with

1 the Court, yes. 2 Subject to all the reservations that have been 3 put before the Court, do you have any further proffer? 4 MR. HERR: Yes, Your Honor. I would move into evidence page 2-00247 of Exhibit 106. 5 6 THE COURT: Let me deal with those issues. I'm reserving on the content of 106 and I'll deal with You've already essentially moved that into 8 evidence because it's a portion of 106. 9 10 MR. HERR: Yes. 11 THE COURT: So I'm -- the motion of the 12 Defense is to admit 106, and then I'm going to address 13 that with counsel. Okay. Then that's all the evidence 14 MR. HERR: 15 and the Defense rests, Your Honor. 16 I don't believe there is a THE COURT: 17 rebuttal case or rebuttal evidence to present. 18 That's correct, Your Honor. MR. RODRIGUEZ: 19 THE COURT: In this phase. All right. 20 Then ladies and gentlemen, you've heard all 21 the evidence you're going to hear in this phase of the 22 trial. Let me -- I need some time to address some 23 matters with counsel. Let me -- I'm mainly concerned, 24 and I want to talk to them about scheduling. So what 25 I'm going to do, rather than send you out, I'm going to ask to see counsel for a moment just to discuss 26 27 scheduling. 28 (A sidebar was held and not reported herein.)

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All right. Thank you, counsel and THE COURT: thank you, ladies and gentlemen. I think what I'm going to do now, ladies and gentlemen, is recess for you. hate to lose the time. I've discussed with counsel. Obviously we've had lots of discussions when you're not here about the law, about how I'm going to instruct you on the case because the attorneys need to know that so that they can frame their arguments. The point of their arguments is to discuss the evidence with you and the law as I intend to instruct you to give you their views to help guide you in your deliberations. But there are some homework issues that we need to take care of and I think in my experience will actually save time if we do that so that everybody is ready and organized and ready to make their closing arguments to you. And then I will instruct you and the case will be delivered to you.

So in order for us to make sure we're ready to proceed along those lines, I'm going to recess with you until 1:30. That will give us time to get organized. So you're excused until 1:30 this afternoon. Return at 1:30 and we'll get started with counsels' arguments. Thank you. Don't discuss the case or form or express any opinions.

All right. We remain on the record outside the presence of the jury. There are some exhibits that I reserved on, Exhibit 37-102 through 120, which are the documents related to the school district's contract with the City of Taft or the Taft Police Department. And I

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reserved on Exhibit 106. I'm not sure -- I'll depend on the clerk's record to determine if there are any other exhibits that I've reserved on. And I can address that in just a moment while she also checks her record for any reserved exhibits.

But I believe that both counsel have motions to make to me or application to me regarding the special verdict form or otherwise. I'll take Plaintiff first.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes, Your Honor. At this time we'd like to make a directed verdict on a specific issue pursuant to CCP Section 630.

And the specific issue is that the testimony of the Defense expert on threat assessment, which was Dr. Frederick Calhoun, and if the Court would recall, he offered opinions on the standard of care as to what threat assessment in a school setting, specifically a high school setting. And we went back and looked at the trial transcript. And nowhere in the trial transcript was the testimony of Dr. Calhoun, was the Defense -- did the Defense ever ask him whether his opinions rose to more likely true than not or to a reasonable degree of certainty in the field of threat assessment. questions were never asked. So it is our view because the Court is treating this as a professional negligence case, at least the second part of the threat assessment, that that wasn't met. That affirmative defense that the standard of care that Dr. Meloy testified to. And I did ask him those questions as to whether or not he -- all

the opinions he offered were more likely true than not.
That question was not put to Dr. Calhoun.

And because of that we would ask for a directed verdict on the issue of standard of care that the only evidence -- acceptable evidence before this Court on the professional negligence part would be Dr. Meloy's testimony and not Dr. Calhoun's testimony. It didn't meet the threshold. So for that reason I would ask for a directed verdict on that issue. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Herr?

MR. HERR: Just briefly. Dr. Calhoun said there was no standard of care based on his training, education and experience. I think he's certainly able to give that opinion. Additionally, Dr. Mohandie said there was no standard of care. So with regard to the threshold issue as to whether there was standard of care, there are two experts, one retained and one nonretained, that said with regard to threat assessment there is no standard of care. So I think that issue is properly before the jury in this case.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Same issue with Dr. Mohandie. The Defense never asked what was the standard of care -- it was never couched that way.

And, number two, again the question wasn't asked was it more likely true than not this opinion. I asked him questions as to the training he had done, what he had taught. I didn't couch my questions in the form

of standard of care. So the threshold was not met with regard to professional negligence that we objected to, but nonetheless.

THE COURT: All right. I'm prepared to deal with this. I think this is a matter that goes to the weight. I think this is an issue for the jury's consideration, not mine, at this stage of the evidence. I would deny that motion for directed verdict.

Mr. Herr, you had some issues?

MR. HERR: Yes, Your Honor. I, too, am moving for a directed verdict under Section 630, specifically with regard to William McDermott, Marilyn Brown and to the extent Mark Richardson is being included in this. I believe there is no evidence that -- as to what Marilyn Brown did or should have done or what William McDermott did or should have done or Mr. Richardson for that matter.

So with regard to those three named -- to the extent they're named Defendants, I would move for a directed verdict on their behalf.

THE COURT: Let me note something, and then
I'll hear from the Plaintiff. I note that in the
Plaintiff's version of the instructions that were
submitted this morning, which are obviously the product
of our jury instruction conferences, and noting that -this is already probably on the record, but we'll make a
full record. There is actually a written objection that
the Plaintiff has objected to the proposed instructions

for the Court as essentially divided the Plaintiff's
theories of liability based upon the evidence needed to
support those in -- I'll call it ordinary negligence
under CACI 400 and professional negligence under CACI
600.

I do note that the instructions proposed now by Plaintiff, the general negligence under 400, includes Rona Angelo, Mark Richardson and Marilyn Brown. I had indicated that I thought a separate 400 negligence instruction essential factual elements should be prepared on the Plaintiff's claim for negligence in conducting threat assessment or threat management and that's not in the Plaintiff's package.

So all I'm noting for right now is that the only employees either as parties or otherwise addressed in the evidence that are in Plaintiff's proposed instructions are Rona Angelo, Mark Richardson and Marilyn Brown. So there is no instruction related to Mr. McDermott. And I'll let counsel confer briefly before you address the Court.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: We were going to agree that the state of the evidence wasn't sufficient for Mr. McDermott, Your Honor, and that's why we prepared that in that regard the way we did.

THE COURT: All right. Then my tentative would be to grant the directed verdict with respect to Mr. McDermott.

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regarding Mr. Richardson being named in the instructions and on the special verdict form? I note and I have already done this at the very beginning of the case noted that the school district can be liable only for the conduct of its employees. It is vicariously liable for the conduct of its employees if they are negligent, but those employees do not have to be named parties. However, they do have to be identified and the scope of their employment or their actions within the course of employment have to be apparent in the evidence. So I would ask you to address -- I would ask the Plaintiff to address Mr. Richardson being included in the instructions and upon the special verdict form. MS. TRUJILLO: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you. As to Mr. Richardson, he was the superintendent, slash, principal from 2008 through 2012. And -- 2012 like So he was there through the relevant time of the threat assessment that took place in February of The state of the evidence comes from two sources. 2012. First, Ms. Angelo, we played her video deposition testimony where she stated that

deposition testimony where she stated that

Mr. Richardson was to be part of the threat assessment
team and involved in the discussion. When the state of
the evidence coming from Mr. Richardson, he was asked
were you responsible for the overall safety of the
campus. Yes, I was. You're familiar with the threat
assessment process? Yes, I am. What kind of training,
what kind of guidelines are used by the school district

1 I don't really know. Okay. Were you by Ms. Angelo? 2 informed about a risk or were you informed about some 3 threats by Bryan Oliver, your student? Yes, I was. 4 you ever do anything to follow up to find out what is going on if there is an actual threat assessment 5 6 happening, what that process is, how the investigation was going? Did you notify anyone like the parents or other staff members? 8 And the reason that's important is because he 9 10 wrote an e-mail out to all the staff including the ROP 11 staff where he says it's being investigated, the parents 12 have been notified, everything is taken care of, squash the rumors. And that is in direct violation of our 13 14 expert testimony about communication and how it's 15 essential to communicate the threat. And that way it's see something, say something. And I believe even 16 Dr. Mohandie testified to that yesterday. 17 18 THE COURT: All right. Well, I've already indicated I'm inclined to grant the motion for directed 19 20 verdict on Mr. McDermott. Before I forget, that means we have to include the CACI instruction on deleted 21 22 claims. 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry, on what claims, 24 Your Honor? 25

THE COURT: The deleted claims don't consider because they had heard he's a party and they're not going to hear it in argument or on the special verdict form. So he'll have to be -- to the extent he's on it,

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he'll have to be taken off the special verdict form.

At this point, Mr. Herr, I am not allowed to weigh the evidence in consideration of either a -- I will style the motion as a being motion by the district for directed verdict -- that the state of the evidence is that they not be held liable for any conduct of Mark Richardson. And I think counsel is correct that just looking at a sufficient evidence standard, I think I would deny that motion.

Your comments, your final comments?

MR. HERR: Just briefly, they haven't made the causal connection between a shooting that occurred in January of 2013 with anything Mark Richardson did in March of 2012. There is no evidence that had Mark Richardson done this or had he not done that the school shooting wouldn't have occurred.

Even Dr. Meloy doesn't implicate Mark
Richardson. So I think the big problem is causation. I
think it rises to the level of proximate cause. Did a
school administrator in 2012 do something or fail to do
something that caused a student to come on campus ten
months later? So those are my thoughts on it, Your
Honor. I have nothing further to add.

THE COURT: And I think with respect to causation I've already stated in the context of the other proceedings that I think that's an issue for the jury to determine as a question of fact.

And so I would grant the motion for directed

1 verdict as to William McDermott, deny in other 2 particulars. 3 Now, as to the -- may we proceed to the reserved exhibits? 4 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor, we're also going 5 to ask the Court the state of the evidence as to Kim 6 Fields. Kim Fields as the Court will recall is the campus supervisor, slash, security guard working under 8 Ms. Angelo. We heard testimony from Chief Ed Whiting 9 10 that he, being Mr. Fields, had information about the 11 Regional Occupational Program employees who had an escape plan, a plan, in case Bryan Oliver attacked. 12 We also heard testimony from Mr. Fields that he had 13 14 numerous conversations with Bryan Oliver because of 15 concerns. He denied that information. He said the 16 information I got was from Ms. Kaszycki regarding the 17 Regional Occupational Program when I cross-examined him. 18 And today I asked Ms. Angelo was that information ever 19 given to you by Mr. Fields, and she said no. We would submit that that is sufficient 20 21 evidence to show that he is within the universe of tort 22 feasors in this case, and we would want to put him on 23 the special verdict form, sufficient evidence for that. 24 Mr. Herr? THE COURT: 25 I don't believe -- obviously the MR. HERR: Court's recollection of the evidence carries today. 26 Ι 27 don't think there is the evidence to implicate Kim

Fields, and he shouldn't be on the verdict form.

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1 | all I have.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: And with the Court's permission, another piece I would add to that, I was just reminded that Ms. Angelo testified today that Mr. Fields often if not most of the time was involved in the threat assessment discussions. Or process I should say.

THE COURT: Well, based upon Plaintiff's argument, I will permit his inclusion in the instructions as well as -- I don't know how he would be necessarily included on the instructions. I guess it would be in the general negligence category because he wasn't part of this professional -- what I've called a professional school administration threat assessment. But -- so I will permit that with a statement on the record that be careful what you ask for. I think there may be sufficient evidence. But I have in mind that if there is an assignment of negligence to Mr. Fields, I'm just anticipating I could get post trial motions at which point I do evaluate and weigh the evidence.

So I make that comment for the record, but I'm not weighing the evidence at this time. I will include it at Plaintiff's request. Okay.

MR. HERR: Your Honor, if I may add, I think given the evidence we should probably include Bowe Cleveland on the verdict form in terms of assigning comparative fault.

THE COURT: Well, then I'd have to have a

comparative fault instruction. But this was dealt with 1 2 I think at the very beginning of the case. I was told -- that would change the entire complexion of the case. 3 Because I was told that -- at the very beginning that 4 there would be no assignment of blame of Bowe Cleveland, 5 6 that was withdrawn. MR. RODRIGUEZ: We were always operating under that assumption. I even asked the Court why is this 8 evidence being relevant when counsel has represented to 9 10 all of us that there is no comparative negligence. 11 THE COURT: Well, I thought it was relevant 12 for reasons other than the comparative fault of Bowe But I won't include Mr. Cleveland. I think 13 Cleveland. 14 that changes the entire character of the case. And the 15 entire presentation of the liability case as been based 16 on the assumption that no assignment of blame would be ascribed to Bowe Cleveland. 17 18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: That is highly prejudicial. 19 Had we known that, we would have put on different --20 THE COURT: You just won, Mr. Rodriguez. 21 MS. TRUJILLO: Yes. He can't hear. 22 MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'm going to invest in a 23 hearing aid as soon as this trial is over, Your Honor. 24 Then I'll make my comments, if I THE COURT: I'll turn to the exhibits that have been reserved 25 may. The record indicates I reserved on the contract 26 27 issues that are in 37. And I'm inclined to sustain the

objection to their admission with the exception of --

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I'm inclined to admit 37-104 and 37-105 and 37-113. 1 2 These are essentially face sheets of the agreements that 3 demonstrate they were in place but don't really discuss 4 material terms such as compensation indemnity, all those But I would allow those portions to be 5 other terms. 6 admitted as demonstrative of the fact that there were security agreements entered into. MR. HERR: Your Honor, if I may, 37-104, 105 8 -- did you say -- what was the next one? 9 10 THE COURT: It's the face sheet of the county 11 contract which is 113. 12 MR. HERR: Would the signature page, which 13 would be Exhibit 112, be appropriate? 14 THE COURT: Let me look at it. I don't have 15 any problem with 112 or 117. 16 In terms -- I think the signature MR. HERR: page is something that most people think should be part 17 of a contract. So I think at least --18 THE COURT: I'm fine with that. 19 This is being admitted for evidence that the contracts existed. 20 21 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We would have no objection as the Court has outlined, 37-104, 37-105, 37-112 and 22 23 37-117 and 37-113. 24 All right. Then with respect to THE COURT: 25 the other reserved exhibits I have the request to admit 106. And included within that is it Plaintiff's request 26 27 to admit 47-20 and 46-222? Or it may be 47-222. not sure which one, but the clerk has a record of that. 28

I reserved on that. The issue being that those two exhibits are part of 106. So what I've indicated, and this is on the record at sidebar, is that I'm inclined to admit those portions of 106 that are related to testimony provided in the case. But I'm not inclined to have the entire document go back to the jury for their perusal. I mean, it includes a tuberculosis test. It includes grades which I don't know that there has been any testimony regarding his grades. It may be related to his IEP.

But in other words, I think the wholesale admission of this document I would not agree to. There is a language survey. There is a whole host of material that I don't think would be appropriate to admit for the jury's perusal in deliberations in the jury room without it being directly related to testimony. So I'm going to ask that counsel meet and confer and -- on the issue of 106 and Plaintiff's motion to admit their copies of portions of 106 in light of the Court's comments, and then I will deal with any controversy that comes about after counsel have conferred on the admissibility of portions of 106. If there is -- but for that meet and confer by counsel, if there is nothing further to place on the record, we can have a brief informal discussion further on the jury instructions.

Anything further?

(Whereupon Plaintiff's Exhibits Nos. 37-104, 37-105, 37-112, 37-113 and 37-117 were

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               MR. HERR: Not for the Defense, Your Honor.
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               MR. RODRIGUEZ: Nothing here, Your Honor,
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2	AFTERNOON SESSION
3	DEPARTMENT 11 HON. DAVID LAMPE, JUDGE
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5	THE COURT: We're in session. We're on the
6	record in Cleveland versus Taft Union High School
7	District. Counsel are present except we don't have
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	Mr. Thompson. Oh, there he is hiding behind the screen.
9	Okay. He is here. Counsel are present.
10	All right. Anything we need to take up before
11	we have the jury in?
12	MR. HERR: Just briefly, Your Honor. Over the
13	lunch break I did go over these instructions again. And
14	just had two matters I'd like to note. 431 is causation
15	and it has multiple causes. And I believe that Bryan
16	Oliver, Tyler Oliver and Sheryl Oliver should probably
17	be included in 431.
18	THE COURT: As some other person, you want to
19	put them in that slot Bryan Oliver, Sheryl Oliver and
20	Tyler Oliver?
21	MR. HERR: Yes, because some other person
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24	THE COURT: I don't have a problem with that.
25	I'll put that in.
26	MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's fine, Your Honor.
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28	MR. HERR: And then finally, Your Honor, the

Court is giving 3703 where the legal relationship is not disputed. If the Court is giving 3703, then I don't think the Court should give 3701 where tort liability is asserted against principal. Because I believe 3701 should be given where there is some dispute as to whether the principal is responsible for the conduct of the agent or the subordinate.

as I read the instructions would be whether or not -these instructions if provided admit the employment
relationship, they don't admit the course and scope of
employment. The jury still has to find that they were
acting within the scope of their employment. If that's
conceded, then essentially that's stipulated, and then I
would modify -- I would -- then there would be no reason
to give 3700 or 3703. It would just be stipulated that
any verdict rendered against the stipulated employees
would be vicarious liability of the district, and then I
would modify 3703 slightly to take care of that.

MR. HERR: I'm prepared to stipulate that the conduct of the -- what I'll call the named employees was within the course and scope of their employment.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: That's fine, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Then I'll accept that stipulation, and that will take out 3700 and I think 3701. And then I'll just have to do some modification to 3703. The way I'll modify it -- probably show it to counsel before I give the instruction. But I would

1 modify it to essentially establish to the jury that there is no dispute. That if liability is found against 2 3 these named employees, that Taft Union High School 4 District is responsible. Thank you. Those are the comments 5 MR. HERR: 6 I had. THE COURT: Well, with that, then, I think we're ready for the jury. 8 9 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Your Honor, does the Court 10 preinstruct? 11 THE COURT: No. 12 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okav. THE COURT: Court is in session. I took roll. 13 14 The jury -- we've been briefly in session. And now the 15 jury is in the courtroom properly seated in the jury box. We're ready to proceed, ladies and gentlemen. 16 Mr. Rodriguez, your closing argument. 17 18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good afternoon. We started 19 this journey together about three weeks ago. And at the 20 time we were basically completely strangers to each 21 other. But with the time we've gotten to know a little 22 bit about each other and gotten to learn to care a 23 little bit about each other, okay. So the part now where you folks -- your next 24 job in this case is to make some decisions, deliberate, 25 26 okay. And let me tell you something. It's not like on TV, and it's not like in the movies. You know how in 27

Law & Order there is -- in the episode there is always a

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scene where the jury walks in and that music duhn, duhn, duhn, duhn. They walk in and they sit down and the court clerk says something like what is your decision or what say yea. And the foreperson stands up and says in a criminal case guilty or not guilty.

Okay. Well, it doesn't work that way in real life in a criminal or a civil case. Because what happens in real life is that there is a questionnaire that has to be filled out. It's called a special verdict, okay. And it's five pages long in this case and it's 11 questions. So that's what happens in a real trial, whether it be a criminal or a civil trial. Jurors are asked to go through a questionnaire.

Now, I have to go over a couple of things with you, because most of us are most familiar with criminal Because they usually get most of the media cases. Why? attention and movies and that kind of thing. But there is a difference between criminal and civil cases that we need to know about. In a criminal case, for example, how much proof has to be put on, it's called the burden of proof. And in a criminal case the person who files a criminal lawsuit is the prosecutor, the DA. And if this were a weighted scale and the amount of evidence was put on either side, in order for the prosecutor, the Plaintiff in the criminal case, they'd have to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt. That's a criminal case.

But we're in a civil case. In a civil case

the Plaintiff who files the lawsuit, in this case Bowe Cleveland, okay, the law says that it is more likely true than not. What does that mean? It means just a teeny hair, okay. More likely true than not, that's what it says. And another way of saying it is it probably true, probably true, okay.

And a party must persuade you by the evidence presented in Court that what he or she is required to prove is more likely to be true than not true. This is often referred to as the burden of proof. After weighing all of the evidence, if you cannot decide that something is more likely to be true than not true, you must conclude that the party did not prove it. You should consider all the evidence no matter which party produced the evidence. So in a civil case more likely true than not.

Now, why is that important. Well, probably the first thing when you get back into the deliberation room probably, the first thing you probably want to do is select a foreperson amongst yourself, okay. Probably the foreperson should have everybody around the table kind of share their general thoughts before you dive into the questionnaire, okay. And once you dive into the questionnaire, let's say you get to the first question, was Rona Angelo negligent. And somebody says I'm not a hundred percent sure. The jury foreperson is going to say -- you're going to get all these jury instructions, by the way, a packet. The jury foreperson

should turn to them and say the burden of proof says more likely true than not. You can have all the doubts you want as long as it's probably. And if that person still insists I've got to be a hundred percent sure, the jury foreperson says well, this is what the law is, and we're supposed to follow the rules, right.

Can you imagine living in a society where we didn't have rules? Can you imagine the chaos that we would have?

And if that doesn't work, the jury foreperson will be given these note forms that you can fill out. The bailiff will get it, bring it to the Judge's attention and the Judge will address that issue. Does that make sense?

Here's the other difference between a criminal case and a civil case. In a criminal case in order for the Plaintiff, the prosecutor, to win, you've got to have an unanimous verdict, all 12 people on the jury. But this is a civil case. In a civil case it's nine out of 12, nine out of 12. And it doesn't have to be the same nine on every question. It can be different, but there have to be nine. So that's a couple of differences that we need to take into account.

And before we get into reviewing the evidence, I have to tell you something. This is probably the most important case in my career. Why? Because it has to do with kids, our kids, the safety of our kids. And -- because we send our kids off to school and we expect

them to come home safely at the end of the day. And we expect our kids to be safe and protected at school. Especially when there is a known danger and all kinds of warning signs, all kinds of leakage, all kinds of red flags. So -- and the school administrators in charge of the student safety, did they choose to ignore all these warning signs.

And by the way, it is a choice. If you'll pay attention to what you're supposed to be doing, the warning signs or you ignore them. Or did school officials, school administrators, choose to deny the existence of all of those warning signs, all of that leakage, all of those red flags? So there is so much information in this case, so much evidence that we have to kind of organize it. So we're going to put it up on the screen, too.

What did they know about Bryan Oliver before they made their threat assessment plan? So this is a timeline, 2011. And then it's split up after the threat assessment plan was made on March 2nd, 2012. So this board is what they did know about Bryan Oliver after they made their threat assessment plan, okay. So -- and what we've done is we've put up all this information. We didn't put it up all. We've put up some of the more salient or some of the more important ones. So -- and for each one of these we have evidence to back it up.

For example, take the first one. Let's stick to the before. Bryan gets T-bagged in P.E. We have

1 Exhibit 46-145, and that is the discipline log. And 2 you'll see the date up there, March 15th, 2011. And 3 you'll see where T-bagged up there. Casey T-bagged me. That's the administrator. 4 Now, the Exhibit 46-143 is Bryan Oliver's own 5 6 handwriting in the incident report. The date March 15th, 2011, T-bagged me. Okay. Let's look at this one. February 27th, I am very concerned for the 8 safety of the students and the staff. Exhibit 47-121, 9 10 that's Dianne Kaszycki. And that's the one that 11 Ms. Kaszycki filled out, okay. And it's dated 12 February 25th. There it is. And the last paragraph she 13 says the conversation was very disturbing and stressful. 14 I am very concerned for the safety of the students and 15 staff as well as Bryan. So everything that we have up 16 here we have proof to back it up, either a document or testimony, every one of these things. 17 Let me give you another example. How about 18 19 this one? February 28th Bryan Oliver tells Shoffner that Jacob Nichols and Billy Wolfe are bullying him. 20 21 That's Exhibit 47-30. And you can see Jacob at times 22 bullied a lot. Jacob Nichols, Billy. So everything we 23 put up there we have proof to back it up. So I won't go 24 through all of them. But we have proof for every one of 25 those items that we have up there. Oh, and before I forget, here's the deal. 26

This is the threat assessment plan. Mark Shoffner, the information he had was right here. He didn't have all

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of the February 29th incident reports and reporting. He
just had the one -- remember the threats on the bus
where Saturday, February 25th, 26, 27, Monday and the
students and staff went in, Ms. Kaszycki, Ms. Federoff,
okay. Mr. Shoffner had this information when he came up
with the threat assessment plan. This was given to Ms.
Angelo. It was never given to Mr. Shoffner.

So when he came up with the threat assessment plan, and we know it was by no later than March 2nd because Bryan Oliver was allowed to come to school that following week, so it had to be finished by that Friday, March the 2nd. So when he came up with the threat assessment plan, he didn't have all the information. But who had all the information? Who knew about all of it? Ms. Angelo. And we'll go over that.

So let me give you an example. Let's say

November 9th. That would be Exhibit 37-392. That's the
one incident report by Dianne Kaszycki. I overheard

Bryan tell Rebecca, quote, if I don't get out of
geometry something drastic will happen, unquote. He had
a look on his face that scared me. So everything we
have up here, we have something to back it up.

For example, things really started to heat up in the month of December. Let's take this one for example, Exhibit 46-184. This is the discipline log.

Mariah Doty, she's that student -- Mariah Doty, she came in to testify. Do you remember her? The young lady kind of small in stature. She says up there she, Mariah

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Doty, and there is a date of December 17th, 2012, we can see the date up there. December 17th, 2012. And she says here boy was going to bring a gun, girl scared. This is not Mariah writing this down. This is

Ms. Angelo writing this down, or somebody from the school, in the discipline log. Mariah Doty writing and talking about something, shooting. Mariah said she was scared. Mariah said she was scared. I saw on Twitter that last year Bryan threatened to bring a gun, and it seemed real. Now, that's that document.

Then we have the trial testimony that Virginia has already done for us. So we know -- and I didn't want to put it all up there. But this is where Mariah Doty says and then I think there was -- question: And then I think there was another part that you said you told Ms. Angelo. And that was you were afraid that he was going to bring a gun to school. Did I state that right? Answer: Yes. Question: Okay. Did you include that in the incident report? Answer: Yes. Remember she testified that when she was got called in, she filled out the incident report. Is that consistent with what we've been told, when somebody would get called in they would do an incident report? Where is that incident report?

So and by the way, the lawyer for the other side didn't ask her a single question. Do you remember that? Didn't ask her a single question. So everything we put up here we have documents, testimony to back

everything up.

Now, warning signs. What did we learn that school officials, school administrators, school employees are taught and trained on? Remember Dr. Mohandie? And do you remember that Ms. Angelo as well as Mr. Shoffner attended training by Dr. Mohandie. What did he say that he trained? He said warning signs are not subtle. Bells and whistles, the bells and whistles go off. Humans do not erupt. Humans do not snap. It's an evolution. Do you think this is an evolution? Ten months from here to here. Those are the red flags. And those are the only ones that we know about.

So what else are they trained on?

Dr. Mohandie said it's a huge issue to come up with a great plan and then they don't follow up on. They don't monitor it. Okay. But here the plan wasn't so great to begin with, because Mr. Shoffner didn't have the February 29th, okay. So the plan was flawed. It was wrong to begin with. And then you add ten months.

Where was the monitoring?

Now, one of the jury instructions that you're going to hear from Judge Lampe is called the standard of care. What is the standard, whose care should we have? It's 600 is the name of it -- or the number of it. And you'll see it when you get it. Unfortunately I couldn't have a slide made up in time. It says a school administrator, slash, employee if negligent if he or she

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skillful care that a reasonably careful school
administrator, slash, employee would have used in
conducting threat assessment or threat management. This
level of skill, knowledge and care is sometimes referred
to as the, quote, standard of care.

What was the evidence here as to what the standard of care was? Who did it come from? It came from two people supposedly. One of them was Dr. Meloy, and the other one was Dr. Calhoun, okay. Who had worked on the case the longest? Dr. Meloy had worked on it for how long? Five-and-a-half years. Dr. Calhoun, it was either four or five-and-a-half months. Who was given all the police reports? Who was given the criminal trial transcripts? Who was given summaries, transcripts, that Rona Angelo gave to DA Investigator Herman Caldas? Who had testified in more cases involving threat assessment? Remember, Dr. Calhoun said this was the first time he ever testified. Who was familiar with the book guidelines for responding to threats of student violence? Do you remember Dr. Mohandie was aware of that book back in 2008 when he gave that lecture in San Diego? He's been around for It was published in 2006. Who had trained some time. school administrators in threat assessment, threat management at least since 2010?

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Dr. Meloy had, what, the most recent one where it was exclusively for school administrators because in New Mexico where he had 500 school personnel show up. Who knew who Mr. Romo was? Who knew who Jasmine Sanchez Who had seen the IEP? Who knew who Mariah Doty was? was? Who had asked what the standard of care? I asked Dr. Meloy point blank, you know, this opinion, you know, is it more likely true than not, sir. I went through every one of them, and he said yes. We went through all the testimony, trial testimony, prepared by Virginia, and Dr. Calhoun was never asked that question, more likely true than not. Flat out wasn't ever asked that question. So who is more on the standard of care? And what did Mr. Meloy say the standard of care was? Threat assessment team, three core members, communication. He said other things. And he said that book, the quidelines, he said that's the standard along with his professional opinions. The other side, Dr. Calhoun, he was never asked that question. But in a case -- by the

Here's another jury instruction you're going to get that's kind of related to this one. It's called number 602. A school administrator, slash, employee is not necessarily negligent just because his or her efforts are unsuccessful or if he or she makes an error

way, here's the book if you don't remember. But, you

know, you don't have to be a rocket scientist. When is

that was reasonable under the circumstances. You know 1 what, fair enough. Under the circumstances if there had 2 3 been one red flag or two red flags, maybe three strikes. But in a case like this, that's not reasonable, okay. 4 First question. First question is was Rona 5 6 Angelo negligent? So before we get into that, can I ask you a question? Does the truth matter? Does telling the truth matter? Is a man's word his bond? 8 Is a woman's word her bond? We heard that threat assessment 9 10 team, the administrator, the one -- in this case the 11 assistant principal is the leader of the threat 12 assessment team. Says who? Dr. Meloy. Even Dr. Calhoun said it. Dr. Mohandie said that's what I 13 14 taught and trained on. Second member, SRO officer. 15 Third member, core member, is the mental health 16 professional. So let's talk about the SRO officers. 17 were three of them, remember. It was Deputy Collins. 18 It was Sergeant Kevin George and it was Officer 19 Hallmark. What interaction did the first SRO have with 20 21 Ms. Angelo? What was the nature of the interaction in 22 general? Rona was in charge of me. Okay. Next one, 23 This is from the trial testimony. What please. 24 information did they give their first SRO before the 25 shooting? While you were out there at the house searching for the hit list did it dawn on you to search 26 27 for anything else on your own? Because he was told to

go out there to look for a hit list. When he ran into

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some paint balls, he decided he would look for weapons. 1 2 Had he ever had any personal contact? He said no, I never spoke to Bryan Oliver after I did that. 3 before you went out to the house, did you participate in 4 any kind of risk evaluation of Bryan Oliver. 5 No. So 6 you've never had any kind of personal contact with Bryan Oliver up until today's date, the date he came in to testify? And he said to my recollection I didn't have 8 any contact with Bryan Oliver after I visited the home. 9 10 And before there may have been some conversations that I 11 was privy to. He may have heard some conversations he 12 said. But never had any personal contact with him. 13 Next question. Okay. And did you participate 14 in any threat assessment that had to do with Bryan 15 Oliver, sir? What was his answer? No. Can go on to 16 the next slide? And then I asked him specific questions about these incidents here. I won't go every one of 17 18 them. But do you see his answers? No. No. No. No. 19 We had testimony that he knew about the T-bagging incident. And I asked him were you ever told about the 20 21 T-bagging incident. Because remember what we heard? 22 had heard that he had been told about. He had been 23 involved in. What was his answer? 24 Now, what did Ms. Angelo say about all this? 25 She was asked -- I won't go through all of these. But she said that -- Your Honor, I just thought of 26 27 something. I'm walking through the well. Do I have the court's permission? 28

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THE COURT: Oh, no, you're in argument.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you. earlier I think that you said that Officer Collins was involved in the alleged threat assessment of Bryan Oliver, correct. As far as I remember, correct. I just want to know if you discussed with the witnesses what the witnesses told you if you had asked for his opinion. His opinion being Deputy Collins. Yes, I did. And what did he tell you? You know, I don't remember exactly what he said because we conversed on numerous things. And he would say whether he needed to arrest Bryan or whether he needed to cite Bryan or whether it was still a school issue. He would make the determination whether it became a police issue.

What did the second SRO officer say? And that was Sergeant Kevin George, retired. And when you worked there, who did you report to there at the campus? Rona Angelo. How frequently would you say you dealt with her? Daily. Next slide. And then I went through every one of -- not every one, but a lot of these red flags. And what did he say? No, not that I recall. No. No. No. No. I did not. No, I did not. And remember, he started there -- Deputy Collins retired March 27th, 2012. By the way, do you have a right for a lawyer to be straight with you? Why am I asking you that question? When Deputy Collins was up here, the question was when did you retire. And he said -- he's trying to give a best answer. He said 2011. And it's like oh, so

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you retired 2011. No. It's not about tricky questions.

It's about getting to the truth.

Same thing with Jasmine Sanchez. The question was asked oh, what date was it. It's not about asking cute questions or tricky questions. What information did they give the second SRO? I asked him about these the time that he was there. His answers were no. No. No. You get the idea. I'm not going to go over all of these.

How about the third SRO officer? Officer Hallmark. Before the shooting, before, had you ever heard the name of the shooter, Bryan Oliver? Remember he started in August, which would have been four months after the threat assessment plan. Before the shooting, had you ever heard the name of the shooter, Bryan Oliver? No, sir. Before the day of the shooting were you aware that Bryan Oliver had threatened to shoot students, blow up the school auditorium, kill his brother and punch crying babies? No. Before the shooting were you ever told by Mrs. Angelo or anyone else before the shooting that it had been reported that Bryan Oliver was drawing pictures of shooting little kids and talking about shooting a student because he was black? No, sir.

Ms. Angelo, her testimony was before the school shooting did you ever inform School Resource Officer Hallmark of the alleged threat assessment? I really don't remember. Do you have any documentation

one way or the other? There is no documentation. 1 2 Jana Durkan. Why do I bring up Jana Durkan? She's the guidance counselor. And the testimony from 3 4 Ms. Angelo was before the school shooting did you discuss the reasons why Bryan Oliver was being placed on 5 a behavior contract with Ms. Durkan. 6 This is testimony under oath. Yes. What did you tell her? She would be told what the incident was about and what the conditions 8 of this contract was. Is that what you told her? 9 10 is Ms. Angelo being asked this. And she says yes. 11 Before the school shooting did you discuss the reasons 12 with Ms. Durkan as to why Bryan would be subject to random searches? Answer: I had to. 13 That would be yes. 14 Yes, there would be a reason to tell her, and it's on 15 the discipline screen. Besides it being on the discipline screen, did you actually have a conversation 16 with her discussing the reasons why Bryan would be 17 18 subject to random searches? Answer: I would assume I 19 I do not recall -- recollect when that was. Question: And I just want to know after the incident 20 21 and after the threat assessment, this incident and after 22 the threat assessment, did you ask Ms. Durkan to keep a 23 closer eye on Bryan Oliver? Answer: I do not recall. 24 What did Ms. Durkan say to us? 25 And remember, her name is on the threat assessment plan. And I just read you what Ms. Angelo 26 said about giving her information. And what did 27

Ms. Durkan say? And Ms. Angelo never contacted you

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about the threat assessment report prepared in connection with Bryan; is that right? I was never aware of the threat assessment. And that would also be true for Mr. Shoffner, he never contacted you about the threat assessment report done for Bryan Oliver; is that right? Correct. He never contacted me.

Next one, please. And if they had asked you to keep a close eye on Bryan Oliver because of possible threats he made, you would have done so; is that correct? Yes, I would have. You would have checked in with him; is that correct? Correct. So we're told that she was told about all these things. What did she say? SRO officers, guidance counselors -- switching gears here a little bit.

Communication between and amongst the threat assessment members. We were told that Dr. Mohandie, he said he trained them that failure to communicate was a bad thing among threat assessment. Dr. Meloy called it the silo effect. Now, I'm originally from the Texas panhandle so I know what a silo is. I came out to California. You don't see too many of them, okay. But it's grain. You put all of it in there. Well -- and, oh, Dr. Calhoun called it silo and bunkers.

And by the way, speaking about Dr. Calhoun. Why did the school district hide all this information from him? He's a professional. He knows what he's doing. Why wasn't he given -- he was given this much information.

So who did Ms. Angelo communicate Bryan 1 2 Oliver's threats to? The bus threats she told Mr. Shoffner about it. She didn't tell any of the SRO 3 officers, and she didn't tell Ms. Durkan. 4 playground drawing. She didn't tell anyone about it. 5 6 The reports of the hit list. She told -- not she. the way, she didn't tell him, Mark Shoffner did. Threat to kill student because put it up there any way. 8 So report by another student of hit list, 9 he is black. 10 report that Bryan wants to shoot up assembly, psychopath 11 story, report of Bryan acting threatening towards the 12 female students, report that Bryan is getting worse, 13 report by Bryan that he wants to punch another student. 14 School library tech report, Bryan is extremely upset 15 because his books and backpacks are stolen. Why is that 16 important? Because remember the evolution, people don't 17 Threat assessment people know. Report by just give up. 18 student that Bryan pulled a knife on friend, report by 19 student that Bryan told her to kick and punch Bowe Cleveland, report by student that she's scared that 20 21 Bryan will shoot up school. Who held all the 22 information? 23 There is a movie one of my favorite actors, 24 Paul Newman, and I don't know if you know who I'm Paul Newman did a movie called Cool Hand Luke. 25 talking. He's got in there that I never forget. What we have 26 27 here is a failure to communicate. Do you remember Mr. Romo, the parent? I told her I was concerned for my 28

son. I was scared. She said not to worry, that the cops would handle it. They'd take care of it. You had no problem going to talk to the police and reporting it? Not to worry about him, they'll take care of it. That you had no problem going to talk to the kid's parent or family. What did she say to you? Not to worry, that she'll take care of it. Were you upset when you went in to talk to her? I wasn't happy. I was nervous and scared for my son.

What did Ms. Angelo say about that? I won't read all of it. But during this conversation did you tell student number three, Fernando Romo, to not report this incident? No, I would never have done that. They always have the right to do that. So it's your testimony you never told Mr. Romo to not report this incident concerning his son to the police? Correct.

Does the truth matter? This is your house.

Does the truth matter in this house? Jasmine Sanchez.

Do you remember her, she was on the very first day a long time ago, three weeks ago, okay. She came in to testify, okay. When you spoke to Ms. Angelo in her office, did she ask you how you felt when you saw this drawing that you turned in to Mr. Greer? Yes. And was that Ms. Angelo? Yes. How many times did you talk to Ms. Angelo About the drawing? Twice. And what did you tell her? Scared, disturbed. And did Mrs. Angelo ask you if you felt threatened for your life? Yes. And what did you say to her when she asked you that? And

what did you say -- and did Mrs. Angelo tell you anything about what they had been doing, they being the school for Bryan Oliver? That he was getting help from the counselor at school. And did she say anything about they had it covered? Yes, not to worry about it. It was getting taken care of. At that time did Ms. Angelo ask you how you were feeling? Yes. And what did you tell her? That I didn't feel safe with him around, and that he needed help. That who needed help? Bryan. And when you said that he needed help, Bryan needed help, did Ms. Angelo say anything to you? Yes, that he was getting help from the counselor.

By the way, what did we hear? Mr. Shoffner said I never counseled him. No sessions. Where were you at school the day of the shooting January 10th, 2013? Or were you, not wear. Yes. Did you see Mrs. Angelo on that date? Yes, I did. Before or after the shooting? Yes. And where is that you saw her? In the auditorium. Did you say anything to her at that time? Yes, I did. What is it that you said to her? I told you something was going to happen. And we asked her what did Ms. Angelo say to you. She didn't say anything. She walked away.

Now, why is that important? Because one of the jury instructions that you'll get is call adoptive admissions, 213. You have heard evidence that Jasmine Sanchez made the following statements. One, I don't feel safe with Bryan, and he needs help. Two, I told

1 you something was going to happen. You may consider 2 that statement as evidence against Rona Angelo only if you find all of the following are true: One, the 3 4 statement was made to Rona Angelo or made in her Rona Angelo heard and understood the 5 presence. 6 statement. Rona Angelo would under all the circumstances naturally have denied the statement if she thought it was not true. It's called adoptive 8 And Rona Angelo could have denied it, but 9 admission. 10 did not. If you decide that these -- these conditions 11 are not true, you must not consider for any purpose 12 either the statement or Rona Angelo's response. 13 But that's what the evidence was. More likely 14 true than not. You heard from -- a cry for help from 15 Dr. Mohandie, explained about this inappropriate behavior, some of it may be a cry for help. And so the 16 threats reported to you by the staff and by students 17 18 regarding Bryan Oliver's comments on February 25th, 2012 19 were not considered by you to be a cry for help from I stand by my answer. 20 Bryan Oliver? I don't -- I don't 21 care for the word cry. I'm not for sure that that's a 22 true description of how I would describe it. 23 described it would be better than the word cry and the 24 word cry. Okay. I just want to know if whether or not 25 you actually informed Bryan Oliver's junior year teachers. We have 900 students, and that would be a lot 26 27 of notification. So Bryan was not any different than any other student. How many students do you think were 28

at Taft High School were saying they were going to blow up the auditorium, kill people? And what we heard was he's no different than any other student.

Was Ms. Angelo negligent? In this case it's not more likely true than not, it's huge. So the answer would be, I would suggest to you, yes.

By the way, the questions that -- I'm sorry. Let me stay on track, otherwise I'll never finish.

Next question, question number two, is substantial -- was the negligence of Rona Angelo a substantial factor in causing harm to Bowe Cleveland? Jury instruction you're going to get says a substantial factor in causing harm is a factor, it doesn't have to be the only factor, that a reasonable person would consider to have contributed to the harm, contributed to the harm. It must be more than a remote or trivial factor. It does not have to be the only cause of the harm.

And by the way, just to jump ahead and we'll come back, the last question talks about percentage of fault. So you're not being asked is Ms. Angelo the only person that contributed to this fault. I just wanted to clear that up. At the end you're going to be asked to assign percentages of a different number of people.

So did her conduct -- because remember, threat assessment is what? It's a preventive tool. Type two events she was taught and trained are the most preventable. Remember type two? More likely true than

1 | not that she was not the only but a substantial factor.

Question number three, was Mark Shoffner negligent? Bryan Oliver had reported two bullies to him, Jacob Nichols and Billy Wolfe. We looked at the discipline logs. There was never anything done to those two students. The IEP, I'm not going to show it to you, but do you remember the box that said about Bryan Oliver's behavior what it said? This is not an area -- do you remember that box that said this is not an area of concern? Really? In that IEP when they met with her was five days after this, March the 7th. And they had all this. They suspended him and they said his behavior -- that's what they told Ms. Oliver, his mom when they met with her to exit him out of the IEP, remember they moved him out.

So -- and before I forget, with all of this happening, remember one of the -- remember the intervention tactics available through the threat assessment team was what? Referral, recommendation to the mom for counseling, cry for help, people saying he needs help. And then Mr. Shoffner, here's what I call it, throwing gas on a fire. This wasn't counseling. This was just him recommending books to him. What kind of books did the school psychologist give to Bryan Oliver to read? Mind Hunter and Anatomy of Motive. Like a how to book, a recipe.

Mark Shoffner, was he negligent? I would suggest to you yes. Was the negligence of Mark Shoffner

a substantial factor -- question number four -- a substantial factor in causing harm to Bowe Cleveland? Remember, just contributed, not the only. More likely true than not. Do you think recommending to somebody who you know has been saying bombs, bringing bombs in a backpack and put it under the chairs -- because he made that recommendation June 6th. We have the notes for him. Everything we put up here, we have the document or testimony to back it up. I was just checking my notes to make sure I got the right date. June the 6th.

Question number five, was Marilyn Brown, Kim Fields and/or Mark Richardson negligent? Marilyn Brown, she's the principal. One of her responsibilities -- I'm not going to read all the testimony. I'll just summarize it for you. One of her responsibilities was to supervise Ms. Angelo. And she knew at the time that Bryan Oliver was a danger. And she never followed up on it. I mean, how many students do you have at school were threatening to kill 50 people who were saying all these things? How much worse does it have to get? And she didn't do anything about it. Like I said, I'm not going to read you the detailed testimony that she gave.

Mr. Fields, he had information. I mean, he denies it. But you heard from Chief Whiting that he had a conversation with Mr. Fields. Mr. Fields told him about these escape plans. And Mr. Fields, when he was up on the witness stand here he said oh, I really don't -- didn't have much issue with Bryan Oliver, something

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to that effect. But I had his transcript from the statement he gave to Detective Wahl where he said I had had numerous conversations. Remember, that statement was given that same day, the day of the shooting.

Mr. Richardson, he was a superintendent at the time. He's the one that wrote that e-mail. Instead of telling his staff -- do you remember what Dr. Meloy said Dr. Mohandie said that he thought, you encourage people, students and staff, especially staff, if you see something, you say something. He said squash the rumors. You authored that, correct? Yes. Did you ever identify to the Buena Vista faculty or staff or the ROP department or Taft Union High School District faculty or staff that Bryan Oliver had made the threats on the school bus? No. You never gave teachers a heads up to keep an eye on him because of these comments he made? Substantial factor, more likely true than not, I No. would suggest that the answer is yes.

Question number seven, was Sheryl Oliver negligent, Bryan Oliver's mom, okay? Let me -- was information kept from her? Was Bryan's mom notified? March 15th, the T-bagging incident. No. Here's what we have heard. We heard Ms. Angelo say well, the report was there on the desk between us. No. Did you give it to her, talk to her? No. But she could have gotten it there. Discipline log. Student reports Bryan picked on. Was she notified? No. Was she notified about the paper theft, the plagiarism? Yes. How about the bus

1 They say yes. But does that make sense that threats? they would when the IEP on March the 7th said what? Not 2 an area of concern. What's more consistent? Was she 3 4 told about Jasmine Sanchez at the playground drawing? You know, the other thing, the reason we 5 6 brought the playground drawing to your attention is because when we asked Ms. Angelo about it she said I don't know who drew it. I don't know anything about it. 8 The reason we brought Detective Caldas in, Investigator 9 10 Caldas from the DA's office, because he spoke to her and

she said -- she confirmed that that drawing was done by Bryan Oliver. That's why we brought it to your attention. The threats to kill a student by the name of Bobbitt, multiple reports of hit lists. Can we go on to

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The threat assessment plan. Was she ever given a copy? Was she ever told? I keep coming back to this. March the 7th when she went in for the IEP, she was told there was not an area of concern his behavior. Do you think if they would have told her about that they would have said not an area of concern? This is what I mean about there is so much stuff in this case. You've got to organize it. They did tell her about the attendance academic behavior contract. She signed it. Bryan exits from the IEP March 7th. They did tell her this is not an area of concern.

Can we go on to the next page, please? I won't go through all of them. But like I said, we have

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documents or testimony for every one of these. Was she told on December 17th about three weeks before the shooting when Mariah Doty was brought in? Were Bowe Cleveland's parents told when Mariah Doty told them about that? So was she negligent if she wasn't given all this information, hardly any information?

Question number eight was if you say yes, that she was negligent, you go on to the next question was the negligence of Sheryl Oliver a substantial factor in causing harm to Bowe Cleveland.

Question number nine, was Tyler Oliver negligent? Can I say something about him? He owned up to his responsibility from the get-go. When he was interviewed by the sheriff's department on the date of the shooting, he spoke to that detective voluntarily, and he admitted -- he told the officer, the deputy, I should have had it secured. In his deposition, he owned up to it. And here at trial he said yes, he made a Compare that, his answers and his behavior, to mistake. the school employees who deny everything? It's a big conspiracy. All the SRO officers are lying. is lying. Everybody is lying except according to them Ms. Angelo and Mr. Shoffner. When they were up there, especially Mr. Shoffner, do you think he was being forthright, straightforward, or was he evasive and ducking?

If you say yes, he was negligent, the next question is was it a substantial factor. Did he

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Question number 11. Question number 11 is what percentage of responsibility for Bowe Cleveland's harm do you assign to the following? Ms. Angelo, Mark Shoffner, Marilyn Brown, Kim Fields, Mark Richardson, Bryan Oliver, Sheryl Oliver, Tyler Oliver.

Here's what I'm going to suggest to you. I back up? Two ways that the employees, school district, are negligent. By the way, negligence doesn't mean intentional. For the way they did the threat assessment, the threat management, we went through all that. What's the other piece? They had a gate, a perimeter fence, and they tried to run away from it and say oh, we had an open campus. But what did their own written documentation say? It's a closed campus. It's only open at lunch. The rest of the time -- I won't read it all to you -- said should be locked at all other It's in black and white. That's what they said. times. The 90 seconds lock down that gate would have been locked. You had the surveillance cameras. What good does it do to have 43 surveillance cameras and not monitor them? 43. Through the PA system they would have said they see something like that, lock down, teachers lock. That's the other way they can prevent it.

So question number 11 I didn't have a slide made up for. So if it's okay with you, I'm going to use the ELMO. You may want to write notes on this one.

1 Question number 11, what percentage of responsibility for Bowe Cleveland's harm do you assign to the 2 3 following? Ms. Angelo, 49 percent. Why? Who is the person who was the leader of the threat assessment? Who 4 called the shots? Who was the quarterback? Who had all 5 6 the information? Who knew about all of the red flags? Who knew the most? Mr. Shoffner, 15 percent. Why? Among other 8 things -- oh, let me make it perfectly clear for you. 9 10 Mr. Shoffner wears two hats. One hat that he wears he 11 is the school psychologist, okay. We're not being 12 critical of him as to whether or not he tested or didn't That's off limits. But as part of the threat 13 test. 14 assessment team, as an administrator, that's a different 15 That's what we're being critical of. So we're story. not criticizing him as to whether he did the test or 16 didn't do the test. The evidence was that he didn't, 17 18 but that doesn't matter. It's communication, threat 19 assessment team. 20 Marilyn Brown, 3.5. She was Ms. Angelo's 21 supervisor. She knew about Bryan Oliver's threats, 22 never spoke to Rona Angelo about it. And she said she 23 involved herself in all the serious threat assessments. 24 Can you get much more serious than this? What's that 25 old saying, serious as a heart attack? 26 Kim Fields. He knew about the escape plans, 27 didn't relay it to Rona Angelo, when that was part of

his job, security. And then he tried to minimize it by

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saying when he came in here and said oh, I didn't know much about him, and -- but then we had the transcript.

Mark Richardson, supposed to be in charge.

He's the one that says squash the rumors instead of see something, say something.

Bryan Oliver. Did you see a question up there whether he was negligent or not? Do you know why not? Because he is. In fact, he did it intentionally, okay. But you know what? He took responsibility. We played his videotape. We said when you pled no contest, you knew that was the same thing as pleading guilty. By the way, he wrote that letter of apology the very next day.

What have we heard from the school district and the employees? Denial, denial, denial, denial. It's everybody else's fault, but not there's. And you know in some ways, the system failed him. People kept saying he needs help. Ms. Kaszycki said I'm concerned for the safety of the students and staff as well as Bryan. Jasmine Sanchez, all these people, have said he needs help. He needs help. Yet no referral, no recommendation was ever made to Bryan Oliver's mother.

Ms. Oliver. Working, single mom. I showed you how they kept her in the dark and minimized. And remember, she was supposed to be kept in the loop according to the threat assessment, another set of ears, another seat of eyes. The information was kept from her by Mr. Shoffner, by Ms. Angelo.

Tyler Oliver. He owned up to his mistake

1 every time he was questioned about it. I got the gun to I had it there. I had most of the 2 shoot clay pigeons. 3 ammunition there. But when they asked him did you have 4 two rounds in the bathroom? He said yes. He owned up to it, his mistake. 5 You've been very, very patient. Thank you for 6 listening. THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we'll take 8 our afternoon recess. We'll be in recess for 9 15 minutes. Don't discuss the case or form or express 10 any opinions. We're in recess for 15 minutes. 11 12 (A recess was taken.) THE COURT: We're in session and on the record 13 14 in Cleveland versus Taft Union High School District. 15 Appearances are as previously noted. Anything we need to take up before we have the 16 17 jury in? 18 MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, thank you, Your Honor. 19 MR. HERR: No, thank you, Your Honor. 20 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Herr, you get 21 equal time if you need it. And, Mr. Rodriguez, I may 22 have to ask that you be as brief as possible with your 23 rebuttal. I do think all of us want to get this jury 24 instructed this afternoon. 25 Court is in session. I took roll. The jury is now in the courtroom properly seated. 26 27 Mr. Herr, your closing argument. 28 MR. HERR: Thank you, Your Honor. Thank you,

ladies and gentlemen, of the jury for your kind attention throughout this case. I know you've taken this very seriously. You understand this is an important case. It's very important to Rona Angelo who has been here throughout the trial. Obviously it's important to Mr. Rodriguez. And I suspect it's important to Bowe Cleveland. But I want you to also know how important it is to Mark Shoffner, Kim Fields, the students and teachers and administration at Taft Union High School District.

I'm going to tell you what I think the evidence has shown. And I want to emphasize that what I'm going to tell you is what I think was left out of the Plaintiff's opening that's very important for you to consider in your deliberations.

First of all, ladies and gentlemen, I want you to look at this chart, this chart that was referenced numerous times in Plaintiff's opening statements. I want you to look at this because each and every incident on this chart was investigated by Taft Union High School District. Each and every one of these incidents was investigated and documented, personally went through a process that Rona Angelo followed at Taft Union High School District.

The second very important thing for you to keep in mind -- and you may remember when documents were introduced, these incident reports were introduced into evidence, Judge Lampe told you something very, very

important that got lost in the Plaintiff's opening argument. And that is these documents are being introduced for the limited purpose of showing that the school district had information. They are not -- they are not being introduced to prove the truth of what's in the document. In other words, the truth of the matter asserted.

And I think that's very important because there were no people who came in and said half of these things that are on these documents. In other words, the people who were the witnesses of these things, Bryan shooting up and killing 50 students, you never heard from those people. So you never got an opportunity to assess their credibility, which is very important in a trial like this. That's your role, assessing the credibility of witnesses.

So as you look at all this list of things that Plaintiff has very artfully put together, he's absolutely right. There is evidence to support every one of these things. The evidence is the records that the school put together pursuant to a process. And the fact that the actual witnesses were not called by Plaintiff in this case should tell you that there have may have been another version or explanation to these things for people whose statements that are presented.

But let me get to what I think really this case is about. And first of all, were Taft Union High School employees Rona Angelo and Mark Shoffner

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negligent. Was Mark negligent in his mental examination of Bryan Oliver? Was Rona Angelo negligent in relying on Mark Shoffner's mental examination of Bryan Oliver? These are the things that I think you need to keep in mind in your assessment of the evidence in this case.

Should they have been able to reasonably foresee that Bryan Oliver would bring a gun to school and shoot Bowe Cleveland. That's sort of the ultimate question throughout this. Should they have been able to reasonably prevent this shooting from happening. and gentlemen, that is sort of the ultimate question in this. And the ultimate question but the real irony in all this when you think about it, because as I preparing for this, there is a thought that came to. Should Mark Shoffner have known before Bryan Oliver knew that Bryan Oliver was going to come to school and shoot Bowe Cleveland? Think about it. When did Bryan Oliver first determine he was going to shoot Bowe Cleveland? Most of the evidence indicates it's in December after the shotgun was brought into the home. All of this stuff that Plaintiff put on their piece of paper, this is all before Bryan Oliver decided he was going to shoot Bowe Cleveland.

So the thrust of the Plaintiff's case throughout this is Mark Shoffner should have known that Bryan Oliver was going to shoot Bowe Cleveland before Bryan Oliver knew he was going to shoot Bowe Cleveland. You'll get a definition as to what is negligence, and

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these instructions will be there for you to read. Keep them in mind. And when you look at it, it's a reasonably careful person. That is the standard. It's not a hyper-technical standard. That's why you are making this decision. Because you are going to decide what is reasonable under all of the circumstances.

But in this case, again, I want to mention something I mentioned in my opening statement. And that is be careful of hindsight bias. And Dr. Mohandie was a very clear witness on that issue. In other words, he evaluated the threat assessment that Mark Shoffner did and Rona Angelo in their assessment. And he said, you know, in hindsight I might have rated it a three instead of a four. But that's with the benefit of all of this So as you're reviewing the events in this information. case, please keep in mind the issue is what was available to the people at Taft Union High School District at the time, and evaluate if they followed a process for each and every one of those events that you think was reasonable. The case must be decided on evidence. And evaluate what happened in this case by looking at what was known and done at the time by all of the individuals involved in this case.

And the two critical witnesses that you heard were Rona Angelo and Mark Shoffner and the work they did and why they did what they did. Avoid using hindsight bias and the benefit of what we know today which is essentially what Dr. Meloy did. With the benefit of

knowing what happened on January the 10th, it's easy for him to come here in July of 2019 and tell you how things should have, could have, might have done better.

And as you do this, please keep in mind the oath. It's the oath that I mentioned to you when you were being selected as jurors. And really it's the touchstone. It's the most critical aspect of your role as jurors. Because if you keep that oath and you follow the law as Judge Lampe gives you the law, then you'll be able to faithfully fulfill really one of the most important responsibilities of citizens of our country.

I want to go through some of the claims that the Plaintiff asserted and note whether he's made -- he's met his burden of proof on these. First of all, that this shooting should have been reasonably foreseen. Second, were Rona Angelo, Mark Shoffner, the school, did not care about safety. That was implicit throughout this case that Rona and Mark just simply didn't care. The school did not follow its practices and procedures. There was no internal or external communication. And, again, this is replete throughout the Plaintiff's case in this you've heard for the last three weeks.

First, that this shooting -- and I forgot the last one, that there was this implication that the school ignored mistreatment of Bryan Oliver. Let me address each one of these in order.

First of all, foreseeability. You have heard no evidence that Bryan Oliver was planning to shoot Bowe

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There has been no evidence introduced in Cleveland. this case except the day before the shooting when Rebecca Jackson said that Bryan told her. And Rebecca Jackson reported it to her mom. She did not report it to anyone else. The evidence suggests that Bryan did not consider committing the shooting until the day before. And that's evidence that we received again from This all occurred after the shotgun Rebecca Jackson. was brought into the home. Bryan Oliver had no access to a weapon until December of 2012. That evidence is without dispute. Tyler Oliver and Bryan Oliver both testified that weapon came into the home in December of 2012.

Again, should Mark Shoffner have anticipated that Bryan Oliver would shoot Bowe Cleveland for these many months when there was no shotgun in the home.

Finally, the Plaintiff argues the school should be able to predict which students will commit crimes before the students themselves even consider it. That's the gist of this case, ladies and gentlemen. Did the Plaintiff prove these claims? First of all, that the shooting should have been reasonably foreseen. And I would submit to you they have not. There is no one who's come in and said that had they done something different with the pencil incident or had they done something with any one of other these incidents that this shooting would not have occurred. The only evidence that we've heard is that had the shotgun not

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been in the home, according to Dr. Mohandie, if the shotgun had not been in the home, the shooting would not have occurred.

Second, with regard to school safety. school take reasonable efforts to keep students safe? They contracted with an SRO. They contracted with both Kern County Sheriff's Office and the City of Taft to have a full-time armed, uniformed police officer on Was that reasonable? They had campus supervisors, Kim Fields and Mary Miller, on campus at all times. You heard the testimony of Kim Fields. You should be able to evaluate how he cared for the students, how he cared for the students on the day of the shooting, how Kim Fields put his own life in jeopardy for these students. Because of the conduct of people like Kim Fields Bryan Oliver and Bowe Cleveland are probably alive today. These are the types of people that Taft Union High School District had working with the students.

People like -- there were meetings with staff about active shooting scenarios. Rona Angelo and Mark Shoffner went to classes on school shootings on threat assessments. The day of the shooting they were even having training on that.

Finally they had a school psychologist on staff. You were able to evaluate Mark Shoffner's testimony. You were able to determine whether he really genuinely sincerely cared about all the 900 students at

the school, not just Bryan Oliver. You were able to hear what he did and why he did it. He's the only person, not Kris Mohandie, not Reid Meloy, it was Mark Shoffner who studied the IEP, who talked to Sheryl Oliver, who knew about Bryan's conduct in Tennessee. It was Mark Shoffner who took this information and evaluated whether Bryan was a danger to himself or others in February and March of 2012. The process that he followed was legitimate and it's well-established, and I don't think anybody can reasonably question his good-faith in doing it.

Finally, the school did have a threat assessment program. They went beyond what -- the bare minimum. They had a program that they followed. And if you'll look at each every one of those incidents, Rona Angelo did what she was supposed to do. She took in information. She shared it with Mark Shoffner. And they evaluated the situation as it came in. Did the Plaintiff prove that Rona Angelo and Mark Shoffner and the school did not care about safety? I submit they did not. The school did not follow it's practices and procedures.

Ladies and gentlemen, the evidence is clear that in this case practices and procedures were in place and diligently followed as evidenced by all the records that the Plaintiff has shown you in this case today.

Second, incident reports were prepared and reviewed. That's the evidence that Rona Angelo

accumulated and shared with Mark Shoffner so he could do
his job in evaluating whether it changed the threat
assessment for Bryan Oliver. Students were called in
for interviews. So you have both a written statement
plus the actual interview of the students.

Then I want to just pause and note Rona Angelo knew every one of those students. Rona Angelo is there at 6:30 in the morning. This is a small campus, 900 students. People like Kim Fields, Mary Miller, Rona Angelo and Mark Shoffner knew those students. They knew the community. The documentation of discipline in permanent records. You will see in evidence if you want to review that evidence the discipline records for all of these incidents are contained both in Rona Angelo's records, also in the students what's know as their cume file. And then they also have a very clear-cut threat assessment program that they followed.

Next point, that there was no internal or external communication. Ladies and gentlemen, it is absolutely clear that Rona and Mark spoke and communicated with each other regularly. In fact, there is no evidence they didn't. No one has stated, suggested or implied that Mark and Rona did not talk regularly. Rona spoke with Bryan and Rebecca frequently while she waited for her mother to pick her up from school. Rona was concerned about Bryan and as was Kim and they spoke.

Next point. The staff spoke to and regularly

1 interacted with students. Mark checked with Bryan 2 throughout the year. You heard Mark's testimony about talking to Bryan, the situation about him recommending a 3 book. You heard Kris Mohandie's testimony about that. 4 Kris Mohandie who is a very distinguished practitioner 5 6 explained how the books talk about how FBI investigators look at crimes. And Mark was doing that to try to 8 encourage Bryan. It was not to throw gasoline on the 9 fire as has been suggested. 10 Sheryl Oliver was interviewed after the bus 11 incident. And as a side you remember, she was also talked to you after the P.E. incident. And she got very 12 13 upset that the other students weren't disciplined. 14 Sheryl Oliver was interviewed after the bus incident. 15 Not only that, she walked with Greg Collins from the 16 school to her house where her house was searched. 17 You've got to believe that any person who's having their 18 house searched by a uniformed law enforcement officer 19 would be concerned about something that happened. 20 Sheryl Oliver also testified that she read the 21 description of the bus incident on the threat assessment 22 and that's what she understood occurred. So she was 23 informed what was going on. So there was communication 24 that took place. 25

The school ignored mistreatment of Bryan
Oliver. Ladies and gentlemen, I don't think that point
was proven either. The school had a clear policy
against bullying. Bryan's freshman year was

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investigated and evaluated and discipline handed out to all the students involved, not just Bryan Oliver. has a high school policy against bullying. If you look at Exhibit 108, that's where the students would have to sign that they attended an anti-bullying. Cleveland was aware of it. They were all aware of it. There were reports to the staff about bullying throughout the administration at Taft. They have not proven that the school ignored Bryan Oliver. You think about it, this image that the Plaintiff is trying to portray sort of calls you into question what type of school should have been back in 2012 and 2013. what's the role of a school? And you've heard testimony that with 900 students it wasn't just about Bryan Oliver. There were a lot of other issues that the school dealt with.

For example, the school has to educate all students. There are students that want to be there. There is students that don't want to be there. There are students who are talented. There are students who are not talents. The school wants to make sure that the under performing who have learning disabilities or have behavior issues still get a chance to learn. Keep that in mind when you're evaluating whether Rona and Mark and Kim were acting reasonably. What is a safe school? What are their responsibilities? The school's primary job should be educating all students as best they can. Or is it the school's job to be a law enforcement

officer, to be a parent, to criminally profile students?

I would submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that's not the role of schools in 2012 and 2013 and that's not the standard that you should impose on the school in this case.

There is evidence as to what Taft Union High School's vision statement is and mission statement. You can review that, but I think that's consistent with what Dr. Blanca Cavazos testified to and to what Kim Fields and the others testified to. Specifically the school is concerned about all students receive the best possible education in a safe and secure environment. Taft takes these duties seriously. You can -- that's clear from the testimony of the Taft employees that testified in this case. Bowe was one of the students at Taft. And everybody cared very much about Bowe and what happened to him. And to suggest that the people at the school did not seriously misrepresents what the testimony and the feeling of these witnesses was.

I want to pause for a minute and just talk about the actual day of the shooting. On January 10th, 2013, the shooting took place. The shooting took everyone by surprise. The shooting took everyone by surprise. And the evidence is without dispute Bryan Oliver's mother, who knew him best, was surprised by the shooting. Bryan's brother, Tyler Oliver, was surprised. He would have never left a shotgun unsecured in the bedroom if he thought his brother was going to use it.

Bryan's friends were surprised. Rebecca Jackson -- even when Bryan said the day before something bad was going to happen, Rebecca Jackson testified she thought she didn't think he was going to hurt anyone. The school based on what Kim Fields, Rona Angelo, Mark Shoffner, the threat assessment, their analysis, they never thought Bryan Oliver would hurt anyone.

Remember, Rona Angelo testified Bryan Oliver was not a frequent flyer. Bryan Oliver wasn't in the office regularly. Bryan Oliver was doing well in his classes. Bryan Oliver was doing so well he got out of the IEP. Bryan Oliver was in college preparatory classes. Even Bryan himself cannot tell you why he shot Bowe Cleveland. He cannot explain why he ultimately pulled the trigger.

What information did Taft have at the time? The ultimate question is when did Bryan decide he was going to commit the shooting. I would submit to you, ladies and gentlemen, that the Plaintiff has not come up with any evidence to answer that question. And as I told you in my opening statement, Bryan Oliver doesn't know why he shot Bowe. He doesn't know when he decided that. And without that information, it's very unfair to blame the people at Taft Union High School District. Taft did not know and could not have known that a weapon and ammunition had entered into the home. No one told them, and there is no evidence to suggest otherwise. They did not know that Bryan had access to that weapon

and ammunition and that Bryan -- or the fact that Bryan had told his friends the day before the shooting not to come to school. That Bryan said he was going to shoot Bowe Cleveland was never communicated to anyone at the school.

All of these events that occurred before
January the 10th dealt with Bryan Oliver's dreams, with
generalizations. There was not a specified target
identified at any time before January the 10th. Bryan
called his mother right before the shooting and spoke to
her for about a minute and 40 seconds. Taft did not
have that information. Had Sheryl Oliver called the
school, then we get into sort of this hindsight bias of
what might have happened, and I'll get to that in a
minute.

There was no profile of the school shooter. As of today we still don't know what's a profile of a school shooter. How do we look out at the student body population and say this person or this person or this person is somebody who is going to shoot another student? Bryan did have some occasional behavioral problems but was showing significant improvement. To Sheryl Oliver, Bryan openly communicated with her and never hinted that he would become violent. To Tyler Oliver Bryan was someone that was safe to leave an unlocked gun around the house. And then finally to Bryan's friends, Bryan liked to push the envelope and say weird scary things to get a reaction out of people

but would never hurt anyone.

We want to convince ourselves that somehow we could have, should have, stopped this. That's sort of a natural human reaction. But it's critical as you go through this deliberation you separate speculation from a reasonable interpretation of the evidence.

Let me get to the verdict form. And I can go through the verdict form I just want to play a quick clip for Bryan Oliver. On second thought, I'll tell you, and I'm sure you remember it. I wanted to just play for you the portion of the video where Bryan Oliver admitted that he went in there and shot Bowe Cleveland and shot at Jacob Nichols. And the reason I think that's important is because the Court is going to give you a jury instruction. I think it's an important one for your consideration. It's jury instruction 433. And it says Defendants are not responsible for Bowe Cleveland's harm if a criminal act is the superseding cause of the act.

In this case, ladies and gentlemen, Bryan Oliver should Bowe Cleveland. Bryan Oliver is responsible for shooting Bowe Cleveland. Bryan Oliver shooting Bowe Cleveland was a criminal act. And the school district, Mark Shoffner, Rona Angelo, are not responsible because there was a superseding cause in this case.

You'll also receive a jury instruction on substantial factor. And a substantial factor in causing

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the harm is a factor that a reasonable person would consider to have contributed to the harm. It must be more than a remote or trivial factor. It does not have to be the only cause of the harm.

But in this case, ladies and gentlemen, when you evaluate the threat assessment that Mark Shoffner did, the work that Rona Angelo did, it was not reasonable for them to assume that a shotgun had come into the home and Bowe Cleveland was going to be shot by Bryan Oliver.

I want to tell you about a very important jury instruction the Judge is going to give you, an instruction that was not mentioned by the Plaintiff. This instruction is critical for your analysis. that's Government Code Section 855.6. And if you excuse me, I'm going to read it to you, because I think it's so It provides that neither a public entity important. such as Taft Union High School District nor a public employee such as Mark Shoffner, Rona Angelo, for example, acting within the scope of their employment, that means while they're acting as school administrators Mark Shoffner as a credentialed school psychologist, Rona Angelo as a credentialed assistant principal, is liable for injury caused by failure to make a mental examination or to make an adequate mental examination of any person for the purpose of determining whether such person has a mental condition that would constitute a hazard to the health or safety of himself or others.

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Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, in this case I think that this jury instruction is critical to your analysis and assessment of what Mark Shoffner did and Rona Angelo did in relying upon the work that Mark Shoffner did. What they did as part of the threat assessment was to determine if Bryan Oliver had a mental condition that made him a threat or hazard to himself or If that's what you find they did, then I others. commend for your consideration Section 855.6 of the Government Code, which says neither a public entity nor a public employee is liable for the injury caused by the failure either to make the assessment or do it correctly. That means the injuries that Plaintiff's attorney is claiming in this case that happened to Bowe Cleveland should not be the responsibility of Mark Shoffner and Rona Angelo. So what I think the evidence has shown and what I think supports the appropriate verdict is was Rona Angelo negligent. The answer is no. Was Rona Angelo a substantial cause? No. Was Mark Shoffner No. He wasn't a substantial factor either. Were Kim Fields, Marilyn Brown, Mark Richardson negligent? No. And they were a substantial cause. And honestly I don't think Sheryl Oliver should be found

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I submit to you that Bryan Oliver should be found 100 percent

negligent or the cause. I don't think Tyler Oliver

should be found negligent or the cause.

responsible for the cause.

Now, I tell you this, and one thing lawyers do is we sort of have to deal with alternative situations. So I just wanted to comment briefly assuming you don't agree with me that Bryan Oliver is the cause or you don't agree with me that Government Code Section 855.6 does not apply to the actions of Rona Angelo and Mark Shoffner. So if you believe this is preventable, I just want to pause and tell you what I think, one way you could divide up the liability, the responsibility.

Look at the timeline of the shooting. Bryan wakes up at 6:00 A.M. First period begins at 8:30. Bryan calls his mother at 8:45 for one minute and 46 seconds. He says you were a good mother. Sheryl Oliver told Tyler Oliver she was very upset. Tyler thought she was hysterical. Tyler Oliver said he thought something bad was happening. He raced home. Sheryl calls Tyler about 8:47, two minutes later. 8:56 Bryan Oliver walks onto campus. And you can tell that by looking at the surveillance video. Bryan enter the classroom at 8:58.

In looking at this timeline, again engaging in perhaps hindsight bias, you have to ask yourself had Sheryl Oliver called the police department, how long would it have taken them to get to the school. Had Sheryl Oliver called the school, how long would it have taken. You ask yourself had Tyler Oliver locked up the shotgun like he knew he should. Had any number of

different things had happened, then this shooting would not have occurred. If it was preventable, it had to be prevented by preventing Bryan from having access to a firearm. Bryan did not plan or consider a shooting until the gun was in the home. The family knew that the home had been searched for weapons before. Bryan told Rebecca the day before the shooting he would shoot Bowe. 911 was not called the morning of the shooting after Bryan called his mother.

So if we're going to go down this road and try to lighten the load that Bryan Oliver caused all of these people, then I would submit to you that percentages should be 75 percent for Bryan Oliver, five percent for Rona, for Mark, if you find 855.6 does not apply. Zero percent for Marilyn Brown.

And I really want to pause about Kim Fields.

Because Kim Fields put his life on the line for these students. And to suggest that somehow he's negligent, to suggest he didn't care about these students, I think really is a very sad way to present this evidence.

Finally I would submit that Sheryl Oliver is ten percent at fault because she knew these things. She could have called 911. And that Tyler Oliver is five percent at fault for not securing the shotgun. Sheryl also knew the shotgun was in the home and knew about Bryan's many issues.

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, it really is a tremendous privilege to be able to present cases to

people like you. On behalf of Rona Angelo, the people at Taft Union High School District, Alex Thompson, thank you very much for your time and If look forward to your verdict.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Herr.

Mr. Rodriguez, your rebuttal argument.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I mentioned to you, I told you in opening statement at the beginning of the case that the reason we filed a lawsuit is that the school district is refusing to take any responsibility. You just heard that. After all this evidence they're still refusing to take responsibility. And talk about talking out of both sides of your mouth. Zero, zero, zero, a hundred percent. And then oh, by the way. You've got to take a stand. If you really believe in your position, you've got to take a stand. None of this talking out of both sides of your mouth.

This argument about not shoot Bowe Cleveland. That's not what the law says. It's like -- let me give you an example. It's like the man who is driving down the road and blows a stop sign, negligent. And hits a mini van and hurts a ten-year-old little boy in the back seat. And he says well, I was negligent, but I didn't know that the little boy was in the back seat. I didn't know.

Here's what the law says. Here the threat assessment was to protect all students at school. You can't come in and say oh, you had to predict. That's

not the rule, that's not the standard of care, predict.

The driver who runs the stop sign and hits and hurts

that ten-year-old little boy can't come in and say you

know what, I didn't predict that this little boy was

going to be in the car. The law says you broke the

rule. And anyone who was using the road is protected by

the law.

Here every student at Taft Union High School
District was protected, was supposed to be protected.
It's not about prediction. And you heard me ask
Dr. Calhoun, ask Dr. Meloy, everybody. Even Mohandie
said it's not about prediction. I don't even use that
word. So they don't get a free pass by saying oh, it
wasn't Bowe Cleveland or it was Bowe Cleveland. They
don't not get a free pass. Just like that man who runs
the stop sign and hurts that little boy and says well, I
get a free pass because I didn't know that little boy
was supposed to be in the van.

Let me make some other corrections real quick like. Said that Ms. Angelo shared information. I showed you that -- and I told you that there is -- for all that. Does that look like she shared information with Mr. Shoffner about everything? Does that look like she shared information with the SRO? Part of the fundamental principal is you share information with everybody. Failure to communicate. Dr. Mohandie said that he underestimated the threat, and he didn't even know about all of this. He just knew about some of

this. And even then he said it was underestimated.

This is about superseding acts, intentional criminal acts. Taft Union High School District employees claim they are not responsible for Bowe Cleveland's harm. They have to prove two things. One, that the criminal conduct of Bryan Oliver -- they have to prove both of the following. That the criminal conduct of Bryan Oliver happened after the conduct of the high school. They proved that. They proved that. But they didn't prove the second one, that Taft Union High School employees did not know and could not reasonably foresee that another person would be likely to take advantage of the situation created by the school district employees' conduct that committed this act.

Here's the response. They are responsible because the school district employees knew and could have reasonably foreseen from Bryan Oliver's repeated threats to shoot and kill students, including Bowe Cleveland, that Bryan Oliver would be likely to harm another student because they did not come up with a proper assessment plan to begin with in the first place. They chose -- that was a choice. They chose not to communicate. They chose not to monitor Bryan Oliver.

So every incident was investigated. I don't want to go through all this. Mariah Doty, when she was called in. They didn't follow up with Allison Biagioni. They didn't follow up with Bowe Cleveland. They didn't

follow up with his parents. They did not follow up with the investigation for most of this.

Did I bring in every witness? Can you imagine how long we'd be here if I brought in every witness? By the way, they have subpoena powers, too. Okay. As it was, it's almost a four-week long trial. Do you know how long we'd have to be here? The law does not require that we have to bring in every witness.

Okay. Mental examination by Mark Shoffner.

Where is the beef? Did they bring in the test? There
was no testing, but that's neither here nor there,
because again Mark Shoffner under that 855.6 we're
saying we're not being critical of him mental
examination. He never did one, never counseled him.

We're saying as a member of the threat assessment team,
okay.

What is a safe school? They told us in that what is a safe school? Remember, the gates are to be locked. Taft Union High School is a safe and secure campus. Why is it? Because the open campus is surrounded by an exterior fence which is locked at all times except during lunch. It's in black and white. It's in black and white. It's in black and white. The open campus is surrounded by an exterior fence which is locked at all times. How do you get around something like that? You tell the public that you filed to get accredited? And then you come in here and you say oh, no. Come on. They were in denial throughout this entire ordeal. And they're in

denial now. 1 You know what's the best -- that kind of 2 attitude, you know what's the best antidote for that? 3 The best antidote is the jury verdict. That corrects a 4 lot of attitude. That takes care of a lot of attitude. 5 6 When they have the arrogance to stand before us and say things that are just flat out not true. Enough is 8 Enough is enough. Thank you. enough. THE COURT: All right. Members of the jury, 9 10 you've now heard all the evidence and closing arguments 11 of the attorneys in this phase of the trial. 12 It's my duty to instruct you on the law that 13 applies to this case. You must follow these instructions -- oh, let me ask. Counsel, we have 14 15 written instructions. This is a civil case. Do you wish the reading to be reported or is -- it's up to you. 16 17 MR. HERR: I do not need it reported. Thank 18 you. 19 THE COURT: The way I do it is as long as I'm 20 just reading this I don't report it. And then if 21 something occurs and we need to go back on the record I 22 do that. 23 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We will not require it, Your 24 Honor, thank you. 25 Thank you very much. All right. THE COURT: (The reading of the jury instructions.) 26 Let me see counsel. 27 THE COURT: 28 (Outside the presence of the jury.)

Okay. We're back on the record as 1 THE COURT: 2 I was reading the instructions I reached a point where I was reading the one 400 negligence, essential factual 3 4 elements regarding the negligent threat assessment or threat management. And I realized that Mark Shoffner 5 6 should be included in this one. So I will go back reread it and add Mark Shoffner's name. 8 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Your Honor. 9 (In the presence of the jury.) (Reading of the jury instructions.) 10 11 THE COURT: We'll go back on the record. 12 We'll give the oath to Ron to take charge of 13 the jury. 14 (Swearing in the bailiff.) 15 THE BAILIFF: I do. THE COURT: All right. Ron, I want to let you 16 17 know I'm not sure there is enough chairs in the jury 18 room right now. So we may have to make sure everybody has a seat. We distributed them throughout the 19 courtroom a little bit. So -- but Ron will take care of 20 you, ladies and gentlemen, jurors one through 12. 21 22 Again, you're free to convene and reconvene your 23 deliberations in the ordinary course of the court's 24 business. It's 4:37 so you're free to adjourn if you 25 wish once you've been shown the jury room. That's up to Although we do end the business of the Court at 26 you. 27 five o'clock. So keep that in mind. Also, you do have 28 to notify Ron when you're taking a break or want to take

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a break or when you're ready. Because we have to keep track of when you're in deliberations and you're not in deliberations.

Jurors one through 12 if you'd go with Ron and he'll show you to the jury room. Ms. Bratu and Ms. Reyna, the jury is now deliberating. Both of you are still alternate jurors so you continue to be bound by my instructions about your conduct until the jury is discharged. You must continue not to communicate about the case or about any of the people or any subject involved in it with anyone. Again, that includes everyone, family, friends. Do not have any contact with the deliberating jurors. Importantly, continue to keep an open mind. You're not participating in the deliberations. You don't have the benefit of the other jurors' comments. So do not decide how you would vote if you were deliberating. So continue not to form or express an opinion about the issues in this case unless you are substituted for one of the deliberating jurors.

At this time I'm going to release you. You can go about your business. Leave your jury badge and leave a telephone number where you can be reached to return promptly if you are needed. And then we will also call you -- if you're not needed, we'll call you and tell you that you're discharged from your duties. So if you would step forward, write the phone number down on a piece of paper, give it to Veronica and leave your jury badge and your notes with her.

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4	for the jury one for my reference. I'm doing the same
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7	form that has been agreed upon.
8	I'll take a stipulation from counsel that the
9	jury may convene have reconvene its deliberations the
10	ordinary course of the Court's business without taking
L1	roll in open court and outside the presence of the
12	counsel and parties.
13	MR. RODRIGUEZ: So stipulated, Your Honor.
L4	MR. HERR: Yes, Your Honor, we agree.
15	THE COURT: Okay. We do need to make a record
16	of our jury instruction conference. We don't have time
17	to do that this afternoon. So we'll do that tomorrow.
18	I should be finished with my calendar tomorrow
19	about 9:00. So if you'll be here about 9:00, we'll make
20	a record of that.
21	MS. TRUJILLO: Thank you, Your Honor.
22	MR. HERR: Thank you.
23	(Whereupon no further proceedings were heard
24	in this matter on this date.)
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