

Exhibit 24

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2) SS.
3 COUNTY OF COOK)

4 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
5 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CRIMINAL DIVISION

6 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF)
7 ILLINOIS,)
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9 Plaintiff,)
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11 vs.) No. 04-CR-09579-01
12) 04-CR-17677-01
13 WILLIAM CARTER,)
14)
15 Defendant.)

16 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had of the
17 above-entitled cause, before the HONORABLE NICHOLAS R.
18 FORD, one of the judges of said Court, on the 8th day
19 of July, A.D., 2005.

20 APPEARANCES:

21 HON. RICHARD A. DEVINE,
22 State's Attorney of Cook County, by:
23 MS. JENNIFER GONZALEZ,
24 Assistant State's Attorney,
appeared on behalf of the People;

MR. EDWIN A. BURNETTE,
Public Defender of Cook County, by:
MS. CYNTHIA BAUMANN,
Assistant Public Defender,
appeared on behalf of the Defendant.

KATHY SZOTEK
Official Court Reporter
Criminal Division
CSR: #084-004657

1 THE COURT: William Carter.

2 We're going to have a conference on your
3 case, Mr. Carter. You're in right now. What are you
4 in on, a domestic battery?

5 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir. I'm in here on a
6 probation violation.

7 THE COURT: Right. But, I mean, you picked up a
8 domestic battery; right?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: And that's what brought you in; is
11 that right?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: What's his reporting situation?

14 THE PROBATION OFFICER: He last reported
15 December 16th of '04.

16 THE COURT: He's not been in custody ever since
17 then, has he? He got probation on December 16th.
18 Violation was filed April 27th. So he's got a
19 violation that precedes the Branch 62 case.

20 We're going to have a conference on your
21 case.

22 (The case was passed.)

23 THE COURT: William Carter.

24 What was the situation with Mr. Carter?

1 MS. BAUMANN: Judge, he had originally --

2 THE COURT: You wanted to speak to me. You
3 wanted IPS instead. I wanted to tell you that I
4 considered your period on my probation a complete
5 breakdown. Nothing went right. You didn't report.
6 You caught like three cases -- two cases while you're
7 on my probation. You can speak.

8 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I had got rearrested
9 though before I could report. I had spoke with my
10 probation officer. She told me to report February
11 2nd or 3rd or something like that and I had got
12 locked up.

13 THE COURT: But you weren't in custody all those
14 dates.

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I was.

16 THE COURT: How long have you been in now?

17 THE DEFENDANT: I been there two months now.

18 THE COURT: Right. Well, I'm talking about back
19 in September of last year.

20 THE DEFENDANT: No. Look, she told me to report
21 in February. I had got incarcerated in January, your
22 Honor.

23 THE COURT: Like I said, I'm offering you the
24 IDOC or Cook County boot camp, whichever one you

1 want.

2 THE DEFENDANT: Cook County.

3 THE COURT: You're pleading guilty to violating
4 your probation then, Mr. Carter?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Do you understand that when you
7 plead guilty, you give up certain rights? In this
8 circumstance, you're giving up your right to what's
9 called a VOP hearing. At that hearing, the State
10 would have to prove by a preponderance of the
11 evidence that you violated your probation.

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: In this case they would do so by
14 testifying about your failures to report, about your
15 domestic battery case, and about your criminal damage
16 to land case. Do you understand that?

17 MS. BAUMANN: Not criminal damage.

18 THE DEFENDANT: Criminal damage to property.

19 MS. BAUMANN: No, Judge. Basically, he had pled
20 guilty to domestic battery. I think that's the only
21 thing he pled guilty to.

22 THE COURT: Domestic battery case. Do you
23 understand that?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: You won't have an opportunity to
2 cross-examine or confront witnesses called by them,
3 present witnesses on your behalf. There won't be any
4 witnesses of any kind as a result of this. Do you
5 understand that?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Has anyone threatened you or
8 promised you anything in order to make you plead
9 guilty today?

10 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

11 THE COURT: Pleading guilty of your own free
12 will?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: This is a Class 1 offense; is that
15 correct?

16 MS. GONZALEZ: Judge, the 9579 case number is a
17 Class 4, the 17677 is a Class 1.

18 THE COURT: This is a Class 1 and Class 4 case,
19 carries with it -- you know what -- a fine of up to
20 \$25,000. Do you understand that?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: Is there a stipulation the defendant
23 didn't comply with his probation by being found
24 guilty of the offense of domestic violence or

1 domestic battery and that also by not reporting?

2 MS. GONZALEZ: So stipulated.

3 MS. BAUMANN: So stipulated.

4 THE COURT: I'm going to find that stipulation
5 sufficient to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable
6 doubt for the offenses charged and enter a conviction
7 on it. I'm also going to find he understands the
8 nature of the charges against him and the possible
9 penalties, his rights under the law, that this plea
10 has been made freely and voluntarily, and that a
11 factual basis exists for it.

12 Anything further by way of aggravation or
13 mitigation?

14 MS. GONZALEZ: No.

15 MS. BAUMANN: No.

16 THE COURT: Anything you want to add,
17 Mr. Carter?

18 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir.

19 THE COURT: Cook County book camp on both cases,
20 concurrent. Fees, fines, and costs have already been
21 assessed.

22 It's important you understand that although
23 you've entered a plea of guilty here today, you have
24 an absolute right to appeal. On appeal you must

1 within 30 days file with this Court a written motion
2 asking the Court to either reconsider the sentence
3 being entered here today or for leave to withdraw
4 your plea of guilty. If you don't file that in
5 writing, it's considered waived for purposes of
6 appeal.

7 Do you understand that?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Good luck, sir.

10 MS. BAUMANN: Judge, I would note that he had --

11 THE COURT: What's the credit?

12 MS. BAUMANN: I'm going to have to determine
13 that.

14 (Continuing.) -- 18 months probation on the
15 domestic battery case. So his probation officer is
16 going to have to be notified.

17 THE COURT: Sabrina, you'll have to notify the
18 probation over at DV that he's been sentenced to Cook
19 County boot camp.

20 THE PROBATION OFFICER: I sure will, your Honor.

21 (End of Proceedings.)

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