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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BLAKE LIVELY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, a
Delaware Limited Liability
Company, JUSTIN BALDONI, an
individual, JAMEY HEATH, an
individual, STEVE SAROWITZ, an
individual, IT ENDS WITH US
MOVIE LLC, a California
Limited Liability Company,
MELISSA NATHAN, an individual,
THE AGENCY GROUP PR LLC, a
Delaware Limited Liability
Company, JENNIFER ABEL, an
individual, JED WALLACE, an
individual, and STREET
RELATIONS INC., a California
Corporation,

Defendants.

(RELATED CONSOLIDATED CASE.

No. 1:24-CV-10049-LJL
(Consolidated with
1:25-cv-00449-LJL)

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1 in the first phase of production?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Can you describe for me what you recall
4 about the occasion on which Mr. Heath arrived to
5 Ms. Lively's hair and makeup trailer?

6 A Yes. Do you want me to describe like
7 the --

8 Q Sure. Go ahead and ask your question.

9 A Like the whole -- that sort of moment, like
10 the whole morning or.

11 Q Why don't we do it this way. If you
12 could -- it sounds like there's a certain occasion
13 on which Mr. Heath's arrival to Ms. Lively's hair
14 and makeup trailer sticks out in your mind; is that
15 right?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Can you please describe for me the moment
18 at which you understood Mr. Heath was arriving to
19 the trailer to the point at which Mr. Heath exited
20 the trailer?

21 A Okay. We -- Blake was having body makeup
22 done in the trailer by Vivian. We heard the door
23 open and looked and went "Whoa, whoa, whoa." And it
24 was Jamey at the door. I had grabbed a cutting cape
25 which was over my chair and held it up to try and

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1 cover her. And she said -- Blake said, "Whoa, whoa.
2 I'm" -- you know, "Don't come in." And he said, "It
3 will only take a second." And that's when all of
4 that action was happening. He stayed in the
5 trailer, they had a discussion, and he left.

6 Q Did you know that Mr. Heath was going to be
7 coming to the trailer when he did?

8 A I did not.

9 Q Did you have an understanding that
10 Mr. Heath was invited to the trailer by Ms. Lively?

11 A I did not.

12 Q Did you understand that Ms. Lively did not
13 expect Mr. Heath to come to the trailer at that
14 moment?

15 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

16 THE DEPONENT: Say that again. Sorry.

17 BY MS. BENDER:

18 Q Did you have an understanding that
19 Ms. Lively was not expecting Mr. Heath to show up at
20 her hair and makeup trailer at that moment?

21 A By her reaction, yes.

22 Q Did Mr. Heath abide by the protocol of
23 knocking on the door that you described earlier
24 today?

25 A No.

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1 Q Did Mr. Heath ask for permission to open
2 the door into Ms. Lively's private hair and makeup
3 trailer?

4 A No.

5 Q You stated that you, Ms. Lively, and
6 Ms. Baker verbally indicated something to the effect
7 of whoa, whoa, whoa when Mr. Heath was opening the
8 door; is that right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And did you, Ms. Lively, Ms. Baker give a
11 loud verbal indication that the trailer was occupied
12 at that point in time?

13 A I believe we were speaking loudly.

14 Q So you had an understanding that Mr. Heath
15 heard you when you said something to the effect of
16 whoa, whoa, whoa as he was entering her private hair
17 and makeup trailer?

18 MS. GAROFALO: Sorry. Objection.

19 THE DEPONENT: Yes.

20 BY MS. BENDER:

21 Q And did Mr. Heath nevertheless open the
22 door to the hair and makeup trailer?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Now, at this point in time, where was
25 Ms. Lively situated in the hair and makeup trailer?

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1 A She was towards the far right of the
2 trailer, standing.

3 Q And which direction was Ms. Lively facing
4 when she was standing in the trailer?

5 A I don't recall.

6 Q Do you recall what Ms. Lively was wearing
7 at that moment in the trailer?

8 A Either nothing or a nude thong.

9 Q Ms. Lively's breasts were exposed in that
10 moment?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And Ms. Lively was generally undressed and
13 unclothed?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And was that one of the reasons why you and
16 Ms. Carroll and Ms. Lively indicated that Mr. Heath
17 should not enter the trailer at that point in time?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And would you have expected Mr. Heath to
20 heed that request?

21 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

22 MR. ROBINSON: Objection to form.

23 THE DEPONENT: I don't know why he would
24 have come up.

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1 BY MS. BENDER:

2 Q Mr. Heath walked into Ms. Lively's hair and
3 makeup trailer while she was unclothed without
4 knocking, without permission; correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And that was after you and others loudly
7 tried to stop Mr. Heath from entering the trailer?

8 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

9 THE DEPONENT: We verbally said "Whoa,
10 whoa, whoa," you know. Yes.

11 BY MS. BENDER:

12 Q Don't come in?

13 A Yeah, I don't remember saying "Don't come
14 in," but we were like, "Whoa, whoa, whoa. Just a
15 minute" warning him.

16 Q And at that point Mr. Heath stayed; is that
17 right?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And where was Mr. Heath standing for the
20 remainder of his time at the trailer?

21 A I am not completely -- my back was to him,
22 so he was behind me.

23 Q And was your back to Mr. Heath because you
24 were standing with a cloth to cover Ms. Lively for
25 modesty?

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1 trailer for entering without permission?

2 A I don't remember that.

3 Q Do you recall why Mr. Heath was at the
4 trailer?

5 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

6 THE DEPONENT: I don't.

7 BY MS. BENDER:

8 Q And you believe it was unclear to Mr. Heath
9 at that point in time that Ms. Lively was in a state
10 of undress?

11 MR. ROBINSON: Objection to form.

12 MS. GAROFALO: Join.

13 THE DEPONENT: Can you ask that again.
14 Sorry.

15 BY MS. BENDER:

16 Q Do you believe that it was clear during the
17 course of the interaction between Mr. Heath and
18 Ms. Lively that Ms. Lively was in a state of
19 undress?

20 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

21 THE DEPONENT: Yes.

22 BY MS. BENDER:

23 Q And from your perspective do you think that
24 would have been clear to Mr. Heath himself?

25 A Yes, once he stepped up into the trailer.

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1 Q But nevertheless, at that point he stayed
2 in the trailer?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Given your understanding of where
5 Ms. Lively and Mr. Heath were in the trailer, if
6 Mr. Heath had looked into the mirror, would he have
7 seen Ms. Lively's breasts exposed?

8 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

9 THE DEPONENT: You can see the room when
10 you look -- you can see into different parts of the
11 room through reflection, yes.

12 BY MS. BENDER:

13 Q And so from where Mr. Heath was standing,
14 if Ms. Lively was facing the mirror Mr. Heath could
15 have seen Ms. Lively's breasts exposed; is that
16 correct?

17 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

18 THE DEPONENT: He would be able to see her,
19 yes.

20 BY MS. BENDER:

21 Q How did this interaction between Mr. Heath
22 and Ms. Lively in Ms. Lively's hair and makeup
23 trailer make you feel?

24 A Uncomfortable. It was strange.

25 Q You found the interaction between Mr. Heath

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1 and Ms. Lively uncomfortable and strange?

2 A I felt uncomfortable and strange.

3 Q And why did you feel uncomfortable when
4 Mr. Heath came to Ms. Lively's trailer that day?

5 A I guess because we had warned him, you
6 know, she was in a state where nobody else should
7 have seen her in that way. And he stayed. So it
8 was a strange interaction.

9 Q And you testified as well that that
10 interaction made you feel strange?

11 A Yeah. Uncomfortable and strange.

12 Q Had you ever seen that type of conduct from
13 a producer on a film set before?

14 A I have not.

15 Q And would you expect to have seen that type
16 of conduct previously?

17 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

18 THE DEPONENT: It's not my experience that
19 that has ever happened on any of the sets I've
20 worked on before.

21 BY MS. BENDER:

22 Q Did you view that conduct by Mr. Heath as
23 inappropriate?

24 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

25 THE DEPONENT: Yes, I do.

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1 THE DEPONENT: I'm not sure what the
2 purpose of the meeting was. So I don't know -- I
3 don't know what -- why he came. I don't know his
4 motivation to coming into the trailer.

5 BY MS. BENDER:

6 Q Can you think of any meeting that would be
7 so important that Mr. Heath had to come into the
8 trailer uninvited and stay while Ms. Lively was
9 undressed?

10 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

11 THE DEPONENT: I don't.

12 BY MS. BENDER:

13 Q You cannot?

14 A I cannot, yeah.

15 Q Did Mr. Heath's unannounced entry to the
16 trailer happen on more than one occasion?

17 A I don't recall.

18 Q The incident that we just discussed is the
19 only in- -- instance that you recall in which
20 Mr. Heath arrived unannounced to Ms. Lively's
21 trailer; is that right?

22 A Yes.

23 Q When Mr. Heath exited the trailer that day,
24 did you discuss the incident with Ms. Baker or
25 Ms. Lively?

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1 A Yes, we did.

2 Q And what do you recall about that
3 discussion?

4 A She, Blake, said to us, "He was staring at
5 me in the mirror." And I just recall being sort of
6 flabbergasted by the whole experience, you know.

7 Q Were you shocked?

8 A Yeah, shocked. Yeah, sure. Shocked.

9 Q Did Ms. Lively appear to you to be
10 distressed or shocked by the incident?

11 A Yes, she was agitated by it and -- yeah.

12 Q And how could you tell that Ms. Lively was
13 agitated by the incident with Mr. Heath in her hair
14 and makeup trailer?

15 A Just by her actions, feeling uncomfortable
16 and just actually saying the words. You know, "He
17 was staring at me," you know, "in the mirror. I
18 can't believe it." Just shock.

19 Q You perceived Ms. Lively to be shocked by
20 the interaction with Mr. Heath?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And did Ms. Lively -- when Ms. Lively
23 stated that he was staring at her in the mirror, did
24 you understand that to mean that Mr. Heath had
25 viewed Ms. Lively's exposed breasts in the mirror?

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1 A I can't speak to her exposed breasts but to
2 a nude body in some -- a visual of her unclothed.

3 Q And to be clear, your recollection is that
4 at that point in time Ms. Lively was wearing nothing
5 more than potentially a nude thong?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Did you perceive Ms. Baker's reaction with
8 the inci- -- the from the incident with Mr. Heath
9 and Ms. Lively's hair and makeup trailer?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And did you perceive that Ms. Baker was
12 shocked or uncomfortable in any way?

13 A Yes. We all felt the same.

14 Q And by "we," you mean Ms. Lively, Ms. Baker
15 and yourself?

16 A And myself. Yes.

17 Q Did you ever discuss the incident with
18 Mr. Heath in his hair and make -- in Ms. Lively's
19 hair and makeup trailer with anyone beyond Ms. Baker
20 and Ms. Lively?

21 A No.

22 Q Did you at any point in time take steps to
23 prevent the uninvited entry of individuals into
24 Ms. Lively's private hair and makeup trailer?

25 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

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1 THE DEPONENT: I did.

2 BY MS. BENDER:

3 Q And what were those steps?

4 A I started locking the door to the -- the
5 sliding door between the two sections of the trailer
6 was always locked while we were processing her.
7 After that incident I started locking the exit to
8 the outside as well.

9 Q In your experience on other film sets, did
10 you commonly lock the doors to a private hair and
11 makeup trailer?

12 A We usually lock the sliding door that -- if
13 there's a sliding door that separates the trailer,
14 while processing, that is usually locked.

15 Q And in your experience on other film sets,
16 did you typically -- you or someone else --
17 typically lock the outside entrance and exit to a
18 hair and makeup trailer?

19 A It can be.

20 Q And on this occasion with respect to "It
21 Ends With Us," your locking of the door for outside
22 access to Ms. Lively's hair and makeup trailer was
23 precipitated by Mr. Heath's conduct?

24 A Yes. I wanted to prevent that from
25 happening again.

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1 Q You wanted to keep Ms. Lively's hair and
2 makeup trailer a private and safe space?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Do you recall Mr. Baldoni ever entering
5 Ms. Lively's hair and makeup trailer without
6 invitation?

7 A I don't.

8 Q You don't recall either way?

9 A I don't recall either way.

10 Q Did other individuals besides Mr. Heath on
11 occasion enter Ms. Lively's hair and makeup trailer?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And was that typically by use of the
14 knocking protocol that we discussed earlier?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And in other words, it was with consent of
17 Ms. Lively that individuals would enter her private
18 hair and makeup trailer?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Did anyone other than Mr. Heath on the set
21 of "It Ends With Us" enter Ms. Lively's private hair
22 and makeup trailer without her consent, that you can
23 recall?

24 A Not that I can recall.

25 Q Did you ever read the script for "It Ends

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you recall witnessing Mr. Baldoni ever
3 improvise scenes on the set of "It Ends With Us"?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Do you recall witnessing Mr. Baldoni
6 improvise scenes on the set of "It Ends With Us" to
7 make them more intimate?

8 A Yes.

9 Q How did Mr. Baldoni improvise scenes on the
10 set of "It Ends With Us" to make those scenes more
11 intimate?

12 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

13 THE DEPONENT: By more kissing, dance --
14 being closer, you know, to Blake physically.

15 BY MS. BENDER:

16 Q And you witnessed those interactions when
17 you were observing the actors filming a scene; is
18 that right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And I thought I heard you mention the word
21 "dance." Do you have a particular scene in mind
22 where you witnessed Mr. Baldoni improvising
23 intimacy?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And what scene is that?

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1 matter of the scene that's being filmed. How
2 exposed an actor may be in that scene.

3 BY MS. BENDER:

4 Q And to be clear, did you think it would be
5 important for certain scenes to have a closed set
6 based on your vast experience in the film industry?

7 MS. GAROFALO: Objection. Experience as a
8 hairdresser.

9 THE DEPONENT: Say that again. Like, yes,
10 there should be times when there should be a closed
11 set.

12 BY MS. BENDER:

13 Q Was the birthing scene in connection with
14 "It Ends With Us," in your view, an intimate scene
15 in any way?

16 A Yes.

17 Q How was the birthing scene of "It Ends With
18 Us" intimate, in your view?

19 MS. GAROFALO: Objection, by the way.

20 THE DEPONENT: The -- the position that the
21 actor, Blake, would have to be in.

22 BY MS. BENDER:

23 Q And can you describe Ms. Lively's position
24 in connection with the birthing scene?

25 A She was on a hospital bed that had

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1 stirrups, and her legs -- both her feet were in the
2 stirrups.

3 Q So Ms. Lively would be lying on her back
4 with both of her legs in stirrups spread apart; is
5 that right?

6 A Correct.

7 Q And in your view, that was an intimate
8 position to be in?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you think that simulating childbirth is
11 an intimate type of scene?

12 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

13 THE DEPONENT: Yes.

14 BY MS. BENDER:

15 Q And do you find simulating childbirth to be
16 a vulnerable type of scene to perform?

17 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

18 THE DEPONENT: Yes.

19 BY MS. BENDER:

20 Q And do you find simulating childbirth an
21 intimate type of scene to observe?

22 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

23 THE DEPONENT: It can be, yes.

24 BY MS. BENDER:

25 Q And was the birthing scene in connection

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1 with "It Ends With Us" intimate --

2 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

3 BY MS. BENDER:

4 Q -- in your view?

5 A Yes.

6 Q The birthing scene was in a hospital; is
7 that right?

8 A I believe so.

9 Q It wasn't, for example, a home birth?

10 A No. It was at a hos- -- the scene took
11 place in a hospital room, yeah.

12 Q And so did you have understand- -- any
13 understanding arriving to set that day as to what
14 Ms. Lively would be wearing in connection with the
15 birthing scene?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What was your understanding as to what
18 Ms. Lively would be wearing in connection with the
19 birthing scene when you arrived on set that day?

20 A A hospital gown.

21 Q And why was it your understanding that
22 Ms. Lively would be wearing a hospital gown?

23 A Because we had discussed -- well, I knew
24 that it was in a hospital, so she'd be wearing a
25 hospital gown. And, also, as far as like body

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1 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

2 THE DEPONENT: I don't know if this person
3 was an actor or just a friend so, therefore, I do
4 think that it was -- yeah. I thought it was
5 inappropriate.

6 BY MS. BENDER:

7 Q It was your understanding that the OB/GYN
8 in the scene was Mr. Baldoni's friend; is that
9 right?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And as the OB/GYN in that scene,
12 Mr. Baldoni's friend would be seated or standing
13 between Ms. Lively's legs?

14 A Yes. At the end of the hospital bed.

15 Q And Ms. Lively's legs would be in stirrups
16 at the time?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And her legs would be spread apart?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And so the OB/GYN would have a clear view
21 of Ms. Lively's genital area; is that right?

22 MS. GAROFALO: Objection.

23 THE DEPONENT: Yes.

24 BY MS. BENDER:

25 Q With respect to what Ms. Lively was wearing

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1 during the birthing scene, did you have an
2 understanding that at any points in time Ms. Lively
3 was wearing virtually no clothing from her waist
4 down?

5 A Can you repeat that?

6 Q With respect to what Ms. Lively was wearing
7 during the birthing scene.

8 A Right.

9 Q Did you have an understanding that at some
10 points in time Ms. Lively was wearing no clothing
11 essentially from her waist down?

12 A From what I could see on the monitor, that
13 is how it appeared, yes.

14 Q And did it appear that way because the
15 shots that were being filmed would require that
16 Ms. Lively not wear, for example, shorts or other
17 clothing that would appear on film?

18 A Yes. To make it realistic, she wouldn't,
19 yes.

20 Q Okay. Putting aside the OB/GYN, did you
21 discuss with Ms. Lively her experience with the
22 birthing scene?

23 A No.

24 Q Did you ever discuss with Ms. Lively after
25 the birthing scene concluded the -- a suggestion

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22 Dated: September 26, 2025



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