NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
08 CVD 12310

GARRY D. RENTZ AND DONNA A. RENTZ AND KRISTA C. LISTER,
Plaintiffs,
v.
BRADLEY COOPER,
Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF JESSICA ADAM

Jessica Adam, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2. I met my friend Nancy Cooper at Triangle Academy Preschool in June of 2006. We became friends very quickly and we spent a lot of time together. I am the same Jessica Adam that called the police to report Nancy Cooper as missing.

3. Nancy Cooper's marriage to her husband, Brad, was not a happy one. Nancy was a wonderful, loving friend and mother. However, her relationship with Brad was increasingly strained leading up to her death as a result of Brad's unpredictable behavior and pervasive efforts to control Nancy.

4. I met Brad Cooper within a few weeks of when I first met Nancy. Though I had seen Nancy many times and was at her house frequently, it took a while for me to actually meet Brad. Brad was very busy with his full-time job at Cisco, an MBA program, and his training for the Iron Man triathlon. Because of Brad's busy schedule, he often was absent from the home and generally was away from his family, leaving Nancy to handle the day-to-day household chores and care for the children. Brad never helped with the cleaning or grocery shopping and he rarely watched the children. Brad never did laundry. Nancy did all the laundry and he became irate when his laundry had not been done.

5. Brad was oddly quiet and rarely participated in the many neighborhood social functions. Nancy always was on her own with the children. I felt Nancy essentially was a single mother. She always was with her children and was without any real support from Brad. When he was at home, he was of no help to Nancy, as he would be there only to sleep or to exercise on the bicycle machine he had in his workout room upstairs. The door would be closed and he kept to himself.

6. Nancy was a stay-at-home mother with no paycheck or financial resources other than what Brad provided for her. Brad used Nancy's financial vulnerability to control Nancy. Brad also was emotionally callous and verbally cruel to Nancy during their marriage and leading up to the time of Nancy's disappearance. For example:

(a) After Katie was born in 2006, Brad was sent to Europe by Cisco for approximately two weeks. Brad was unreachable while he was in Europe. Nancy was home alone with their newborn infant and their two-year-old, but Brad made no contact with Nancy during the entire time Brad was away. Nancy repeatedly tried to call and email Brad but she never could reach him. Nancy was distressed that he had left her alone with their children and never checked on her and the children or communicated with her in any way.

(b) In the summer of 2007, Brad disappeared for a weekend and did not tell Nancy where he went. When he returned a couple of days later, he told her that he was at a boat show. Nancy and I attempted to corroborate his story by looking online for boat shows in North Carolina but we never found one. Brad did not communicate with Nancy by phone, email or any other means while he was away.

(c) Over the last nine months, Brad repeatedly denied money to Nancy. Brad knew that Nancy did not have a paycheck or any financial resources of her own, and he used that fact to his advantage so that he could control her. He cancelled her credit cards and removed her from their banking accounts, leaving Nancy with no access to money except what Brad would give to her. Nancy was forced to beg him for money and she certainly had no financial means to leave him or to escape his control. Brad gave Nancy money only as he saw fit and only ever enough to cover the bare minimum from the grocery store. He put gas in her car but would not fill the tank completely full, so that she would have only enough gas to get to preschool, the grocery store, and other short errands. At one point, the water at their house was shut off for at least a day, maybe longer, leaving Nancy and the children with no water and no means to get the water turned back on.

(d) Brad demanded that Nancy do as he instructed with respect to the children. While Nancy was at my house during the week before she disappeared, she took an angry call from Brad on my back porch. He insisted Nancy had no right to decide where the girls ate dinner that night, as he had already made plans for the evening. She packed up the children and called him on her way home. Brad instructed Nancy to drop off the children at the home of Clea and Mike Morwick, so Nancy took the children there. However, Brad was not at the Morwicks' house when Nancy arrived with the children, so Nancy had to wait another hour for Brad to show up. I knew Nancy did not feel comfortable waiting for Brad at the Morwicks' house, because Clea and Mike recently had spent a lot of time with Brad. I am not aware that Brad really has any other friends.

(e) I believe Brad was using Cisco Systems technology, specifically a VoIP (Voice-over-Internet Protocol) phone system that Brad specializes in, to monitor the home phone line at Nancy's residence prior to Nancy's death. There were numerous times when I was talking to Nancy on her home phone line and the call would be disconnected. This happened so often that Nancy and I stopped talking on her home line and only used the cell phone. (I understand that most software engineers have the knowledge to manage such a digital

telephone monitoring system - it just so happens that Brad specializes in Cisco's VoIP (digital phone technology)). I believe Brad viewed the call log for the home phone on his screen at work and would disconnect and/or initiate and/or monitor all of Nancy's calls on the home phone line from a remote location.

(f) Brad has admitted that he was carrying on an affair with Heather Heider-Metour during his marriage to Nancy.

(g) Brad also has allowed his family members to treat Nancy badly. Brad and his parents would remove Bella from the house whenever Brad's parents were visiting and would not allow Nancy to join them and would not tell Nancy where they were taking Bella or when they would return. Brad's mother, in particular, was terribly mean to Nancy. She would plan dinner Brad and Nancy's home and then inform Nancy that she was not invited to dinner and needed to leave the house (but, of course, Nancy was required to leave the children at the house). I have witnessed Brad's mother attempt to forcibly remove an infant Katie from Nancy's arms, despite Nancy's objections; and I understand from Nancy that this was common behavior by Brad's mother. Brad would allow his family members to treat Nancy in this derogatory and cruel manner, even to forcibly take the children from her, without intervening or stopping their behavior toward Nancy. After numerous bad encounters between Nancy and Brad's mother, Brad ultimately agreed to Nancy's request that his mother never come to their home again; so it now seems absurd that Brad would suggest she is a fit person to assist in caring for the children.

(h) Nancy told me about many arguments with Brad that happened in front of the children. If Brad became angry with Nancy, he would not hesitate to yell at Nancy in front of the children. I remember being on the phone with Nancy at least one time when Brad yelled at Nancy. I remember Nancy explaining to me on a few occasions that she was concerned about Bella, because Bella had witnessed Brad's angry treatment of Nancy.

(i) Last Christmas (2007), while Nancy, Brad, and the girls were visiting Nancy's family in Canada, Brad became depressed and talked of wanting to commit suicide. This happened during the time period when Brad still denied that he was having an affair with Heather Heider-Metour.

7. In summary, I would describe Brad as socially inept, selfish, moody, and unpredictable. Nancy walked on eggshells around Brad and did her best to appease him so that she could avoid confrontation with him. If she made him angry, he "punished" her in calculated, manipulative ways. For example, he withheld funds, stole the children's passports, and verbally abused her, often in the presence of the children. Nancy was trapped.

8. On the morning of Saturday, July 12, 2008, I had expected Nancy to arrive at my house early in the morning, around 8:00 a.m. We had made plans for her to paint my dining room. When she did not show up at my house, I became anxious. I called Nancy on her cell phone at 9:25 a.m. but there was no answer. I called Nancy's home phone, and it caught me off guard when Brad answered because he typically did not

answer the phone. He said that "Nancy went for a run with Carrie (Clarke) and she should be back soon." I immediately felt strange because I knew that Nancy would have informed me if she was meeting Carrie for a run. Nancy, Carrie, and I were all scheduled to run a half marathon together in August and we (Nancy and I) all discussed any/all runs we did or intended to make. I did not know anything about Nancy's plans to run with Carrie, and Nancy and I had made other plans for that morning. I waited a while and then tried to call Nancy again on her cell phone. I really began to worry when Nancy still did not answer her phone. I immediately knew that something was wrong, because it was very unusual for Nancy to not answer her cell phone, I immediately was concerned that Brad had done something to her.

9. At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2008, I received a call from Brad. I felt sick as soon as I heard his voice. Brad asked, "Do you have Carrie's phone number? Nancy is still not back and I'm trying to get a hold of her." I told him that it did not make sense for Nancy to be out of contact for so long. Brad said "Well, I am going to head out and try and find Carrie." I told him that I was worried and I offered to come watch the girls while he went out to look for Carrie. He declined, said he was "putting the girls in the car", and ended the call. I immediately called the police and explained the situation to them. After having spoken with the police, I drove to Nancy's house with my friend, Mary Anderson, and met police when they arrived. I was in a total panic by this point. My worst fears came true when Nancy was found two days later, on July 14, 2008.

10. From my personal knowledge about the history of the parties' marriage and the circumstances of Nancy's disappearance and death, I believe that Brad murdered Nancy.

11. After Nancy's murder, while Brad still had custody of the girls, he brought the girls several times to Scott Metour's house to spend the night. Scott is the ex-husband of Heather Heider-Metour, the woman with whom Brad was having an affair. I find it very strange and inappropriate that this is the place where Brad chose to take the girls after Nancy's disappearance when Brad needed a place to stay.

12. In the time that I have known Nancy and Brad, I often found myself thinking how sad it was that Brad spent so little time with the girls that he was, in essence, a stranger to them. I have often witnessed hesitation by the girls to go to their father.

13. I do not feel that Brad is fit to care for Katie and Bella. He has been so uninvolved in the children's lives and so uncaring about Nancy and the girls. He has made so many strange and bad decisions regarding Nancy, the girls, and their family. He does not have a stable, reliable support network to help him care for the girls or to watch over and safeguard the children.

14. Further, affiant saith not.

This the 23 day of July, 2008.

Jessica Adam (Seal)
Jessica Adam

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Jessica Adam. I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a North Carolina Driver's License.

Date: 7/23/08

Jill Marie Gagnon, Notary Public
Jill Marie Gagnon
(Printed Name)

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Notary Public
Durham County
North Carolina
(Official Seal) My Commission Expires 3/11/12

My commission expires: 3/11/2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Affidavit of Jessica Adam** was served upon Defendant by hand delivery to Defendant's attorney as follows:

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This the 23rd day of July, 2008.

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRETT ADAM

Brett Adam, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2. I was a friend of Nancy Cooper and Nancy had been painting our home the week before she died. I have personal knowledge regarding the circumstances surrounding Nancy Cooper and Brad Cooper's marital situation.

3. During this time, I walked into the middle of a conversation between Nancy and Jessica Adam in which Nancy was explaining the manner in which Brad had really tightened up his control on the cash he was giving her to use for buying basics. I was already aware Brad had taken away Nancy's credit cards, so I wasn't surprised to learn things hadn't changed for the better.

4. Nancy explained that due to the rising cost of gas she was finding it impossible to obtain groceries and get around during the week on the money Brad was giving her. Nancy explained that she had approached Brad to get her budget increased, but he refused to increase the cash budget.

5. Instead, Brad started escorting her to the gas station in order to use his ATM card to fill her car. He would only fill it with as much gas as he deemed necessary for the bare minimum of travel needed for getting the kids to and from school and for getting to and from the grocery store.

5. I expressed my belief to Nancy that Brad's investment of time and effort seemed to be a ridiculous waste on his part in order to exert this kind of control over her, and I expressed to her my amazement that she was able to put up with this at all. This was when I learned that Nancy's divorce proceedings had been placed on hold because they posed a threat to her application for a greencard that had been filed through Brad's employer.

6. Nancy explained that once the greencard proceedings were final she intended to resume the divorce action. I cautioned Nancy to ensure she would be able to keep the greencard subsequent to divorce.

7. Nancy said that speaking with an immigration attorney was too expensive, and she didn't see how she could afford it, given her already tight financial budget. I remember at the time thinking that Brad's control of her access to funds was also controlling her access to information important to her ability to make good choices for herself and the kids.

8. Another night that week, I returned home to find my wife and Mary Andersen in the kitchen, and Nancy outside on the phone. When Nancy came back inside, she explained that she had to leave since Brad had called and wanted the children home immediately. This clearly wasn't something Nancy had expected and she was upset about it. Brad was constantly changing the rules on Nancy.

9. On multiple occasions over the time I knew Nancy, I expressed my amazement at the way she tolerated Brad's Ironman competition training regime. I'd learned from both Nancy and Brad at various times that Brad would, for example, spend a full 8 hours every Sunday on a stationary bicycle they had in the workout room at home. During that time he would watch DVDs to keep himself amused and left their children's care entirely to Nancy.

10. Brad's selfish and unreasonable training regime was on top of his MBA study program at NC State University, which required him to attend evening lectures and involved significant amounts of homework.

11. During the whole time I knew them, I never once heard him say anything to indicate gratitude to Nancy for supporting him in these activities. Instead, all I heard was her response to my expression of amazement which was that this was "his thing" and then she'd smile without complaining

12. Jessica had experienced multiple telephone calls with Nancy that were inexplicably disconnected. She asked me whether Brad could be responsible for this, and whether he could be listening in to their conversations.

13. I believe that Brad installed a VOIP phone system in his home such as the Cisco system which allowed him to remotely initiate calls, terminate calls, and monitor call activity. This is not surprising since these systems are aimed at corporate buyers who reserve all rights to carry out these functions with respect to calls made by employees who are using the company's phone services.

14. Further affiant saith not.

This the 22 day of July, 2008

7/22/08
(Seal)
Brett Adam

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Brett Adam. I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a NCDL.

Date: 7/22/08

Jill Marie Gagnon, Notary Public

Jill Marie Gagnon
(Printed Name)

My commission expires: 3/11/2012

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AFFIDAVIT OF CLEA MORWICK

Clea Morwick, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2. Nancy Cooper was one of my best friends. I met her in March of 2005. We spoke daily, saw each other several times a week and vacationed together each summer. We (Nancy and the girls) had planned to be on vacation together during the first week of August this year.

3. Nancy was the primary care giver to Katie and Bella. She adored her girls and had an amazing capacity to make every day special for her daughters. She was the homemaker who did all the cleaning, laundry, cooking and shopping for the family. She got minimal help from Brad who was typically busy with work, his MBA program and training for Ironman events.

4. Over the years I have spent time with Brad Cooper as well. He has been very absent in the relationship with Nancy and the girls (Katie & Bella) until more recently (the last two months in particular). He is socially awkward and does not engage many people in conversation typically. He did not involve himself in many social and neighborhood events that Nancy and the girls went to. In the first couple years that I knew Nancy I saw her as a single mom because Brad was constantly unwilling or unavailable to help with the house or the children. Last year he was supposed to be at the beach with Nancy and the girls and our family and never made it to the beach all week.

5. Not long after Katie was born Brad had a business trip in Europe for two weeks and he did not call once to check on the family. Regardless of the fact that Nancy had been trying to contact him the whole time to discuss the children and other family matters. Despite the fact that he had a new born baby, nursing mother and toddler at home Brad was not concerned enough about the family to stay in contact.

6. Brad had an affair with Heather Metour, previously Nancy's best friend, and denied it for over year despite the evidence against him. He was verbally abusive

and exhibited aggressive language and posture to Nancy during this time and continually turned the conversation back on her saying she was a terrible person for believing the stories of his infidelity. Nancy told me that he would yell at her in front of the children as well and that was very hurtful to them too. Even after it was confirmed by Heather Metour that she had an affair with him Brad still denied it. After a year of lies and aggressive heated arguments over the affair, Brad admitted it had occurred and that he had been in love with Heather at the time. This was the final slap in the face for Nancy. She had been ridiculed, verbally badgered and humiliated again and again by Brad.

7. On another occasion Nancy had been contacted by a woman who said that she had had a sexual relationship with Brad as well. This indiscretion happened during a time when Brad was supposed to be working on a project for school where he was away for a weekend researching boat companies. Brad did not contact Nancy to let her know where he was or when he was coming home.

8. Nancy and Brad went on a trip with Brad's family this last year. While on this trip Brad's mother did everything possible to undermine Nancy's parenting. She told Nancy that she had very little to do with the upbringing of her grandchildren and the only reason that the kids were okay at all was because of Brad. Brad did nothing to defend Nancy in this case (and had not in the past when his mother had been verbally abusive to Nancy). Brad's mother did not want Nancy to go out with them for this "family" outing. Nancy had been sick at the time and she agreed to let Brad and his parents take the girls to the zoo that day, as long as they all got back in time to all have an early dinner together. She also asked Brad to call her during the day to check in and see how the girls were doing. Brad never called once, despite numerous calls and messages from Nancy. The group got back late in the evening after having eaten and never respected any of Nancy's requests. This was typical of Brad's behavior when his parents were around. His mother continually disrespected and belittled Nancy in front of the children and Brad stood by and did nothing.

9. Prior to the end of April, Brad and Nancy had decided to separate and that they would get the house ready to sell. Brad did very little to help in this process. Nancy and her sister Krista were repainting the kitchen/hallway area and Brad came in on multiple occasions after they were done to spackle areas that were already finished. Nancy felt that this was a way for Brad to keep in control and slow down the process of Nancy and the girls being able to get home to Canada.

10. In the last few months Brad had been more attentive to the family. Nancy said that she felt that this was in response to Brad not wanting to have to pay child support and alimony and now wanting to "play the good dad" in order to gain custody rights over the girls. Nancy was certain that Brad just didn't want to pay the money and that was the only reason he really wanted to pursue the child custody issue. Since prior to that he been fine with Nancy taking the children back to Canada (and this had been his suggestion earlier). When Nancy first told Brad that she wanted a divorce it was Brad who pushed for Nancy to move back to Canada with the children and move in with

Nancy's sister Krista and brother in law Jim. He was not concerned enough with what was best for the children to entertain any other options that Nancy suggested. He was so adamant about it that he was not willing to consider letting the Bella finish her school year out and pushed to have the three of them leave by April 26th.

11. Brad had made it very apparent to Nancy that he was the bread winner in the family and that was of utmost importance. Brad reminded her continually that she had a secondary role in the family at best. Nancy always referred to Brad as the "Budget Nazi" and he held the purse strings tight for as long as I can remember. Most recently Brad had cut Nancy off of all credit cards, bank accounts and common household utilities accounts. The water had gotten cut off at the house and Nancy tried to pay the over due balance with money from their shared bank account. She came to find that Brad had cut off all her access to money. Nancy could not pay the water bill, or access any money to buy food or necessities for her or the girls. Brad decided that he would give Nancy enough money to buy food, gas, necessities for the girls and no more. He said Nancy had no right to the family money and he would decide what amount of money needed per week. But at a moment's notice he would decide that he was holding back money for having a cell phone bill that he said was too high. Brad held Nancy hostage with his control over the family's money. He would randomly deny her this "allowance" on a whim, depending on his mood. Nancy would have to borrow money from friends and family to take care of some of the girl's basic needs.

12. When Nancy went to Hilton Head with her family recently she worked hard to get the house in order and cleaned before she left. She came home to a disgusting mess that Brad had created and had not found necessary to clean up. There was food left out and ants had started to accumulate in the kitchen area. There was filth in the bathroom that Nancy then had to clean up when she returned home. Brad had not replenished any food for the house so there was nothing for Nancy and the girls to eat when they returned home. Nancy was very angry over this situation and spoke of how disrespectful Brad had been and how unwilling he was to change this type of behavior.

13. In private conversations with Nancy she had shared with me that if anything ever happened to her that she wanted to be sure that her children would be raised by Krista and Jim Lister with the help of her parents. (I believe that they may have drawn up a will that speaks to this request) I believe that the girls would be best raised by Nancy's family which was her wish and intent. Brad has not chosen to be very involved in his children's lives for most of the time that I have know him and I do not believe that he is prepared or equipped to care for the girls on his own.

14. Further affiant saith not.

This the 23RD day of July, 2008

Clea Morwick (Seal)
Clea Morwick

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Wake COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Clea Morwick. I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a NCDL.

Date: 07-23-2008

JESSICA RAE MCRACKAN NOTARY PUBLIC WAKE COUNTY, NC

(Official Seal)

,.Notary Public

Jessica Rae McRackan
(Printed Name)

My commission expires: My Commission Expires 4-20-2013.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL MORWICK

Michael Morwick, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2. Nancy Cooper was one of my best friends. I met her in March of 2005.

3. We saw each other several times a week (our children were boyfriend/girlfriends) and vacationed together each summer. We (Nancy and the girls) had planned to be on vacation together during the first week of August this year.

4. Brad was very rarely part of the picture. He was usually absent during social events as he was busy with his Ironman training or completing his MBA program. Those outside activities consumed his time and left very little if any time for family. Because of my relationship with Nancy I have spent time getting to know Brad. He is socially awkward and typically does not engage many people in conversation. He did not involve himself in many social and neighborhood events that Nancy and the girls went to. In the first couple years that I knew Nancy I saw her as a single mom because Brad was constantly unwilling or unavailable to help with the house or the children. He has been very absent in the relationship with Nancy and the girls.

5. Over the years we have been very active with the Coopers. Together at neighborhood gatherings, dinners and vacations. If there at all, Brad usually left early to go home. He would occasionally take the children to put them to bed, but usually it would fall upon Nancy. Last year Brad was supposed to be at the beach with Nancy & the girls and our family for our yearly vacation. He had promised to make it down mid-week, and every day after but he never did find time to join us for the family vacation.

6. Brad is quiet, contemplative and socially awkward. He keeps to himself and has few friends.

7. Nancy was the primary care giver to Katie and Bella. She adored her daughters. She was the homemaker who did all the cleaning, laundry, cooking and

shopping for the family. She got minimal help from Brad who was typically busy with work or his MBA or training.

8. Brad had denied having an affair for over a year with Nancy's previous best friend despite the evidence against him. After a year of lies Brad admitted it had occurred (Nancy had told me of other affairs that have not been substantiated). A woman who said that she had had a sexual relationship with Brad as well had contacted Nancy. This indiscretion happened during a time when Brad was supposed to be working on a project for school where he was away for a weekend researching boat companies. Brad did not contact Nancy to let her know where he was or when he was coming home. Nancy had been humiliated again and again by Brad.

9. Nancy had started the divorce proceedings and prior to the end of April Brad and Nancy had decided that they would get the house ready to sell. Brad did very little to help in this process. Nancy packed their belongings and painted the entire house herself. Nancy told me Brad came in on multiple occasions after they were done to Spackle areas that were already finished.

10. Since March/April of 2008 Brad had been more attentive to the family. Nancy said that this was because Brad did not want to have to pay child support and alimony (as outlined in the proposed divorce papers) and now wanting to "play the good dad" in order to gain custody rights over the girls. Nancy was certain that Brad just didn't want to pay the money and that was the only reason he really wanted to pursue the child custody issue.

11. When Nancy first told Brad that she wanted a divorce it was Brad who pushed for Nancy to move back to Canada with the children and move in with Nancy's sister Krista and brother in law Jim. He wanted the three of them leave by April 26th. A few days before they were to leave, he changed his mind and made them stay.

12. Brad controlled the finances in the home. In the past year, he has denied money for basic necessities, removed her from joint bank accounts, canceled her credit cards and taken away cell phones. Nancy was given an allowance to buy food, gas, necessities for the girls and no more. He would randomly deny her this "allowance" on a whim depending on his mood. Nancy would have to borrow money from friends and family to take care of some of the girl's basic needs.

13. Brad was never a family man. His priorities were always first, be it training for an Ironman event, his higher education pursuits or unexplained absences. Brad took care of himself first. He has proven this time and time again.

14. Further affiant saith not.

This the 23RD day of July, 2008

_____(Seal)
Michael Morwick

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Michael Morwick. I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a NCDL.

Date: 07-23-2008

JESSICA RAE MCRACKAN NOTARY PUBLIC WAKE COUNTY, NC
(Official Seal)

_____, Notary Public
Jessica Rae McRackan
(Printed Name)

My commission expires: My Commission Expires 4-20-2013.

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AFFIDAVIT OF HANNAH MATHERS PRICHARD

Hannah Mathers Prichard, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2 I was a close friend of Nancy Cooper. The following are my recollections of Brad Cooper's disturbing behavior over the last couple of years and the concerns I have regarding the custody of Nancy and Brad's children.

3. Nancy had at least one, if not more, miscarriages before Bella was born. She had two or three miscarriages after Bella was born and before the birth of Katie. Nancy would have to take taxis to the hospital while having miscarriages because Brad was too busy to come home and she did not have a car to drive herself.

4. Brad refused to buy Nancy a car. Yet he drove a BMW. Nancy was forced to walk with Bella to the doctor, grocery store, etc.

5. Brad was never at home with the children. He stayed quite "busy" training for iron mans and with his MBA program.

6. Brad never attended any of Bella's many ear surgeries.

7. While Brad was supposed to be spending time with the kids he would disappear at times. An example of this I remember was last fall when he left early one Sunday morning and didn't return until 5am on Monday, claiming he had been at a boat show for a project for his MBA. Nancy looked into his story and discovered there had been no such event in the area.

8. Brad was always very unreliable and never around to help with the kids. Nancy told me many times that divorcing Brad was not such a big deal since she had already been like a single parent since they were born.

9. Nancy discovered the children had been in the house while Brad was having sex with her former friend Heather Metour.

10. Nancy learned of three other affairs as well. One shortly after they moved here with Brads former Boss's wife, one with a girl from his MBA program and another with a girl on one of his many "business trips" in Europe.

11. When Brad would go on long trips he would never call to check on Nancy or the kids, even when she was pregnant.

12. Over the last six months, Brad's behavior became extremely disturbing. The following are a few examples of his extremely disturbing behavior.

A. In January 2008, he closed all bank and credit card accounts leaving Nancy without a dime. The same day he turned the water off in the house while Nancy was home with the girls.

B. Brad told Nancy that they should each just take a girl and be done. He asked Nancy, "Didn't she love Bella more anyway?"

C. Brad agreed to let them move to Canada and said "he would spend as much time with them as he could and then he never wanted to see any of them again."

D. Brad kept changing the date for Nancy and the girls to move. I recall an instance where he started screaming at Nancy and the girls that he wanted them to get the [redacted] out of his house now.

E. The house was all packed up and they were to be moving in two days, when Brad changed his mind and stole the kids' passports from her and told her that she could go, but the kids were staying here.

F. Nancy found an extremely disturbing note that Brad had written to himself, that Nancy found and showed me. It had each girls name listed on it with different facts underneath like Bella's favorite color is yellow, loves chicken nuggets. We found it quite strange since these were not things that you would forget. On the other side of the paper was a list of financial items like closing accounts, looking up blue books on cars and checking on life insurance policies.

G. Brad would scream at Nancy calling her names in front of the children and he would tell the kids that it's all Mommy's fault.

H. Brad would give Nancy limited cash every week for groceries etc. but at times would still refuse to pay her, making her beg him to go buy diapers because she had no way to buy them.

I. The week before Nancy was killed she had done some painting for Jessica to make some extra money for herself and Brad learned of this and told Nancy he wasn't giving her any money because she already had some.

J. Since January, Nancy had pleaded with Brad to move out of the house to reduce the stress for the girls, but Brad refused. Bella who has been potty trained for two years was pooping and peeing in her underwear and Nancy was very worried about her.

K. On one of the mornings when Brad tried to take Bella to school, Bella just wanted mommy and Brad physically held Bella away from Nancy not allowing Nancy to touch Bella. Then he couldn't get Bella into his car, so he let Nancy drive Bella as he followed behind them in his car. I was there when they pulled into the parking lot at school as Brad ran over to Nancy's car to pull Bella out who was hysterically crying for her mommy.

L. After Brad decided not to let them move, it was only then that he began to be around the kids.

M. Nancy and the kids were out of town for a week with her family a couple of weeks ago. When they returned 5 days before her death, she came home to find Brad had not cleaned up a thing after himself allowing the house to become infested with bugs, old food was out everywhere and there were even worms everywhere in the kids' playroom. She commented to me that she should have taken pictures before she began to try to clean it up.

13. My main concern is my love for Bella and Katie. I would be extremely fearful of their safety if they were returned to their father, Brad Cooper. In my opinion the children will be in danger should custody be granted to Brad.

14. There is no doubt in my mind about what happened to my best friend Nancy Cooper on July 12, 2008. She went home at midnight, got into a fight with Brad, and he killed her.

15. Further affiant saith not.

This the 22nd day of July, 2008

(Seal)
Hannah Mathers Prichard

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Hannah Mathers Prichard. I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a Tennessee Drivers License

Date: 7/22/08

Notary Public

Jill Marie Gagnon
Notary Public
Durham County
North Carolina
My Commission Expires 3/11/12

(Official Seal)

Jill Marie Gagnon
(Printed Name)

My commission expires: 3/11/2012

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
08 CVD 12310

GARRY D. RENTZ AND DONNA A. RENTZ AND KRISTA C. LISTER,
Plaintiffs,
v.
BRADLEY COOPER,
Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHELLE SIMMONS

Michelle Simmons, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2 I was a close friend of Nancy Cooper. I have personal knowledge regarding the circumstances surrounding Nancy Cooper and Brad Cooper's marital situation.

3. At the end of December 2007, I recall Brad yelling at Nancy. He told her that he hated her in front of their children. Bella began to cry and said "why does Daddy hate you?"

4. A few months ago Nancy was supposed to come by my house with the girls. Nancy was at a play-date and was planning to come to my house after the play-date. She called me after her play-date and said Brad was angry and yelling at her to come home. I was still on the phone with her as she pulled into her driveway. Nancy told me Brad was waiting outside for her. When she got out of the car he took her cell phone away from her. That was done in front of Bella and Katie. He hid her phone for several days until Nancy found it and took it back. Nancy and I talked about the fact that he was wrong not letting her have a phone in the event she ran into car trouble or something and had the girls with her. This was the first time I told Nancy how afraid I was for her. My husband and I begged her and the girls to move into our home.

5. Several months ago, Bella's nose was broken. Nancy took her to the doctor and the doctor wanted to do the procedure to correct her nose the very next day. The doctor said he did not know if Bella would be awake or asleep for the procedure. Brad did not take off work to attend the procedure. Nancy had to hold Bella while it was being done. At the same time Katie was with her at the doctors' office. Nancy said it was very upsetting for her to watch Bella during the procedure. I had offered to watch Katie for her and she had declined because she thought Katie would be napping in her stroller at that time. Nancy and I talked about how unbelievable it was that Brad never offered to be there for his child.

6. Nancy was always on the go with her girls. She would take them everywhere with her. I would ask her how she did it and she said she had no choice and knew no other way.

7. Until a few months ago, Brad had never met Bella's preschool teachers. After he retained his divorce attorney, he decided to be more hands on with the girls. Nancy called me one morning and said that Brad would not let her take Bella to school. She was upset and said Brad had told her she was not going anywhere with Bella. Nancy said Bella was upset and confused by that whole situation.

8. Until this year Nancy told me Brad never attended Bella's birthday parties.

9. I saw pictures from the Cooper's family beach trip last year. I asked Nancy why Brad was not at the beach with her and the girls and she said he was supposed to join them, but then decided not to. She did not have a reason why he did not come out for the weekend portion.

10. Nancy told me Brad had sexual relations with Heather Metour as Bella slept in the room.

11. Brad travelled to Ireland in June. Nancy told me his work there would only take a day or so. Brad told her it was his company that wanted him to stay for a week since they had spent a lot of money on the plane ticket. That never made sense to us and we talked about how we could not understand why he would not want to get back to the kids as soon as possible.

12. When Nancy told Brad the marriage was over, he told her he wanted to spend the summer with the girls and then for her to take them and for him to never see them again. At a later date he told Nancy they could go their separate ways and each take one child.

13. Nancy sat down with Brad to discuss the custody and arrangements. She said they decided on June so that Bella could finish school. He was fighting with Nancy a lot and being pretty awful to her, while the girls were at home. He then told her one day he wanted her and the girls out as soon as possible. He said he wanted to put the house on the market and wanted them moved out by the time it was listed. The date was changed to the end of April. He would fight with her on a regular basis about when she was leaving and around 3 weeks before she was scheduled to go in April he tried telling her to be out with the girls in a few days. I would talk to her about how unbelievable it was that he was so eager to get her and the girls out.

14. Diana Duncan and I offered to make the drive to Canada with her so that she would have help with the girls on the drive. We did not want Nancy to have to drive alone. She always did everything alone.

15. He refused to allow her to leave for Canada and we couldn't believe it since this was a man who kept trying to kick them out sooner and moving up the dates. It was also a surprise because Brad had never been very involved as a father before.

16. He took her off the bank account and took away her credit cards. Nancy and I would talk about how awful it was that she had to go inside the gas station to pay in cash because she had no bank/credit cards to use at the pump. She almost always had the girls with her when she would get gas, so it was an extra hassle for her and them. She would ask Brad to set up an account that gave her a debit card for those types of situations, but that was never done.

17. She was home with the girls and had the water turned off. He was in total control of the funds and Nancy, Bella, and Katie were at home with no water waiting for Brad to pay and have it turned back on.

18. I had a garage sale while Brad was in Ireland and Nancy asked to join me. Nancy was alone with the girls for the week and had to do all the work associated with a garage sale. She needed the garage sale money to pay for gas, etc. while Brad was away. When he got back she was out of all money. She kept asking him for some. We wanted to take the kids to a movie. He kept saying he forgot to stop at an ATM. He finally told her to take the foreign money he brought back from Ireland and cash it in for American money. Rather than stop at an ATM for her, Nancy had to take Katie with her down to the airport and exchange the money. She and I talked about how difficult he made everything for her and we could not believe he was not more accommodating for his children to see a movie.

19. Brad controlled all money. Nancy had to buy food and gas with the money he gave her. She spent many, many nights at our home for dinner because she was always running out of money. He gave her such little money that it was hard for Nancy to buy food, items for the girls or even birthday presents for the girls to bring to parties they were invited to.

20. Nancy told me that she did not have a good relationship with Brad's family. She said that his parents were no longer welcome in their house and that it was Brad who told them so. Nancy told me that Brad was not close with his family and never told them of the divorce. She also told me that Brad's parents were harsh with Bella and Katie and that the girls did not like them. From what Nancy told me, it was a very cold relationship between Nancy, Brad, the children and Brad's parents.

21. Further affiant saith not.

This the 23 day of July, 2008

Michelle Simmons (Seal)

Michelle Simmons

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Michelle Simmons. I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a DL.

Date: 7/23/08

Jill Marie Gagnon, Notary Public

Jill Marie Gagnon
(Printed Name)

My commission expires: 3/11/2012

(Official Seal)

Jill Marie Gagnon
Notary Public
Durham County
North Carolina
My Commission Expires 3/11/12

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

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AFFIDAVIT OF TIMOTHY SIMMONS

Timothy Simmons, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2. I met Nancy and Brad for the first time as dinner guests during December 2007. During this gathering of the families, I observed complete deferral of child-care responsibility to Nancy. In one instance, Bella and Katie were misbehaving and Brad slapped Nancy on the leg to indicate that she should resolve the situation rather than attend to it himself. At the end of the evening, I was left with the impression that Nancy performed most of the parental duties exclusively.

3. For a period of time, Brad was working full time, attending night school to complete the MBA program, and training for an Ironman Triathlon. He explained his schedule to me which consisted of a day that began at 5:00 a.m. and ended at 1:00 a.m. the next day. He would go to work, attend his MBA classes, and end his night with a two hour workout. During this time, he did not see his family. Also, on weekends he would train for twelve to thirteen hours per day.

4. Brad took away Nancy's mobile phone which endangered Nancy as well as the kids in the event of an emergency.

5. Brad withheld money from Nancy on several occasions which prevented her from buying food and supplied for their daughters.

6. Brad travelling to Ireland without his family for a week on business and he extended the trip over the weekend for pleasure. During this time, he left insufficient funds for Nancy to care for their daughters. Nancy had to sell personal items in a garage sale at our home to ensure she had money.

7. Further affiant saith not.

This the 23rd day of July, 2008

_____(Seal)
Timothy Simmons

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by Timothy Simmons. I have seen satisfactory evidence of the principal's identity, by a current state or federal identification with the principal's photograph in the form of a NCDL.

Date: 7/23/08

_____, Notary Public
Jill Marie Gagnon
(Printed Name)

My commission expires: 3/11/2012

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