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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

E. JEAN CARROLL,)
Plaintiff,)
)
-against-) 20-cv-7311 (LAK)
)
DONALD J. TRUMP, in his)
personal capacity,)
Defendant.)
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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
E. JEAN CARROLL
New York, New York
Friday, October 14, 2022

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2 sold the company?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Did you ever use your own website
5 to meet anyone?

6 A. I looked.

7 Q. I'll just repeat my question.
8 Did you ever use the website to meet
9 anyone?

10 A. I didn't see anyone --

11 Q. You didn't --

12 A. -- that I would have dated.

13 Q. Did your sister ever date anybody
14 from the website?

15 A. No.

16 Q. What would have been your
17 criteria for someone you dated at that
18 time, and I can give you a year
19 approximately, but let's say when you sold
20 the company to The Knot?

21 A. Here's the thing, the light had
22 gone out. I just wasn't -- I liked
23 meeting men, I liked meeting new people
24 but my life was not there, you know? In
25 New York there's a taxi and if the light

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2 is on it means it's available, wants to
3 meet people. I didn't have that. My
4 light was gone.

5 Q. But you had been looking on the
6 website to see if there was anyone?

7 A. I'm always curious.

8 Q. Do you go out on dates?

9 MS. KAPLAN: Again, let's have a
10 time frame.

11 BY MS. HABBA:

12 Q. Same time frame, let's stick with
13 that time frame, when you sold it to The
14 Knot.

15 A. Every once in awhile but I rarely
16 let a new acquaintance get to the point
17 where he would ask me out or I would ask
18 him out.

19 Q. So you would go to dinners; is
20 that correct?

21 A. Yes, as friends.

22 Q. Let me ask you this: Did you
23 only date men?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Never dated women?

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2 A. No.

3 Q. So who was your last significant
4 relationship that you remember?

5 A. John Johnson.

6 Q. Who was the last man you dated
7 that you recall?

8 A. I don't remember his name.
9 That's how significant it was.

10 Q. Do you remember approximately
11 when?

12 A. No. It's not for lack of trying.
13 I wanted to meet people. I just -- the
14 music had stopped.

15 Q. Why do you think the music had
16 stopped?

17 A. Well, looking back on it, it may
18 have been what happened at Bergdorf's.

19 Q. Is there anything else that you
20 think could have caused it?

21 A. Luck, not -- not meeting people
22 that would make me want to spend time with
23 them.

24 Q. Do you consider yourself asexual
25 at this moment?

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2 A. No.

3 Q. So a sex drive is not the issue;
4 is that correct?

5 A. I had no desire for desire. I
6 don't have the desire to want sex. You
7 have to want sex.

8 Q. Would you describe that as a sex
9 drive for most people?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Have you ever tried to fix that
12 in any way, meaning getting help?

13 A. Well, looking back perhaps maybe
14 I should have but in my own way, I started
15 a dating site and then I started another
16 dating site. It's not that I was, you
17 know, staying in the house with a shawl
18 over my head.

19 Q. What type of men do you like?

20 MS. KAPLAN: Objection to form.

21 MS. HABBA: Generally what type
22 of men do you like?

23 MS. KAPLAN: You can answer.

24 THE WITNESS: Men who live
25 fascinating lives, men who are kind,

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2 men who have a great sense of humor,
3 men who are fun to be with, men who
4 love animals, men who love their
5 mothers, men who like women, men who
6 like other men, not sexually but like,
7 you know, athletic men, adventurous
8 men.

9 BY MS. HABBA:

10 Q. Do you like men who are
11 successful?

12 A. Yes.

13 MS. KAPLAN: Objection to form,
14 sorry.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 BY MS. HABBA:

17 Q. When is the last time you went
18 out with a man -- how do I state this --
19 in hopes of becoming more than friends?

20 A. See, that's the thing. You put
21 your finger on it. I've never met anybody
22 since that time where I felt that hope of
23 wow, I hope this turns into something.

24 Q. So when is last time you had sex?

25 A. '94 or '95.

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2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you recall what your
4 disposition was on that phone call?

5 A. I was in shock and disordered. I
6 felt unbalanced which was a strange
7 feeling for me.

8 Q. When you say unbalanced were you
9 actually physically unbalanced?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you sit down at any point
12 or --

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you need to get a water or do
15 anything to take care of yourself after
16 that moment?

17 A. No, what I wanted to do, I needed
18 to talk to somebody, talk to Lisa. Then I
19 just wanted to go home.

20 Q. Is that what you did?

21 A. (Witness nodded.)

22 Q. So did you go to a parking garage
23 to get your car or did you go straight
24 home?

25 A. The parking garage.

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2 A. Model.

3 Q. Thank you.

4 A. It was a 1959. It was a real
5 beauty.

6 Q. What color?

7 A. That aquamarine and white. It
8 was a gorgeous car.

9 Q. So what did you do immediately
10 following the call?

11 A. Walked to the car.

12 Q. Did you call anybody else?

13 A. No.

14 Q. After you --

15 A. No, not particularly after that
16 call. I knew that I wasn't going to tell
17 anybody ever again about this. Lisa
18 shocked me in the call.

19 Q. Why did she shock you?

20 A. She told me I had been raped.

21 Q. Had it occurred to you?

22 A. No.

23 Q. After this conversation, did you
24 discuss this incident with Ms. Birnbach
25 again?

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2 Q. Have you ever questioned if what
3 happened in that dressing room was rape?

4 MS. KAPLAN: Objection to form.
5 You can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: I question whether
7 he thought it was rape. I never
8 questioned what I thought.

9 BY MS. HABBA:

10 Q. During the two decades that
11 followed, how would you say the alleged
12 attack impacted your life?

13 A. Well, four or five years ago I
14 would have told you it had no effect. I'm
15 as good as new. This is great. I'm fine.
16 I rarely think of it but I've come to
17 understand that that rape changed my life
18 which is shocking for me to now
19 understand.

20 Q. When you say four or five years
21 ago, do you mean when you started this
22 lawsuit?

23 A. No, before that, before that.
24 I'm talking about the time before this.

25 Q. Before the lawsuit.

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2 why was -- let me scratch that.

3 During the last two decades, have
4 you ever interacted with the defendant
5 again directly?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Were you aware that the
8 president -- that the defendant was a
9 presidential candidate prior to the 2016
10 election?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And are you aware that he ran in
13 2000 as a potential member of the reform
14 party?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you ever consider coming
17 forward with your account prior to #MeToo?

18 A. Never.

19 Q. Why not?

20 A. Just -- I'm going to say
21 something that even surprises me because
22 women who have been raped are looked at in
23 this society as less, are looked at as
24 spoiled goods, are looked at as rather
25 dumb to let themselves get attacked. I

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2 mean even you have to say did you scream?

3 I mean every woman who admits to being
4 attacked has to answer that question, why
5 didn't you scream, why did you come
6 forward when you did, why didn't you come
7 forward before and so no, I didn't -- I
8 would have been fired.

9 Q. How did you feel when you found
10 out that the defendant announced he was
11 running for president in 2016?

12 A. I thought oh, boy.

13 Q. What does oh, boy mean?

14 A. Just almost disbelief and a
15 little bit of heartache. I felt really
16 bad, you know.

17 Q. Why did you feel bad?

18 A. I didn't think he would be a good
19 candidate.

20 Q. Why didn't you come forward with
21 your account at that time?

22 A. I was with my mother in
23 Bloomington, Indiana. She was on her
24 deathbed. She was a feisty redheaded
25 Scottish woman, republican politician, so

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2 BY MS. HABBA:

3 Q. Were the timing of your
4 allegations related to the former
5 president's run for reelection?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Was it something you considered?

8 A. No.

9 Q. How did the defendant's
10 statements impact your personal life?

11 A. Totally affected it. I lost my
12 job. I'm looked at as a woman who's
13 untrustworthy, looked at now as a woman
14 who can't be believed. I'm looked at as a
15 woman who was stupid and dumb enough to
16 have happen to her what happened to her.

17 Q. You just said that you're looked
18 at as a woman stupid enough to have had
19 happen to her what happened to her; is
20 that correct?

21 A. (Witness nodded.)

22 Q. How does that relate to Donald
23 Trump, the perception rather?

24 A. He raped me and after that
25 everything I thought was quickly over and

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17 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF DONALD J. TRUMP

18 Wednesday, October 19, 2022
19 10:22 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.

20 The Mar-a-Lago Club
21 1100 South Ocean Boulevard
22 Palm Beach, Florida, Florida

23 Stenographically Reported By
24 Pamela J. Pelino, RPR, FPR, CLR
25 Notary Public, State of Florida
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