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10 JURY TRAIL

12 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the hearing of the
13 above-entitled cause before the Honorable STANLEY J. SACKS, one
14 of the judges of said court, on the 18th day of January, 2008.

16 PRESENT: HON. RICHARD DEVINE
17 State's Attorney of Cook County
18 by, MS. LORI ROSEN
19 MS. SUZI COLLINS
Assistant State's Attorneys,
on behalf of the People;
Defendant appearing Pro Se.

23 Kathie Kerns, CSR, RPR
24 Official Court Reporter
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1 your left. Okay?

2 A. Okay.

3 THE COURT: Go ahead, Mr. Thomas.

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5 VANESSA THOMAS

6 called as a witness on behalf of the People, having been first
7 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows herein:

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY DEFENDANT THOMAS:

10 Q. Good afternoon.

11 A. Good afternoon.

12 Q. Can you state your name.

13 A. Vanessa Thomas.

14 Q. Vanessa Thomas. State your address also.

15 A. [REDACTED]

16 Q. How long have you been at that address?

17 A. At that address 8 years.

18 Q. How long have you been at that complex? That's an
19 apartment complex, isn't it?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. How long have you been there?

22 A. The whole complex since 1992.

23 Q. Am I your husband?

24 A. Yes, you are.

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1 Q. I just wanted to get that out, this is my wife.

2 A. Mm-hmm.

3 Q. So I want to ask you, what is your occupation?

4 A. At the time I'm a health care assistant.

5 THE COURT: You mean now?

6 THE WITNESS: Right.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 DEFENDANT THOMAS: Q. How long have you been
9 doing that? How long have you been a health care assistant?

10 THE WITNESS: A. Right now?

11 DEFENDANT THOMAS: Q. Just period.

12 A. Period?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. Uhm, as far as health care about 5 years.

15 Q. About 5 years. So you have been in that field for
16 5 years. And before that what did you do?

17 A. Ambulatory care assistant for University of Illinois
18 Hospital.

19 Q. And how long were you there?

20 A. 23 years.

21 Q. 23 years?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. How old are you?

24 A. 51.

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1 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did I ever sell any
2 products on a daily basis?

3 MS. ROSEN: Objection. Time frame.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Thomas, try to bring it to around
5 of the incident if you like.

6 DEFENDANT THOMAS: Q. Around the time, let's say
7 May the 14th. May 14th, May 13th -- no, it was May 14th. On
8 May 14th was I employed?

9 THE WITNESS: A. Of what year?

10 THE COURT: Last year '07.

11 DEFENDANT THOMAS: Q. Last year. That was the
12 day of my arrest?

13 THE WITNESS: A. No, not then.

14 DEFENDANT THOMAS: Q. What did I do for a living?

15 A. Sold pastries, candy, cookies, pop, potato chips.

16 Q. Would I do this consistently or was it just one day,
17 two days out of the week or what?

18 A. No, you did it everyday.

19 Q. And you base this information on of course you are my
20 wife and you saw me everyday?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. Do you and I reside at the same address?

23 A. Yes, we do.

24 Q. Okay. Just for the record, is it a house or an

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1 apartment?

2 A. It's an apartment.

3 Q. Do either one of us own a vehicle?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do we struggle with bills?

6 A. Somewhat, but not really. Somewhat. I mean, I
7 wouldn't call it struggling.

8 Q. Are we living above our means?

9 A. Nope.

10 Q. Am I a drug dealer?

11 A. No.

12 MS. ROSEN: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Let's his wife's answer stand for
14 whatever value it adds. Overruled proceed.

15 DEFENDANT THOMAS: Q. Have you ever known me to
16 sell anything outside of the pastries and stuff that I've named?

17 A. Not since I have been married to you.

18 DEFENDANT THOMAS: Q. When I come home in the
19 evening do I bring anything with me?

20 A. Left over candies or goodies and maybe the money that
21 you made off of the goods.

22 Q. And we eat half of it at night?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. So you admit we are not living -- living above our