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Case : ETHEL RISNER vs. MERCY HOSPITAL OF WILLARD

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Expert Witness : GARY GIBSON M.D.

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State Of Ohio, )
County of Huron. ) SS:

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

ETHEL RISNER, Executor )

of the Estate of )

VERNON RISNER, )

Plaintiff, )

vs. ) Case No. CVA 2001-856

Judge Earl R. McGimpsey

MERCY HOSPITAL OF )

WILLARD, et al., )

THE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF GARY R. GIBSON, M.D. TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003

The videotaped deposition of GARY R.
GIBSON, M.D., called by the Defendants for
examination pursuant to the Ohio Rules of Civil
Procedure, taken before me, the undersigned, Elaine
S. Newlin, a Registered Professional Reporter and
Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio,
taken at Warren Physicians Group, 1651 East Market
Street, Warren, Ohio, commencing at 4:18 p.m. the
day and date above set forth.

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(Defendants' Exhibit No. 1 was marked.)

MR. PICKELSIMER: We're on the

record.

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GARY R. GIBSON, M.D., of lawful age, called by the Defendants for examination pursuant to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, having been first duly sworn, as hereinafter certified, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION OF GARY R. GIBSON, M.D. (Discussion held off the record.)

14 BY MS. HARRIS:

15 Q Would you state your full name for the record,16 please.

17 A Gary Gibson.

MR. KRUGH: May I interrupt you? I'd like to reflect for the record, as pursuant to the written notice and agreement, this is being videotaped as a discovery only deposition. It's not intended to be used at trial in terms of substantive evidence.

In the event that for some reason counsel for the Plaintiff would not choose to call you

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as a live witness at trial, we reserve the 1 2 right, defense counsel reserves the right to come back and conduct a trial cross-examination. 3 which this is not. We would have to do it at 4 5 our time and expense, but we certainly reserve 6 that right because we don't intend this video to 7 be used as evidence, but for discovery and 8 perhaps for impeachment at trial only. 9

Okay. Go ahead.

BY MS. HARRIS: 10

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Q Doctor, as you know, I am Beverly Harris. I am 11 12 here on behalf of Dr. Romig.

> I'm going to be asking you a number of questions today. If you do not understand me or hear me or my accent gets in the way, please stop me. I will rephrase my questions.

If you answer a question, I will assume you understood the question. Okay?

- 19 A Yes, ma'am.
- 20 Q And I will be relying upon it.
- 21 A Thank you.
- 22 Q Now, Doctor, before we got started, I introduced
- myself and then you went out and you got your 23
- coat. Are you feeling more comfortable now? 24
- 25 A Yes, ma'am.
- Q You also went out and got the records that you 1
- 2 reviewed for the testimony you will be giving today: is that correct?
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- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 Q Are all of those records in front of you now?
- 6 A These are the records pertaining to this case.
- 7 Q Have you reviewed anything else that is not 8 right there in front of you?
- 9 A No, not that I recall. I rounded up everything 10 that I had.
- Q Can you just briefly outline which records you 11 12 did review?
- 13 A Yes. I received records on the care and
- treatment of Mr. Vernon Risner that included his 14
- emergency department visits on April 14th of 15
- 2000, there were two of them; on his hospital 16
- care at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo; and 17
- then there were depositions by Dr. Romig and by 18
- two different nurses, a Mrs. Willoughy and a 19
- Mrs. Konditch (sic) I think the name was. 20
- MR. MARX: Kilgore I believe. 21
- 22 A Oh, I'm sorry. Mrs. Kilgore.
- Q And is that the total of what you have reviewed 23
- 24 in this case?
- 25 A There were some other notes from earlier care

- 1 and treatment. For example, I think that he had
- 2 a hospitalization or an emergency room visit in 3
  - 1999. That's in there somewhere. So I did
- 4 review a couple other things.
- 5 Q Did you review the records of Dr. Secor?
- 6 A The office notes?
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- 8 A Well, at the time that this was first sent to
- 9 me, about ten months ago, I looked at them, yes,
- 10 but I'll have a difficult time remembering much 11 about those notes.
- 12 Q Did you read the deposition of Dr. Secor?
- A I believe I did, but again, in preparation for 13 this deposition, I didn't review it, and so I 14

15 haven't looked at it for some time. 16

And I'm not -- as a matter of fact, I went over the depositions of the two nurses and Dr. Romig because initially, after looking at the information given to me, there were some

20 entities that I felt a problem with the standard 21 of care and some that I didn't. I honestly

22 don't remember seeing Dr. Secor's deposition, so

23 if I saw it, it was probably some time ago. 24 Q Well, who is it that you had no problem with the 25

standard of care?

6 A Well, as I recall, St. Vincent's Hospital, for 1

example, in Toledo, I think they did a

3 reasonable job in managing this patient's

4 condition, and Dr. Secor wasn't really part of 5 the care and treatment on April 14th that I

could see. He wasn't on duty.

MR. MARX: I think you're mixing up Dr. Secor and Dr. Rosso who is Dr. Secor's partner.

THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.

11 You're right, yes.

- 12 A Dr. Rosso is the primary care doctor who was
- 13 looking after Mr. Risner, so Dr. Rosso wasn't
- 14 really involved. Dr. Secor was covering that 15
  - night I think, and Dr. Romig called him and talked to Dr. Secor. I don't recall the
- 16 17 deposition of Dr. Secor in detail.
- 18 Q So you have no problem with a violation of the
- 19 standard of care with St. Vincent's?
- 20 A And or with Dr. Rosso.
- 21 Q Or Dr. Rosso?
- 22 A Right, right.
- 23 Q Did you prepare any reports in this case?
- 24 A None.
- 25 Q Did you make any notes?