

NO: CV11-0008 : SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT : G.A. # 20
v. : AT NORWALK, CONNECTICUT
WALTER REDDY : FEBRUARY 25, 2011

BEFORE THE HONORABLE BRUCE HUDOCK, JUDGE

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1 ATTY. VIEUX: Your Honor, this is the firearms
 2 safety hearing, Mr. Walter Reddy being the subject of
 3 that search warrant. He is present in court. I did
 4 have an opportunity to speak with him across the
 5 hall. He is indicating a desire to have counsel. I
 6 indicated we would need to address the Court.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Sir, come forward.

8 ATTY. VIEUX: I would note, Your Honor, that the
 9 State did issue subpoenas. I have a civilian witness
 10 present prepared to proceed, as well as a number of
 11 members of the Weston Police Department.

12 THE COURT: Sir, what is your request?

13 MR. REDDY: Well --

14 THE COURT: You don't have to lean down. We're
 15 just picking up your voice --

16 MR. REDDY: All right.

17 THE COURT: -- for the Court Monitor's purposes
 18 for the record. But your voice will pick up as long
 19 as you speak clearly and loudly.

20 MR. REDDY: I had spoken to a couple of counsels
 21 before. One was the chairman of our board of
 22 advisors on a website that I -- an organization that
 23 I belong to.

24 THE COURT: Okay..

25 MR. REDDY: And he's -- he's out of state. He's
 26 in Virginia, but he's a constitutional attorney. He
 27 advised that I find out what this whole process is

1 about here. I didn't know -- I didn't know what I
2 needed, what this was going to be --

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 MR. REDDY: -- the proceeding here. I did have
5 a chance to speak to public defenders just briefly
6 about what it would entail and that -- so I think I
7 do need -- I had spoken to one attorney here -- two
8 attorneys here in Connecticut prior to this. I was
9 waiting to hear back from one if he could take this
10 case. He specializes in firearms.

11 THE COURT: All right. Well, as I read --
12 before I turn to the State -- as I read the statute,
13 in particular, 29-38c(d), it says no later than
14 fourteen days after the execution of the warrant, the
15 Court shall hold a hearing to determine whether the
16 seized firearms should be returned to the person, or
17 held for the State for a period not longer than one
18 year. So I see a "shall", and shall means that there
19 is no -- shall means shall. That means we've got to
20 have a hearing in my opinion.

21 MR. REDDY: Your Honor, you asked me what I'd
22 like.

23 THE COURT: Yes, no. I un --

24 MR. REDDY: What I'd like, I'd like to clear my
25 name of these slanderous accusations by --

26 THE COURT: Sir --

27 MR. REDDY: -- Rand McNeil.

1 THE COURT: Sir -- sir, we don't need to go
2 there. I understand that. You've had two weeks in
3 which to retain counsel, and it does seem that you
4 should have been able to do that by now. What's the
5 State's position?

6 ATTY. VIEUX: Well, the State would ask -- it
7 reads the statute as Your Honor does, and would ask
8 that the hearing go forward.

9 I can represent to the Court that Mr. Reddy did
10 come to court and received a copy of the search
11 warrant from the Clerk's Office. At no point did he
12 come to the State's Attorney's Office or make inquiry
13 as to what the procedure was going to be.

14 I would note that the statute section is listed
15 right on the top left-hand corner of the search
16 warrant as well, which would indicate, if one looked
17 at the statute, what was going to be transpiring. So
18 it is an eleventh hour request, Your Honor. I do
19 have a civilian present who --

20 THE COURT: I'm also -- I'm also aware that not
21 only is the State ready to proceed, I'm aware that
22 this is not a criminal proceeding, so that this is a
23 civil proceeding. So I'm -- unless you have anything
24 further to say, I'm ready to rule. I'll argue the
25 last word.

26 MR. REDDY: I did speak to Jonathan McCord
27 (phonetic), I believe. He's an attorney in New

1 Haven. I was trying to retain him. I had sent him a
 2 copy of the search warrant. He specializes in this,
 3 and I was trying to retain him. He's in court this
 4 morning. I would like to have -- I contacted him
 5 earlier in the week. I finally found an attorney
 6 that I think would be appropriate in representing me
 7 here. He couldn't make it today.

8 . ATTY. VIEUX: And certainly Your Honor, if that
 9 was the case, that counsel could file an appearance
 10 along with a motion for continuance that could have
 11 been addressed in the proper form.

12 MR. REDDY: I haven't retained him yet. He's
 13 still looking at the case, the paperwork and --

14 THE COURT: I'm going to proceed.

15 MR. REDDY: Okay.

16 THE COURT: Yes, get a chair for the gentleman.
 17 All right. Now, the burden is upon the State,
 18 just to explain to you, sir. The burden is upon the
 19 State by clear and convincing evidence to establish
 20 the following; that you pose a risk of imminent
 21 personal injury to yourself or to other individuals.
 22 If I find that the State has established by clear and
 23 convincing evidence, which is a high burden, then we
 24 will proceed to the next portion, and that is, what I
 25 should do with the firearm for the period not to
 26 exceed one year. So I'm just filling you in. It's a
 27 fairly simple straightforward statute.

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ATTY. VIEUX: If I may call my witness?

THE COURT: Please.

ATTY. VIEUX: Mr. McNeil can come forward
please.

THE COURT: All right. Sir, if you'd raise your
right hand before you sit down?

1 Randall T. McNeil, residing at 517 Newtown Turnpike, Weston,
2 Connecticut, having first been duly sworn, was examined and
3 testified as follows:

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. VIEUX:

6 Q Mr. McNeil, do you know Mr. Reddy?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q Do you see him in court today?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. Can you just describe something that he's
11 wearing?

12 A He's wearing a loose tie with a dark gray jacket.

13 ATTY. VIEUX: If the record can reflect he's
14 identified the subject of the seizure.

15 THE COURT: The record should so reflect.

16 BY ATTY. VIEUX:

17 Q Mr. McNeil, how long have you known Mr. Reddy?

18 A Probably 15 -- maybe more, 15 years or better.

19 Q Turning your attention to the first week of February,
20 did you have the occasion to go to the Weston Police
21 Department?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Can you tell me why you went to the Weston Police
24 Department?

25 A Yes. I went to the Weston Police Department because
26 I was concerned for Mr. Reddy's welfare and the Weston
27 Police Department's welfare.

1 Q And what gave rise to that concern, Mr. McNeil?

2 A I stopped to see Mr. Reddy because we had had
3 conversations concerning his bank affiliation with his
4 mortgage foreclosure on his house. I stopped to see how he
5 was doing with that. And during the conversation that we
6 had at his house, I can't remember exactly how it came up,
7 but it came up about how protected we were or he was. And
8 he said, well, I'm pretty well protected. I said, well,
9 what do you mean by that. At which point he left the room
10 and then came back into the room and he was carrying a
11 twelve gauge shotgun with a pistol grip, no stock. It was a
12 short weapon. And he said I've got a street sweeper.

13 Q Did you know what a street sweeper was?

14 A I never heard the term before but --

15 Q Did you subsequently learn what that was?

16 A Well, that's what he called it and I said Jesus, I
17 said that doesn't look like a duck gun. He said, well, its
18 not a duck gun. He said its -- I've got -- and he unloaded
19 it. He popped the shells out of it. It was a pump action
20 shotgun. He pumped the shells out. And I said what are you
21 loaded with? And he says, oh, I got buck shot. I got odd
22 shot. He said I got -- every other one is a scatter shot
23 and the other one is buck shot. And I said Jesus, that's
24 quite a personal weapon. I mean it's a weapon that's, in my
25 mind anyway and he didn't say this, but in my mind, it's a
26 weapon used on people.

27 THE COURT: Did you actually say that to him?

1 THE WITNESS: What?

2 THE COURT: Did you say that to him or was that
3 your thought?

4 THE WITNESS: That was my thought.

5 THE COURT: All right. Okay.

6 THE WITNESS: And I can't remember, Your Honor,
7 whether I said it to him or not.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 THE WITNESS: I mean, I don't remember verbatim.

10 THE COURT: You don't remember if you said that
11 to him?

12 THE WITNESS: I don't remember.

13 THE COURT: Okay, all right.

14 THE WITNESS: But I mean, I thought about it.
15 Then -- there wasn't much more conversation and I
16 left Mr. Reddy's residence, went home, had supper,
17 whatever. And the next day I thought about it some
18 more, and I thought Jesus, if something happens to
19 upset this guy, he might use that. So, and I thought
20 well, I know in the past I guess the police had
21 accosted him at his house with another incident. It
22 had nothing to do with this.

23 BY ATTY. VIEUX:

24 Q Well Mr. McNeil, you indicated that there wasn't much
25 further conversation, but there was some conversation
26 between you and Mr. Reddy prior to his departure from his
27 home that day?

1 A I can't remember.

2 Q Do you recall if he made any comments with regard to
3 bank employees?

4 A Just that they didn't think he had -- that they had
5 any right to be on his property. I mean I can't remember
6 whether he -- I don't think he made any threats toward them.

7 Q Okay. Do you recall if he made any threats or
8 alluded to the --

9 A Just that he knew how to handle things if they showed
10 up.

11 Q And when he made that comment, did he -- was he
12 holding a firearm at the time or no, or you don't know?

13 A No. The firearm was on a table.

14 Q Mr. McNeil, you indicated you don't remember as you
15 sit here today some of the conversations that transpired.

16 A That's correct.

17 Q Do you recall what information you relayed to the
18 Weston Police Department?

19 A I went to the Weston Police Department to give them a
20 heads up. I mean, I didn't go to make a complaint. I
21 didn't file a complaint. I thought they ought to know that
22 if they went to 16 Briar Oak Drive that the resident there
23 was armed; that Walter Reddy was armed. And that --
24 basically that's what I told them. I said he's armed. I
25 don't know how -- you know, what he might do. It wasn't
26 something that I really had any firm grip to.

27 Q May -- you indicated that you waited about three days

1 to go to the police department?

2 A Three or four -- I mean, I didn't go for three or
3 four days, and then I finally -- I was coming up Weston Road
4 and I said you know, I think I'll just stop there and just
5 make the Weston Police Department aware that this gentleman
6 was -- had a street sweeper.

7 Q So within --

8 A And that -- what stuck in my mind more than anything
9 else was the street sweeper aspect, and I never had thought
10 about a gun as a street sweeper because I wasn't sweeping
11 any streets with the gun. I'm a hunter, you know, I'm a
12 veteran.

13 Q Mr. McNeil --

14 A I've used plenty of guns but I never thought of them
15 as street sweepers.

16 Q So within three days, you went to the Weston Police
17 Department and made representations as to what the
18 conversation between you and Mr. Reddy had --

19 A Yeah.

20 Q -- three days prior; correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. And from that date, which I believe would have
23 been about the 4th of February to today, have you had any
24 physical injury between then and now?

25 A I fell and had a concussion. I got a cut on my
26 forehead on the left side at the temple and I was treated at
27 the walk-in clinic in Wilton.

1 Q So is it that you sit here today that you don't
2 necessarily recall the verbatim conversation that you had
3 with the Weston P.D.?

4 A I don't recall verbatim, no, and I made him aware of
5 what I thought. That's -- that's all really.

6 ATTY. VIEUX: I have nothing further at this
7 time.

8 THE COURT: What military service were you in,
9 sir?

10 THE WITNESS: Air Force.

11 THE COURT: And what were the years of your
12 military service?

13 THE WITNESS: I was in 1950, '51, '52, '53.

14 THE COURT: All right. And --

15 THE WITNESS: I served in Korea.

16 THE COURT: You were in Korea?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 THE COURT: And were you a pilot?

19 THE WITNESS: I was a flight engineer and a
20 bomber.

21 THE COURT: All right. So you actually saw
22 military action; is that right?

23 THE WITNESS: Shot down in North Korea.

24 THE COURT: So you were shot down in North
25 Korea?

26 THE WITNESS: I walked out.

27 THE COURT: All right. Now, you say you're a

1 hunter?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes.

3 THE COURT: All right. So you are familiar with
4 guns?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 THE COURT: You are an active hunter even to
7 today; is that right?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, although not as frequent as
9 in the past. I -- I did shoot the largest buck in
10 Maine. I have a letter from the governor, you know,
11 with that effect. It was a very large animal.

12 THE COURT: And your employment over the period
13 of your life was involved in what?

14 THE WITNESS: I do title work, land titles, and
15 my major business was locating missing heirs. And I
16 have an aircraft restoration business in Vermont, and
17 I was the -- what they call the F.B.O. for Rutland
18 Airport. I was the Fixed Base Operator of Rutland.
19 I owned the buildings and the operation and the
20 fueling and so forth at Rutland Airport.

21 THE COURT: All right. And what are you doing
22 now?

23 THE WITNESS: I still do title work.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 THE WITNESS: But much less than in the past.
26 And I'm in the process of restoring an antique boat.

27 THE COURT: What kind of boat, sir?

1 THE WITNESS: It's a Sparkman & Stephens Nevins
2 40. It's a sailboat. Its a --

3 THE COURT: I think Stephens is a name that I
4 recall. At any rate, any questions based on mine?

5 ATTY. VIEUX: No, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Reddy, you now have
7 the opportunity if you wish, to cross examine the
8 witness. You can --

9 MR. REDDY: Sit here?

10 THE COURT: -- you can remain seated --

11 MR. REDDY: Okay.

12 THE COURT: -- if that's easier for you, sir.

13 MR. REDDY: That's fine. Thank you.

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. REDDY:

15 Q Rand, do you remember you had stated that -- brought
16 up the reason you were coming over quite a bit in that prior
17 year when my house was listed -- I believe you spoke to my
18 real estate agent at the time -- you were interested in the
19 property or at least Joanna Stone, my realtor thought you
20 were and spoke to --

21 ATTY. VIEUX: Objection to what his realtor
22 thought.

23 THE COURT: Yes. You -- look.

24 MR. REDDY: Well, she had spoken to him about my
25 property.

26 THE COURT: Hold on, hold on, hold on. We've
27 got to stick to some --

1 MR. REDDY: Okay.

2 THE COURT: Some rules of evidence, and there's
3 no way to cross-examine the statement that you just
4 have made about somebody else.

5 MR. REDDY: Okay.

6 THE COURT: So stick to --

7 MR. REDDY: All right.

8 THE COURT: -- for now, and if you're going to
9 go beyond that, I want to be able to evaluate it
10 before the witness responds --

11 MR. REDDY: Okay.

12 THE COURT: -- issues directly involving you and
13 the witness as it relates to this alleged incident.

14 MR. REDDY: All right. Thank you.

15 BY MR. REDDY:

16 Q Rand, you do recall that I had a pending case that --
17 concerning -- well, concerning a foreclosure, that
18 Deutschebank brought against me? Is that --

19 THE COURT: Is that correct; do you recall that?

20 MR. REDDY: Are you familiar with that?

21 THE WITNESS: I answered the complaint.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 BY MR. REDDY:

24 Q You do recall that as of November or December of
25 2010, a few months ago, my -- the case was dismissed? My
26 attorney is covering this case, Hanson Guest, and he -- he's
27 representing me in this case. Its fraud -- we believe it's

1 a fraudulent case and it was dismissed by the court in
2 Stamford. Do you remember that conversation, you telling me
3 that?

4 A What I remember was that you told me it was reopened.

5 Q No. Its dismissed. My -- my --

6 ATTY. VIEUX: Object.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't know.

8 THE COURT: Excuse me, excuse me, excuse me.
9 Hold on, hold on. First of all, you have to ask
10 questions.

11 MR. REDDY: Okay. I'm --

12 THE COURT: You can't tell -- there's ways to
13 ask a question without coming out and saying no, its
14 -- in other words, you're argumentative and so I've
15 got to --

16 MR. REDDY: I'm sorry, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: No, its all right. It's all right.
18 I'm trying to --

19 MR. REDDY: I'm not an attorney.

20 THE COURT: -- allow you, since you're not
21 represented by counsel, I'm trying to give some
22 leeway to you.

23 MR. REDDY: Okay.

24 THE COURT: But just understand that this is a
25 question and answer, and the prosecutor did the same
26 thing. If you can keep in the line of question and
27 answer, question and answer.

1 MR. REDDY: All right.

2 THE COURT: I know that's not how usually we are
3 used to engaging with other people.

4 MR. REDDY: All right.

5 THE COURT: However in this courtroom, there's
6 different rules that apply. So if you stick to
7 question and then answer. And you can devise ways to
8 ask a question that will further get into the -- the
9 issues you may wish to get into.

10 MR. REDDY: Okay.

11 THE COURT: Sometimes -- sometimes witnesses
12 give answers that you don't like, or sometimes they
13 disagree with your version of things. You got to
14 stick to questions. Okay?

15 MR. REDDY: Okay. Thank you.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 BY MR. REDDY:

18 Q Do you -- and do you recall me telling you the case
19 was dismissed?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Thank you. Do you recall calling me on or about
22 February 1st, a few days prior to you coming over?

23 A No.

24 Q No. Do you recall ask -- telling me, warning me,
25 repeatedly warning me if I didn't stop with what I was doing
26 with my business, Sovereign State Depository, that I'd be
27 sorry?

1 A No.

2 Q You don't remember that conversation?

3 A I never did.

4 Q Yes, you --

5 THE COURT: Excuse me.

6 MR. REDDY: I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. So what you're saying
8 is, your recollection is that you never did make any
9 statements?

10 THE WITNESS: Not about what he was doing with
11 his argument with the Federal Reserve Bank.

12 THE COURT: All right. Next question?

13 BY MR. REDDY:

14 Q Do you remember calling me and warning me that if I
15 didn't stop with what I was doing, I'd be sorry?

16 A No.

17 ATTY. VIEUX: Objection. Asked and answered,
18 Judge.

19 THE COURT: Cross examination. I'll allow it,
20 and the answer remains the same.

21 THE WITNESS: No.

22 THE COURT: I have a rule of three's by the way.
23 After three on cross examination -- you do have
24 greater leeway on cross examination. I'm letting you
25 know that after you get past three, then I'm going
26 to ask you to move on. But at any rate, go ahead.

27 BY MR. REDDY:

1 Q The day you came over on or about, what, February
2 1st, do you remember what you asked me? Did you ask me to
3 -- if I had a firearm?

4 A No.

5 Q You did not ask me that -- if I had a firearm?

6 A No.

7 Q If I owned a firearm?

8 A I don't believe so, no.

9 Q Do you not remember me saying yes, I do have one.
10 I'll show you this firearm?

11 A I think I said you were going to show me the firearm,
12 but I can't remember asking you to show it to me.

13 Q And do you remember me saying, well, I have it safely
14 stored upstairs in my bedroom, following me up there?

15 A No. I didn't go to your bedroom.

16 Q A studio bedroom.

17 A No. I didn't go up there.

18 THE COURT: Excuse me, sir. There's another
19 issue that we have here and that's exclamations. Not
20 necessary. If you're trying to influence the Court,
21 it may have a backfire influence.

22 MR. REDDY: All right.

23 THE COURT: So please --

24 MR. REDDY: Okay.

25 THE COURT: -- please stick to question and
26 answers, okay? I'm -- I'm going to insist on that.
27 Thank you.

1 BY MR. REDDY:

2 Q You had made a statement that you don't remember
3 things correctly. Do you -- do you believe that you
4 correctly remember me saying I have a street sweeper?

5 ATTY. VIEUX: The State is going to object to
6 the form of the question, Your Honor. Mr. McNeil did
7 not testify that he did not remember things
8 correctly, but rather there were things that he did
9 not remember, and I would submit there's a marked
10 difference.

11 THE COURT: I think he was also -- well, my
12 recollection is-- and you can argue this, okay -- but
13 my recollection is, is that his loss of memory
14 referred to the statement that he made to the Weston
15 Police Department. That's my recollection. I'll let
16 you argue it because I'm human and I can be proven to
17 be wrong.

18 So if you want to specifically -- if you leave
19 out the, "you stated you can't remember", and you
20 just continue with the rest of the question, I'll
21 allow you to ask the question. So if you want to
22 rephrase the question, just leave out the beginning
23 of it. I'll allow you to ask the question. I think
24 that was my reaction to it, so.

25 MR. REDDY: Well, I'll move on.

26 THE COURT: Do you rem -- do you remember the --
27 do you want me to replay it for you? I can replay

1 the question for you?

2 MR. REDDY: Yes. Thank you.

3 THE COURT: All right. Can we replay the
4 question and I'll evaluate it again?

5 (The requested question was played back).

6 THE COURT: All right. The first portion is
7 stricken. I'll allow the question to, do you
8 remember --

9 MR. REDDY: Thank you.

10 THE COURT: -- about the street sweeper. Okay.
11 So I should go back on the record with that. Are we
12 back --

13 COURT MONITOR: We're still on the record.

14 THE COURT: We're on the record. Do you
15 remember the question, sir?

16 THE WITNESS: I remember you calling the weapon
17 a street sweeper.

18 MR. REDDY: Your Honor, I never --

19 THE COURT: He --

20 MR. REDDY: Okay. I --

21 THE COURT: Okay. Let me explain something.

22 Let me explain because this is something else I'm
23 going to explain to you. Again, you should continue
24 to ask questions if you wish --

25 MR. REDDY: Okay.

26 THE COURT: -- and you get answers. You will
27 have an opportunity to testify yourself if you so

1 desire. That testimony will be presented to us on
2 direct, which is what you would be. You would open
3 up with your own testimony. That would be a
4 statement that you can make, so you can make these
5 statements under oath that you wish to.

6 The State however, will have the opportunity to
7 cross examine you after you make the statement under
8 oath, but you will have the chance to testify under
9 oath. So do you understand that?

10 MR. REDDY: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Number one, and that will be like I
12 said, in the form of statements.

13 MR. REDDY: Yes.

14 THE COURT: Number two, you have -- you will
15 have a second opportunity to make statements to me,
16 and that will be final argument. Those statements
17 are not evidence. Those statements will be in the
18 nature of arguments, and it's the presentation that
19 you may wish to make based upon your conclusions as
20 to what the evidence is. The State will also have
21 the opportunity.

22 So there's two opportunities that you have to
23 make statements to me; one under oath, and one not
24 under oath as argument. So just in case you have a
25 question about will you have the opportunity to tell
26 me your side of things, you will if you wish. But
27 for now, because this is not your -- you are not on

1 the witness stand, this is another witness on the
2 stand, you have to continue to ask questions, and I
3 continue to evaluate responses. So its question,
4 response, question, response.

5 MR. REDDY: Okay.

6 THE COURT: For now.

7 MR. REDDY: Okay. Thank you.

8 BY MR. REDDY:

9 Q Rand, do you remember me stating why I had that
10 firearm?

11 A No.

12 Q Do you remember me telling you why I had it, for home
13 protection?

14 A I think you said for protection.

15 Q Home protection, yeah.

16 A Well, I don't know if it was home protection. It was
17 for protection.

18 Q Well --

19 A For your own protection, whatever.

20 Q Against violent criminals if they broke into the
21 house?

22 ATTY. VIEUX: Objection. He's testifying,
23 Judge.

24 THE COURT: Yes. Sir --

25 MR. REDDY: I mean, that's the question.

26 THE COURT: Excuse me. No.

27 MR. REDDY: No.

1 THE COURT: No, no. You've got to ask a
2 question, sir. I'm going to sustain the objection.

3 MR. REDDY: Okay.

4 THE COURT: You can't make statements. But you
5 were doing good. Just make sure that you put a
6 question mark at the end of it.

7 MR. REDDY: Okay.

8 THE COURT: Ask the question.

9 BY MR. REDDY:

10 Q The question is, do you remember me saying I had that
11 firearm in case a violent criminal broke in and --

12 A No, I don't.

13 MR. REDDY: Okay. Your Honor, I don't think
14 I have anymore questions.

15 THE COURT: Okay. The State have any questions?

16 ATTY. VIEUX: Yes, Your Honor. Just some
17 follow-up.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY ATTY. VIEUX:

20 Q Mr. McNeil, you testified on direct, you've known the
21 defendant -- excuse, Mr. Reddy -- for about 15 years?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Okay. And you waited about three days to go to the
24 Weston Police Department; correct?

25 A Yes.

26 Q Did the Weston Police Department ask you to provide a
27 sworn, written statement with regard to what you had heard?

1 A Yes.

2 Q And what was your response to that?

3 A I didn't wish to do it.

4 Q And you're under subpoena today; correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q So the State issued a subpoena making you come to
7 correct; correct?

8 A Right.

9 Q Do you have any axe to grind with Mr. Reddy?

10 A No, none.

11 Q And through the Court's questioning, you indicated
12 you've been in the military. For a number years, you were
13 in the military?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And the statements made by Mr. Reddy were sufficient
16 enough to cause you concern to go to the Weston Police
17 Department; is that not true?

18 A The statement as to what that gun was, that it was a
19 street sweeper, caused me to go the Weston Police
20 Department. I don't think Mr. Reddy made any statements
21 that would have caused me to go there. It was the gun
22 itself with the nomenclature that it was a street sweeper,
23 that I felt that the Weston Police Department ought to be
24 aware that that was there.

25 Q But you did testify earlier that you believed that
26 there was some danger to law enforcement; is that not your
27 earlier testimony during direct examination?

1 A That's the reason I went to the police department. I
2 thought there might be.

3 Q And as you sit here today, is it your testimony that
4 you don't recall the conversation verbatim that you had with
5 the Weston Police Department?

6 A That's correct.

7 ATTY. VIEUX: I have nothing further.

8 THE COURT: All right. Before you have the
9 opportunity -- now, you've indicated you've known Mr.
10 Reddy for 15 years?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes.

12 THE COURT: In what capacity did you know him
13 for 15 years?

14 THE WITNESS: Mr. Reddy lived at my house for a
15 short period of time when he first came back from
16 California, I think, or Hawaii, whichever it was,
17 about 15 years ago. I don't remember the exact
18 dates. And I've known -- known him through an
19 association that we both belong to.

20 THE COURT: All right. And has there -- had
21 there ever been a time in the past 15 years that --
22 that your association with him led to this level of
23 concern regarding a weapon?

24 THE WITNESS: No. Because I didn't -- I never
25 knew that he was -- that he had weapons.

26 THE COURT: All right.

27 THE WITNESS: I don't believe that he had

1 weapons at my house. I didn't know he had weapons at
2 his house.

3 THE COURT: All right. So you knew him over the
4 15 years as a friend and as a member of -- a joint
5 member of an association; is that right?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. And so there was no
8 other time that your relationship led you to believe
9 that you should report his activities to a police
10 department; is that correct? In other words, was
11 there ever a time in the past when you said this man
12 is a -- is a danger to something, somebody, and I
13 need to report this to the police department?

14 THE WITNESS: No.

15 THE COURT: Now sir, you may wish to ask
16 questions based upon the prosecutor and mine. I
17 mean, I'm entitled to ask questions because I'm just
18 meeting you two for the first time. So you may wish
19 to ask questions, just based upon questions that the
20 State and I have asked, if you wish.

21 RE-CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. REDDY:

22 Q Rand, in the at least 15 years that I've known you,
23 have you never known me to be violent?

24 A No.

25 Q Or threatening?

26 A No.

27 MR. REDDY: Thank you. No -- no further

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questions, Your Honor.

ATTY. VIEUX: None from the State.

THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You may step down.

ATTY. VIEUX: The State is going to call Officer Miceli to the stand.

THE COURT: All right. Raise your right hand.

1 Officer Joe Miceli, Badge #28 of the Weston Police
2 Department, located in Weston, Connecticut, having first
3 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATINO BY ATTY. VIEUX:

5 Q Officer Miceli, have long have you been with the
6 Weston Police Department?

7 A Since October 2006.

8 Q And what is your current status?

9 A I'm a patrolman.

10 Q Were you so employed in that capacity on February 4th
11 of 2011?

12 A Yes, I was.

13 Q Do you know who Rand McNeil is?

14 A Yes, I do.

15 Q Okay. Did -- did you have occasion to speak with him
16 on February 4th of 2011?

17 A I did.

18 Q Okay. Can you tell the Court why Mr. McNeil or --
19 strike that. Can you please tell the Court what you were
20 investigating as a result of Mr. McNeil's -- your
21 conversation with Mr. McNeil?

22 A Yes. Officer McGowan and I were directed to go to
23 Mr. McNeil's residence to speak with him about a statement
24 he had made earlier in the day. Apparently he had occasion
25 to stop by Mr. Reddy's home and saw that Mr. Reddy showed
26 him a shotgun which he stated was named a street sweeper,
27 and we were asked to go up and further discuss it with Mr.

1 McNeil and attempt to get a written statement from him.

2 Q Were -- were you able to obtain a written statement
3 from Mr. O'Neil?

4 A No, we were not.

5 Q But did you have an oral -- a conversation with him
6 as a result of trying to obtain that statement?

7 A Yes.

8 Q You heard Mr. McNeil testify in court today that he
9 does not recall the conversation, or rather the verbatim
10 conversation that he had with Weston Police with regard to
11 this incident; correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q You've also heard him testify that he had a
14 concussion between now and the date that he spoke with you
15 and today; correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Do you recall the conversation that you had with Mr.
18 McNeil?

19 A I do.

20 Q Okay. Specifically, do you recall any information
21 that Mr. McNeil provided to you with regard to Mr. Reddy and
22 police officers?

23 A I do. That was one of the most alarming statements
24 obviously to us. Mr. McNeil told us that through his
25 conversation while Mr. Reddy was demonstrating the shotgun
26 to him, unloading it, he -- Mr. McNeil stated that he was
27 concerned about the type of gun that it was and was asking

1 questions regarding it, and one of the questions was, and
2 what happens if the police come here. And he says well,
3 next time the cops come here, I'll be ready for them.

4 Q Do you recall if Mr. McNeil advised you as to any
5 other statements that Mr. Reddy may have made with regard to
6 the foreclosure action that may or may not have been pending
7 with regard to his home?

8 A Yes. Mr. McNeil stated that he was going through
9 some foreclosure proceedings, and had further stated at some
10 point during the conversation that the two had, that he
11 wouldn't want to be a bank employee showing up at his house.

12 Q Did Mr. McNeill give you any other information as to
13 why that would be alarming to him?

14 A He gave us a brief background for what he believed to
15 be, you know, past with Mr. Reddy regarding some involvement
16 with militias, and the government not having certain
17 authorities over him in the nature of -- and felt that he
18 was a sovereign type citizen.

19 Q As a result of the information, did you prepare a
20 search warrant, or risk assessment warrant?

21 A I did not prepare the warrant. I assisted with
22 attempting to get the statement from Mr. McNeil and
23 throughout the process.

24 Q Was information -- okay. And information that were
25 able to obtain was used as a part of that search warrant;
26 would that be correct?

27 A Correct.

1 ATTY. VIEUX: Okay. I have nothing further
2 of Officer Miceli.

3 THE COURT: Any questions of the Officer?

4 MR. REDDY: Your Honor, can I ask you a
5 question? If I can enter into the court record, some
6 of the information regarding my -- these alleged
7 conversation.

8 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I don't -- can you
9 rephrase the question because I do not -- I don't
10 understand what you're saying.

11 MR. REDDY: We have -- okay. Okay. For example
12 right here, this is on our public website.
13 Committees of Safety, clearly stating that we do not
14 -- the organization has no affiliation with any
15 militia, militia training, anything like -- of the
16 sort.

17 THE COURT: Well, I think you can ask the
18 question, Officer, are you aware that I'm not a
19 member --

20 MR. REDDY: Oh.

21 THE COURT: -- of the militia?

22 MR. REDDY: Okay, all right.

23 THE COURT: I think that's the way to do it.

24 MR. REDDY: Okay. Thank you.

25 THE COURT: This is sort of like --

26 MR. REDDY: Yeah.

27 THE COURT: -- what's that T.V. show, where you

1 -- the answer comes in the form of a question and if
2 you give the right answer --

3 MR. REDDY: Okay.

4 THE COURT: -- its still wrong if its not in the
5 form of the question. Okay.

6 MR. REDDY: Okay.

7 THE COURT: Guess what?

8 MR. REDDY: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: We're in that T.V. show.

10 MR. REDDY: Okay.

11 THE COURT: You got to ask the question. Thank
12 you.

13 MR. REDDY: All right. Thank you.

14 BY MR. REDDY:

15 Q Officer Mi --

16 A Miceli.

17 Q -- Miceli, are you aware of Committee's Safety
18 website, committeesofsafety.org's website?

19 A I do know that that website exists and saw that you
20 are involved in that, yes.

21 Q Are you aware that I'm the founder of that --

22 A Yes.

23 Q -- organization? Are you aware that Dr. Edwin Vierra
24 (phonetic) is the Chairman of our Board of Advisors?

25 A I am not.

26 Q Are you aware that he's a constitutional attorney?

27 A Actually, that was something you informed me of --

1 Q Okay.

2 A -- when we served the search warrant at your home.

3 Q Thank you.

4 A So, yes.

5 Q Are you aware -- are you aware of our -- that Edwin
6 Vierra, this constitutional attorney, wrote our public
7 policy statement and disclaimer on the front -- the home
8 page?

9 A I am not.

10 Q Okay. Are you aware of the fact that it clearly
11 states it's a First Amendment organization and not involved
12 in any militia, militia training, any -- anything of the
13 such?

14 A I did not go through that website and read the pages
15 in depth, so I'm --

16 Q Okay.

17 A -- not aware of --

18 Q All right.

19 A -- the specific purposes of that --

20 Q Okay.

21 A -- organization.

22 Q And that where -- that it -- are you aware that it
23 also states that -- that it's a peaceable -- a peaceful,
24 nonviolent organization engaged in political -- political
25 advocacy?

26 A Again, I didn't peruse the site.

27 MR. REDDY: All right. Thank you. Thank

1 you, Officer.

2 THE COURT: Anything further?

3 ATTY. VIEUX: Just one.

4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY ATTY. VIEUX:

5 Q Officer Miceli, are you aware of every organization
6 that Mr. Reddy belongs to?

7 A I -- you know, just doing background research, did
8 see that there was other organizations. I wouldn't say that
9 I'm aware of every organization.

10 ATTY. VIEUX: Thank you. Nothing further.

11 THE COURT: Is there any further questions?

12 Its got to be based on the --

13 MR. REDDY: Well --

14 THE COURT: -- one question and answer.

15 MR. REDDY: Right.

16 RECROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. REDDY:

17 Q Are you aware of the Tea Party movement as --

18 ATTY. VIEUX: Objection. That's not an
19 Organization. Its (indiscernible) something.

20 MR. REDDY: Excuse -- I --

21 THE COURT: Hold on. There's an objection, sir.
22 What is the purpose of the question?

23 MR. REDDY: The purpose is my organization
24 hosted the -- this was on the forefront of the Tea
25 Party movement. We had United States Senator Rand
26 Paul was our keynote speaker at that event.

27 ATTY. VIEUX: Then I'll object --

1 MR. REDDY: Committees of Safety. That is very
2 relevant to our public --

3 THE COURT: Well, he indicated that he knew you
4 were a member of a number of organizations --

5 MR. REDDY: Well --

6 THE COURT: If you want to -- if you want to ask
7 the question, are you aware that I'm a member of one
8 of those organizations and that is the following,
9 that would be legitimate questions, and then I'll see
10 where you want to go with it after that.

11 BY MR. REDDY:

12 Q Okay. Well, the question is -- I mean, what I'd like
13 to know about my character. I mean, what you -- what you
14 think of my character and whether you think -- I'd like to
15 know, Officer, if you think a sitting U.S. Senator, a United
16 States Senator would have any affiliation with someone that
17 was violent or threatening?

18 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to sustain the
19 objection.

20 ATTY. VIEUX: I'm not objecting to that
21 question.

22 THE COURT: Well, I am.

23 ATTY. VIEUX: Not at all.

24 THE COURT: It has no -- it has no relevancy
25 whatsoever.

26 MR. REDDY: I don't --

27 THE COURT: So in other words, this can go on.

1 I understand there's some political discussion here,
2 but my concern is a weapon that was the subject of
3 the search warrant, so try to keep to relevance. We
4 could be here for days.

5 MR. REDDY: Your Honor, I have --

6 THE COURT: I'm just letting you know --

7 MR. REDDY: -- no further questions.

8 THE COURT: -- I've got relevancy. Relevancy is
9 a major concern of mine.

10 MR. REDDY: Okay.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. REDDY: Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Next question.

14 MR. REDDY: I think I'm through.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. REDDY: Thank you.

17 THE COURT: You can step down.

18 ATTY. VIEUX: The State is going to call Officer
19 Mogollon.

20 THE COURT: All right. Raise your right hand.
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1 Officer Joe Mogollon, Badge #25, of the Weston Police
2 Department located in Weston, Connecticut, having first been
3 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY ATTY. VIEUX:

5 Q Officer Mogollon, how long have you been with the
6 Weston P.D.?

7 A Approximately six years.

8 Q Okay. And were you so employed in your capacity as a
9 Weston Police Officer on February 4th, 2011?

10 A I was.

11 Q Did you participate in the investigation surrounding
12 this risk assessment warrant?

13 A I did.

14 Q Did you have an occasion to speak with Mr. McNeil
15 with regard to this?

16 A I did.

17 Q You've heard Mr. McNeil testify that he didn't recall
18 a specific conversation that he had with the Weston P.D.;
19 correct?

20 A Correct.

21 Q Do you recall as to what Mr. McNeil advised you with
22 regard to Mr. Reddy and this warrant?

23 A I do.

24 Q Specifically, did he provide information with regard
25 police officers?

26 A I do, yes.

27 Q Can you tell us what was said?

1 A When we spoke to Mr. McNeil, he stated that he felt
2 compelled to tell that he had had a conversation with Mr.
3 Reddy, and that Mr. Reddy had shown him a shotgun, pistol
4 grip, one that he did not believe was for hunting. And as
5 he was unloading the shotgun which was -- he had scatter
6 shot as he called it, and buck shot loaded into the weapon.
7 As he was unloading it, he stated that he made -- that Mr.
8 Reddy made the comment that I would not want to be the cops
9 when they come here next time.

10 Q Do you recall if Mr. McNeil gave you any information
11 with regard to statements made by the defendant with regard
12 to the banking industry, specifically foreclosure?

13 A Yes. He made a statement -- Mr. Reddy made a
14 statement that he would not want to be one of the bank --
15 coming to take back his house.

16 Q And Officer Mollogon, were able to obtain a sworn
17 statement from Mr. McNeil?

18 A We were not.

19 ATTY. VIEUX: Nothing further, Judge.

20 THE COURT: Any questions?

21 MR. REDDY: I have no questions.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, sir. You may
23 step down.

24 ATTY. VIEUX: The State calls Sergeant Brodacki.

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1 Sergeant Matt Brodacki, Badge #19 of the Weston Police
2 Department, located in Weston, Connecticut, having first
3 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

4 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated.

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY ATTY. VIEUX:

6 Q Sergeant Brodacki, how long have you been with the
7 Weston Police Department?

8 A Twelve years.

9 Q And you're currently a Sergeant?

10 A Yes.

11 Q As such, you supervise other officers; is that right?

12 A Yes, yes.

13 Q Turning your attention to the risk assessment
14 warrant, did you participate in the investigation which
15 resulted in this search warrant being prepared and
16 subsequently executed?

17 A I did.

18 Q Were you a participant when the warrant was executed?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. And can you tell the Court what participation
21 you had in the execution of that risk assessment warrant?

22 A As the investigative sergeant, my job was to oversee
23 the tasks at the scene of the search warrant, provide
24 intelligence, and also assist in executing the warrant and
25 seizing the firearms.

26 Q And do you recall what day you executed that warrant?

27 A Yes. It was February 14.

1 Q Okay. Was Mr. Reddy home at the time?

2 A Yes, he was.

3 Q And can you tell the Court what was seized?

4 A What was seized was a pistol grip shotgun that was
5 loaded, a revolver type handgun, an ammo can, various types
6 of rounds, rifle and shotgun type rounds, two inner hand
7 grenades and some detonation cord that was in the ammo can
8 as well.

9 Q Did you have the occasion to speak with Mr. Reddy --

10 A I did.

11 Q -- upon arrival at the home?

12 A I did.

13 Q Did you make inquiry of him with regard to the
14 firearms?

15 A I did.

16 Q Okay. And what did you ask him?

17 A I -- just before the -- we had a tactical team on
18 standby just to go into the house to execute the warrant to
19 make sure that it was safe to enter the residence. And
20 prior to that I walked up and I just asked Mr. Reddy, are
21 there any weapons in the house? Is there anything that any
22 of the officers entering the dwelling are going to get
23 injured, hurt, and he did provide me answers with that.

24 Q And what was the answer with (indiscernible)?

25 A He said yeah, there's a shotgun next to the bed.

26 Q Did you inquire if there were any other firearms?

27 A Yes.

1 Q And what was his response?

2 A His answer was no.

3 Q And did you find other firearms?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did you question him with regard to finding a
6 firearm?

7 A Yes. Originally when he said no, that there wasn't,
8 when we found the revolver next to it, I came right back out
9 and I said Mr. Reddy, I want you to ask you again, sir. You
10 know, there's a second firearm was located. I just want to
11 make sure no one is going to get hurt. Do you have any
12 other firearms anywhere in the residence, and he said no.

13 Q And you did or did not find any other firearms?

14 A No. We didn't find any other firearms other than
15 that.

16 Q And Mr. Reddy, would you describe him as cooperative
17 during this search?

18 A Very much so, yes.

19 ATTY. VIEUX: Nothing further.

20 THE COURT: Let me just ask you a question. You
21 said two inert hand grenades?

22 THE WITNESS: Yes.

23 THE COURT: Please define "inert" for me so that
24 I don't have a heart attack.

25 THE WITNESS: They were nonfunctioning. So we
26 located them in the -- next to the bed in the ammo
27 can, and they had the detonation cord was in a

1 circular pattern below it. So we actually contacted
2 a bomb tech to come out to make sure. And inert just
3 means that they were nonfunctioning, but they did
4 have the pins inserted in the grenade, but the bottom
5 of them was hollowed out.

6 THE COURT: Ah, okay. I just -- I had that
7 question.

8 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

9 THE COURT: The revolver, was that loaded or
10 unloaded?

11 THE WITNESS: No, it was not loaded.

12 THE COURT: Not loaded. The pistol grip shotgun
13 was loaded?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes. There was one other item too
15 in there. It was a bandolier of rifle slugs as well.

16 THE COURT: All right. Live ammunition?

17 THE WITNESS: Live ammunition, yes.

18 THE COURT: And the other ammunition you've
19 talked about in your testimony was live ammunition?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

22 ATTY. VIEUX: May I just inquire as to --

23 THE COURT: Sure.

24 BY ATTY. VIEUX:

25 Q Were there any markings on those inert hand grenades?

26 A Yes. It said "U.S. Military" on it.

27 Q Did it -- it just said U.S. Military, or did it have

1 property of or --

2 A Yeah. Well, I think it was stamp, but it said "U.S.
3 Military" below it, and then below, I think it was real
4 small, it said "property".

5 Q And with regard to the bandolier, can you just
6 describe what that is?

7 A A bandolier is a nylon satchel type that you would
8 put over your head, and inside of the bandolier it has
9 individual holders for those rifle slugs or rounds.

10 Q And someone owning a bandolier, does that have any
11 significant meaning in terms of firearms?

12 A Well, it would usually indicate when you go to a fire
13 range, usually you put your ammunition next to your rifle
14 that you're shooting. A bandolier might be that if you're
15 actually moving with your weapon and you don't have the
16 facility to hold the ammo next to you on a table or in your
17 hand.

18 Q And the bandolier, can -- was this an old -- similar
19 to the grenades, an old military owned -- can you describe
20 it?

21 A It was black and nylon. I don't know how old it was.
22 It looked relatively, you know, modern in terms of
23 construction. But I'm not an expert in that.

24 ATTY. VIEUX: Thank you. Nothing further.

25 THE COURT: Well, the ammunition that was on the
26 bandolier, did that fit any weapon that was found in
27 the house?

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it fit. All of it was all
2 shotgun shells specifically, different types. So one
3 was bird shot, one was slug, one was buck shot, and
4 it just went all the down the line and various types.

5 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Any further
6 questioning?

7 MR. REDDY: Yes.

8 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. REDDY:

9 Q Hi, Officer. The two inert grenades that were in a
10 canister -- a canister, would you say they were nothing more
11 than could be like paperweights? I mean, they're just lead,
12 inert, no --

13 A Yeah. Well, my understanding --

14 Q -- ammu --

15 A -- from the bomb tech that showed up was they could
16 either live functioning grenades, or they could be inert as
17 a novelty item --

18 Q Yeah.

19 A -- as you indicated.

20 Q Yeah. The fuse that you -- I mean the co -- just the
21 wire -- I mean, that wasn't associated, was it, with the
22 grenades or --

23 A Yeah. The --

24 Q -- inert --

25 A -- he called it, the bomb tech that showed called it
26 det cord. And when -- I wasn't even familiar with it. I
27 just knew that I didn't know what I was looking at. He

1 explained to me that det cord is detonation cord, and its
2 used to light, you know, it could be used to light an
3 explosive or light something.

4 Q Are you aware of our conversation of that day, me
5 explaining to you what I --

6 A Yes.

7 Q Could you -- could you state what I had said about --

8 ATTY. VIEUX: I'm going to object as to Sergeant
9 Brodacki testifying --

10 MR. REDDY: All right.

11 ATTY. VIEUX: -- for the defendant with regard
12 to Mr. Reddy for the information that he wants put
13 forth. Its certainly something that --

14 THE COURT: It is self-serving.

15 ATTY. VIEUX: -- he can indicate -- yes, Your
16 Honor.

17 THE COURT: It is self-serving.

18 MR. REDDY: Do you remember -- can I --

19 THE COURT: I will sustain the objection. Next
20 question.

21 BY MR. REDDY:

22 Q Can you -- do you remember me stating I bought that
23 years ago at a gun --

24 ATTY. VIEUX: Objection, Your Honor. It's the
25 same --

26 MR. REDDY: -- a gun show?

27 THE COURT: Sir, you can't ask --

1 MR. REDDY: No?

2 THE COURT: -- what you told the Officer. Its
3 self-serving. You may wish to testify as to all of
4 this.

5 MR. REDDY: All right.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. REDDY: Thank you. No further questions.

8 THE COURT: Thank you. You may -- I'm sorry.

9 ATTY. VIEUX: Nothing further.

10 THE COURT: You may step down.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 ATTY. VIEUX: The State has nothing further,
14 Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: I'm sorry?

16 ATTY. VIEUX: The State has nothing further.

17 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Now sir, the
18 State has rested. You may wish to present evidence
19 of your own. You may wish to testify. You may also
20 wish not to do any of the sort, and then I will hear
21 final argument.

22 MR. REDDY: Your Honor, can I submit this as a
23 statement? I mean, it's a --

24 THE COURT: Well, here's -- here's what we do.
25 I would ask you to take the stand and you may -- you
26 may make statements. You may read statements, as
27 long as they are relevant to the issue at hand, which

1 as I will state again, is as follows: as to relevant
2 to the risk of imminent personal injury to yourself
3 or to other individuals, okay. So its got to -- its
4 got to be related to that, and if its related to
5 that, sure. I'll let you read a statement.

6 MR. REDDY: Okay. I'll take the stand.

7 THE COURT: Sure. All right. Then I've got to
8 do the same thing here. Would you raise your right
9 hand?

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1 Walter Reddy, residing at 16 Briar Oak Drive in Weston,
2 Connecticut, having first been duly sworn, was examined and
3 testified as follows:

4 THE COURT: Thank you. You may make your
5 statement. Just understand again, that whatever you
6 state and I allow into evidence, you could and most
7 likely will be cross examined on it --

8 MR. REDDY: Okay.

9 THE COURT: -- by the State.

10 MR. REDDY: All right. Thank you.

11 THE COURT: Go ahead.

12 MR. REDDY: I'd like to read our public policy
13 statement and disclaimer on the organization I
14 founded, committeesofsafety.org.

15 ATTY. VIEUX: Your Honor, the State is going to
16 ask for some proffer as to relevance with regard to
17 the founding of organization.

18 THE COURT: All right. What's the name of the
19 organization?

20 MR. REDDY: Its committeesofsafety.org.

21 THE COURT: Committee --

22 MR. REDDY: Committeesofsafety --

23 THE COURT: -- of safety.

24 MR. REDDY: -- .org. Committees of Safety is an
25 organization dedicated to individual and collective
26 exercise of American's freedoms of speech,
27 association and petition under the First Amendment to

1 the Constitution of the United States, for the
2 ultimate purpose of revitalizing the militia of the
3 several states under the Second Amendment and other
4 provisions of the Constitution of the United States
5 and constitutions and laws of the several States.
6 Committees of Safety is not now, nor does intend to
7 become any kind of private militia, paramilitary
8 group, firearms training association, gun rights
9 organization, or other entities of that like nature
10 or purpose. No individual should seek to become or
11 remain a volunteer for Committees of Safety who --
12 who proposes the Committees of Safety, ought to
13 identify itself as such -- some form of such a group,
14 or that volunteers for Committees of Safety should
15 engage in military, para-military or like activities
16 as part of their association with Committees of
17 Safety. Committees of Safety recognizes as
18 constitution militia only such groups that have been
19 formed an operated under lawful mandated statutes
20 within particular states.

21 Any individual can be, and is welcome as, a
22 volunteer for Committees of Safety, whether or not he
23 or she possesses a firearm or desires to possess one.
24 The only requirement for affiliation with Committees
25 of Safety is that the individual acknowledges the
26 need and agrees to work in some way, for community
27 preparedness according to constitutional principles

1 and under State statutory authority as called for in
2 Committees of Safety petition and other publications.

3 The only official statement for Committees of
4 Safety are to be found on this website or in
5 publications and other materials that Committees of
6 Safety have produced or expressively approved.
7 Volunteers are free to speak for themselves, but not
8 as spokespersons for Committees of Safety at the
9 level of press, radio, T.V., except with permission
10 from the Committees of Safety Advisory Board.

11 That's our public policy.

12 THE COURT: All right. Well, that's a
13 statement. Very well.

14 THE WITNESS: That we're not involved in any
15 private militia.

16 THE COURT: I -- I understand that.

17 THE WITNESS: I'd also like to address one thing
18 off of our mission statement. Its on our home page.

19 Committees of Safety intends, by means of
20 peaceful mass grass roots, political activism, to
21 restore the Power of the Purse and the Power of the
22 Sword to the American People through their state
23 governments. Central to this plan is an Economic
24 Security bill through which each state can adopt an
25 alternative State currency of silver and gold,
26 managed and protected through a revitalized State
27 Militia, and it goes on.

1 So -- oh -- well, in order to protect the
2 State's governmental finances and eventually the
3 State's entire private economy against the collapsing
4 of the Federal Reserve System.

5 I'd also like to read one thing from this book
6 that just came out. I just picked it up last night
7 at Barnes & Noble. Its by Senator Rand Paul.

8 Committees of Safety organized -- we're on the
9 forefront of this Tea Party movement. I organized
10 the Tea Party in December 14th, 2008 at Faneuil Hall,
11 Boston. The theme of the Tea Party was on restoring
12 sound money. Dr. Rand Paul was our keynote speaker
13 at that event, along with Dr. Edwin Vierra, our
14 Chairman of our Board of Advisors. Its on page two
15 of this new book if anyone wants to get a copy.

16 I'd just like to say, there were a lot of
17 allegations made that -- in painting myself or --
18 Your Honor, I really don't know what else to say.

19 I mean, I -- my whole life I've been nonviolent.
20 And we're -- I'm working through, along with a lot of
21 networking with a lot of State Legislatures to get
22 this Economic Security bill in place.

23 I've been politically active most of my whole
24 life, nonviolently. I believe in nonviolence. And I
25 had recently testified at our State Capitol on our
26 Tenth Amendment on this issue, of reinstituting these
27 two vital powers.

1 Anyway, I'd like to have my name cleared and my
2 property returned to me. With that, I'd like to --
3 that's it.

4 THE COURT: All right. As I told you
5 originally, any statements that you made were --
6 could be cross examined upon, so I'll ask the State
7 whether they have any cross examination.

8 ATTY. VIEUX: No, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. You may be
10 seated, sir.

11 All right. Mr. Reddy, do you have any other
12 witnesses to present, because you do have the
13 opportunity to present other witnesses, if you wish.

14 MR. REDDY: I have --

15 THE COURT: I'm not telling you you have to.
16 I'm just telling you that if you do have any --

17 MR. REDDY: I have a couple of friends here that
18 are part of my organization that know me.

19 THE COURT: So you're presenting them as
20 character -- character witnesses?

21 MR. REDDY: You know, Your Honor --

22 THE COURT: No, I'm just asking you.

23 MR. REDDY: Yeah. I don't know if I --

24 THE COURT: The ball is in the proverbial your
25 side of the court.

26 MR. REDDY: All right.

27 THE COURT: So you're going to have to make a

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decision.

MR. REDDY: I'd like to call one witness.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. REDDY: Rosie Haas.

THE COURT: All right. Would you raise your
right hand?

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2 Rose E. Haas, residing at 5 Scofield Place in Norwalk,
3 Connecticut, having first been duly sworn, was examined and
4 testified as follows:

5 THE COURT: Thank you. Question and answer,
6 question and answer.

7 MR. REDDY: Yes.

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. REDDY:

9 Q Rosie, what is your connection with Committees of
10 Safety?

11 A I'm a volunteer.

12 Q And in what capacity are you a volunteer?

13 A What -- can you be more specific?

14 Q As a state organizer?

15 A As -- yes. I help to organize e-mail on the website.

16 Q Okay. And Rosie, how long have you known me?

17 A I'm trying to -- ever since Naomi Wolf came to
18 Westport, Connecticut. I believe that was two or three
19 years ago maybe.

20 Q I believe so.

21 A Yeah.

22 Q Have you ever known me to be violent or advocate
23 violence towards any government official, including the
24 police?

25 A No. You've done just quite the opposite actually.
26 You make it known -- you're very clear about, you know, not
27 to be violent and --

1 Q And that --

2 A -- to use legislative means for -- for effectuating
3 change.

4 MR. REDDY: Thank you. No further questions.

5 ATTY. VIEUX: None from the State.

6 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.

7 Anything further?

8 MR. REDDY: Nothing.

9 THE COURT: All right. Does the State wish to
10 present any evidence on redirect, rere --

11 ATTY. VIEUX: Rebuttal? No, Your Honor. The
12 State has no --

13 THE COURT: Re-- rebuttal, whatever. Okay.

14 ATTY. VIEUX: -- rebuttal witnesses as a result
15 of the defendant's testimony.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. All right.
17 Since the State has the burden, I'll allow the State
18 to proceed and I'll allow the State to answer
19 anything they feel is necessary. I may decide to
20 allow you to have the last word because this a civil
21 proceeding. So you'll each get two chances to talk
22 to me, not in evidence. It is argument. Okay.

23 ATTY. VIEUX: Your Honor, the State is of the
24 position that based upon the testimony of Officers
25 Mollogon, Milici, Brodacki and Mr. McNeil, that the
26 State has met its burden.

27 I believe that Mr. McNeil's testimony with

1 regard to what he did remember, but more important
2 since he didn't remember some of the conversations he
3 had with the Weston P.D. I would draw the Court's
4 attention -- he's known this -- this individual for
5 15 years, Your Honor. He described their
6 relationship as friendly. He indicated to the Court
7 he is here under subpoena. There is no evidence
8 before the Court that there is any motivation by Mr.
9 McNeil other than concern as he indicated for law
10 enforcement, that Mr. Reddy himself and others.

11 I believe that he can be determined credible by
12 the Court based upon the testimony of Officers
13 Mollogon and Milici who testified similarly with
14 regard to the statements that were made to them, much
15 more contemporaneous to when this occurred, rather
16 than two weeks later as Mr. McNeil has testified to
17 today and indicated to the Court he couldn't
18 remember.

19 I also would submit to the Court, Your Honor,
20 that Mr. McNeil's information provided to the Weston
21 P.D. is further corroborated by the fact that through
22 test -- well, through questioning, the defendant --
23 excuse me -- Mr. Reddy had pretty much indicated he
24 was in fact in foreclosure at some point.

25 As Your Honor recalls, statements were specific
26 with regard to the bank coming to his property and
27 foreclosure. This would lead -- I think the

1 inference can be drawn these were not made up out of
2 thin air, Your Honor, that there is -- there is
3 factual basis that would corroborate the information
4 that was provided by Mr. McNeil to the Weston Police
5 Department.

6 I would also draw the Court's attention to
7 specifics being that the shotgun was in fact loaded.
8 I would draw your attention to Sergeant Brodacki's
9 testimony with regard to the bandolier. This is not
10 a situation where one would be taking it to the rifle
11 range. This is an on the move type of ammunition
12 holder, Your Honor.

13 I would submit that the finding of a bandolier,
14 the characterization of a firearm by the -- through
15 Mr. McNeil attributed to Mr. Reddy as a street
16 sweeper, coupled with the comments of I'll be ready
17 for the police when they come to my house, coupled
18 with the comments knowing that he did have issues
19 with the bank, that if the bank comes to his house,
20 there's going to be problems, that this is an
21 individual who is in fact a threat to others.

22 Its interesting. He's indicated several times
23 over that he's not a violent person. He's not a
24 violent person. Certainly we all in this business
25 adhere to the Constitution, Your Honor, and the right
26 to bear arms. But certainly the bandolier, the
27 comments don't lead one to get to the conclusion that

1 he is -- as to what he represents himself to be.

2 This is the avenue that we use before we get to the
3 next step, before we say, well, wow, what could have
4 been stopped and what did we know.

5 Mr. McNeal, again Your Honor, comes to the Court
6 with no motivation, had to be under subpoena. And as
7 you heard several times from three different
8 witnesses, would not provide a sworn statement. This
9 was something that he felt he needed to do, was
10 compelled to do, because akin to a sleeping dog
11 knowing the difference between tripped and being
12 kicked, Your Honor, Mr. McNeil had a gut reaction
13 that this was just beyond the normal, you know, I
14 don't want to saying rantings, but conversation or
15 you know, embellished comments, that this went
16 farther than that, Your Honor. And as a result of
17 that he went -- and mulled it over with
18 consideration. This is an individual who is a
19 military veteran, a war veteran who has seen a lot
20 apparently through Your Honor's questioning, and
21 didn't appear in his demeanor to be one that shies
22 away or takes things lightly.

23 He was compelled to go the Weston P.D. The
24 Weston P.D. corroborated a lot of the information
25 provided, Your Honor. So the State believes at this
26 time, it would be inappropriate to return any
27 firearms to Mr. Reddy.

1 THE COURT: All right. Sir, you may wish to
2 present me with a statement as I indicated you had
3 the right to do.

4 MR. REDDY: Your Honor, I clearly believe that
5 the State has not proved anything, made a compelling
6 case to deny me that -- that I am a threat to myself
7 or others, or that I was brandishing any firearm.

8 And this threat to the bank, that makes no sense
9 on the face of it since that -- the bank fore -- that
10 was dismissed a few months before the supposed
11 statement that took place.

12 ATTY. VIEUX: Your Honor, the State is going to
13 object that its not in evidence.

14 THE COURT: That is correct, sir.

15 MR. REDDY: Well --

16 THE COURT: Its not in evidence. It was not
17 admitted into evidence and you did not --

18 MR. REDDY: Okay. Well --

19 THE COURT: -- there's nothing before me that --

20 MR. REDDY: All right.

21 THE COURT: -- it was dismissed or otherwise.
22 You may wish to continue.

23 MR. REDDY: Yes. This is all based on something
24 that Rand doesn't even recall and he didn't -- he
25 wouldn't sign this statement, all of this
26 allegations.

27 I -- he's known me, for I believe its 25 years

1 now, 15 to 25 accurately, and he's never known me to
2 be violent or threatening. So I don't know what else
3 to say.

4 I have no -- no violent or criminal background
5 or any statements ever in my life to warrant this,
6 the case the State's bringing against me. So I'll
7 end with that.

8 THE COURT: All right. The State wish to
9 respond?

10 ATTY. VIEUX: No, thank you, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right. The State has presented
12 a witness here who -- and I did -- I was interested.
13 I asked the question about his military service. I
14 did that for a reason. I'm -- I just don't ask
15 questions up here for any old purpose.

16 My concern naturally would be whether this would
17 be an individual who might have overreacted, might
18 have seen a weapon and overreacted.

19 But what I got in response to my question was
20 that he had been part of a bomber crew during the
21 Korean War; that he had been shot down, and in his
22 words, he walked out of North Korea.

23 So this is not a witness who, in the Court's
24 mind, displayed any type of exaggeration, and that's
25 what I was looking for. any type of just a reaction
26 out of just total fright and total, total unreasoning
27 irrationality.

1 The -- Rand as you put it, testified that you
2 indicated you thought you were pretty well protected;
3 that you came back into the room carrying a twelve
4 gauge shotgun with a pistol grip. And what did
5 surprise him, notwithstanding his military record,
6 not withstanding the fact that he is a hunter and is
7 clearly familiar with weapons, was a description of
8 this pistol grip shotgun as a street sweeper. He had
9 never heard that phrase before. It is a phrase that
10 stuck in his mind and was the -- from what I hear of
11 his testimony, the -- a dominant motivator in his
12 concern for you and what you might do with this,
13 quote, "street sweeper", unquote.

14 As I listened to his testimony, I took down some
15 notes. I noted that the pistol grip shotgun was in
16 fact loaded. You took the shells out in his
17 presence.

18 You indicated that bank employees have no right
19 to be on your property. You indicated that you knew
20 how to handle things if they showed up on your
21 property, that you were in the middle of a mortgage
22 foreclosure.

23 The Court notes that in the ordinary course of
24 things, a foreclosure is normally a very emotional
25 time. It's a very upsetting time. And it would be,
26 I think, unreasonable to believe that the reasonable
27 individual would not be upset under those

1 circumstances.

2 The Court heard testimony that you were
3 cooperative to a point at the time that the police
4 officers arrived, that you conceded that you had the
5 shotgun. The police uncovered the shotgun and it was
6 loaded at that time and fit the description that was
7 provided to the Court earlier.

8 The Court also notes the presence of a
9 bandolier, which the testimony was that this was a --
10 not a for stationary use in the officer's opinion,
11 but was for use, I think on the run was the phrase
12 that was used, and it was filled with shotgun
13 ammunition that would have fit the pistol grip
14 shotgun.

15 The police also recovered a revolver which was
16 not loaded, but that you had not informed them about
17 when they first made inquiry.

18 The Court will also take note of the following;
19 that in a container of some kind, was found two inert
20 hand grenades whose bottoms had been hollowed out.
21 Now, that in and of itself is -- is of small note.
22 But the Court notes that there was a detonator
23 attachment that was wound around in the same
24 container.

25 Now, it is difficult to imagine that in a
26 container with a detonator wire for lack of a better
27 word and two inert hand grenades, that it is

1 difficult to imagine that item being something you
2 would put on the desk.

3 The Court conceives that that was an instrument
4 that could well have been used as a deceptive ruse,
5 could well have been used as a threatening device in
6 the event that bank employees or police officers came
7 on your property. Its certainly within the realm of
8 reasonableness under these circumstances.

9 The Court is going to find --

10 MR. REDDY: Your Honor -- Your Honor, can I just

11 --

12 THE COURT: No. This is not the time to
13 interrupt me, sir. You've had your opportunity.
14 All right. I'm not allowing the State to interrupt,
15 all right?

16 The Court is going to find as follows: that the
17 burden of proof upon the State is by clear and
18 convincing evidence. The Court finds that by your
19 statements and by your actions, and by the
20 circumstances of the foreclosure action on your
21 house, by the circumstances of the bandolier and the
22 container of the detonator with the two hand
23 grenades, creating a big picture which includes
24 finally, the pistol grip shotgun that was loaded that
25 you described as a street sweeper, that the State has
26 proved by clear and convincing evidence, that you are
27 a risk of imminent personal injury to other

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individuals.

I will order the items that were seized to be held by the police department for a period of one year.

Thank you, sir.


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