

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Inc.,)	
an Illinois non-profit corporation, and)	
Danny Lee Shelton, individually,)	Case No.: 07-40098-FDS
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) Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	
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Gailon Arthur Joy and Robert Pickle,)	
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) Defendants.)	
_____)	

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT PICKLE

NOW COMES Robert Pickle of Halstad Township, Norman County, Minnesota, who deposes and testifies to the following under pain and penalty of perjury:

1. Between February and June 2004, the marriage of Danny Lee Shelton (hereafter “Shelton”) and Linda Shelton disintegrated, and Linda Shelton found herself terminated from employment at Three Angels Broadcasting network, Inc. (hereafter “3ABN”).

2. On April 16, 2004, Linda Shelton replied to an email from Johann and Irmgard Thorvaldsson. That reply contained Linda Shelton’s account of the saga to that point in time, and included her account of a planned trip to Florida over spring break with Brenda Walsh (hereafter “Walsh”) at a time when Dr. Arild Abrahamsen (hereafter “Abrahamsen”) would be there, a trip which she claims was later canceled. That reply is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Linda Shelton’s reply also asserts that the saga began in September 2003, after which Abrahamsen decided to visit 3ABN, and that during that visit she met Abrahamsen.

3. On April 21, 2004, Shelton emailed Abrahamsen claiming that he could monitor every phone call Abrahamsen made or received. Shelton also claimed that he could monitor every number Linda Shelton called, and how long each conversation lasted. Besides claiming that Dr. Arild Abrahamsen had determined that Shelton was psychotic, and that Linda Shelton had talked negative about Shelton, Shelton also made multiple references to planned vacations in Florida and elsewhere, and cited Walsh as a key witness to what was transpiring between Linda Shelton and Abrahamsen. This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

4. On March 4, 2004, Walsh wrote Dee Hilderbrand, a 3ABN employee, informing Ms. Hilderbrand that Walsh had made reservations with Delta Airlines for tickets to Florida, that the confirmation number was RV163S, and that the tickets needed to be purchased within 24 hours. Walsh's email is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

5. On March 5, 2008, tickets pertaining to confirmation number RV163S for Walsh (ticket # 00621930502970, SkyMiles # 2207208956) and Linda Shelton (ticket # 00621930502981, SkyMiles # 2075843512) were purchased with an American Express credit card ending in 3209. These tickets are for flights from St. Louis, Missouri to Tampa, Florida via Atlanta, Georgia, on April 4, 2004, and returning on April 9, 2004. The receipts were printed out on March 8, 2004, from a computer account attributed to Mollie Steenson, according to the URL printed at the bottom of each receipt. These receipts are attached hereto as **Exhibits D-E**.

6. Inasmuch as Walsh told Dee Hilderbrand that the tickets needed to be purchased within 24 hours, that the same credit card was used for both tickets, and that the receipts were printed out from Mollie Steenson's computer account, the conclusion can be drawn that 3ABN paid for these tickets.

7. On October 27, 2004, Shelton wrote Gregory Matthews and asserted that he had foiled a planned trip to Florida, but that Abrahamsen had traveled to the United States at least

three times the summer and fall of 2004 to vacation with Linda Shelton. This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.

8. An inquirer called Walsh around the spring of 2008 to ask her about Linda Shelton. The inquirer sent a recorded copy of that telephone conversation to the Defendants. In that conversation Walsh stated:

I said ..., "I'm not going, I said, if if Danny, if ... doesn't approve of this." ... "I'm not doing this." But I refused to go. And she did buy my ticket, and I refused to go. And I still have a copy of my ticket because it's still unused. But her ticket is used.

9. On September 24, 2004, Linda Shelton wrote Shelton, theorizing that Shelton had jumped to conclusions and overreacted, and now could not swallow his pride and admit that he was wrong. Shelton's reply gave a list of Linda Shelton's failures, which included the planned trip to Florida over spring break with Walsh. This exchange is attached hereto as **Exhibit G**. Shelton specifically accused Linda Shelton of "Buying tickets behind my back and planning on going on vacation to Florida with him behind my back." Thus, according to Shelton, 3ABN must have lacked adequate internal controls to avoid purchasing airline tickets for personal vacations.

10. Attached hereto as **Exhibit H** is a notarized statement by Mrs. Ida Smith attesting to a March 8, 2006, phone conversation that she had with Walsh in which Walsh claimed that Linda Shelton had gone to Florida after all to stay at Abrahamsen's house with Abrahamsen, and in which Walsh claimed that private investigators had conducted surveillance of Linda Shelton, even recording her conversations.

11. About March 19, 2004, Shelton wrote an email to Abrahamsen, referring to a planned meeting in Florida in April between Abrahamsen and Linda Shelton that apparently was not going to take place after all. That email is attached hereto as **Exhibit I**.

12. On September 15, 2004, Shelton wrote an inquirer and asserted that Linda Shelton and Abrahamsen had taken vacations together while Shelton was still married to Linda Shelton,

and that “This is what ultimately caused the divorce.” This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit J**.

13. On July 7, 2004, Shelton wrote Linda Shelton and referred to allegedly contemplated vacations in Florida, Las Vegas, New York, and Norway, as well as an alleged four-day vacation with Abrahamsen that Linda Shelton had just returned from. This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit K**.

14. About September 1, 2004, Shelton wrote Linda Shelton, again referring to the planned vacation to Florida to stay at Abrahamsen’s condominium. Shelton also refers to multiple trips by Abrahamsen to the United States to be with Linda Shelton after Shelton’s June 25, 2004, divorce from Linda Shelton. This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit L**.

15. On May 16, 2004, Shelton and Linda Shelton exchanged emails in which Shelton refers to alleged “planned vacations” between Abrahamsen and Linda Shelton “in several different locations” while Shelton and Linda Shelton were still married. At one point Linda Shelton contends that Sheltons’ account is 75% error. This email exchange is attached hereto as **Exhibit M**. In this exchange Shelton also refers to the finding of a pregnancy test kit on May 7, 2004, as confirmation that Linda Shelton had committed adultery.

16. Regarding the the finding of the pregnancy test kit, Shelton’s vasectomy, and the implications, Walsh claimed in the telephone conversation referred to above at ¶ 8:

And he looked through the packages and there was a pregnancy test in there. And so he confronted her with it. ... “I was just doing it for a joke. I was just playing a joke” And he said, “Linda, when you’re in a serious situation like we are, you don’t play a joke like this. Are you thinking you’re pregnant ...?” She wouldn’t tell him. Well, Danny called me then after that just almost in tears, and and told me about it. And I said, I said, “Well Danny,” I said, “you know, maybe this, maybe this is a a good thing, you know.” And he’s like, “No, Brenda. What do you mean it’s a good thing?” And so, “Well, have you considered a moment that it could be your baby?” He said, “No.” He said, “I had a vasectomy eight years ago.” See, I’d never known that. I wouldn’t have never had any way of knowing that. That’s not something you tell, and Linda never shared that with me. And I said, “Danny, you couldn’t have had a

vasectomy eight years ago, because two years ago Linda thought she was pregnant with your baby.”

17. On May 6, 2004, Linda Shelton wrote to Abrahamsen from her daughter’s email account warning him about possible rumors arising from her pregnancy test kit joke that she was going to play on Shelton the very next day. This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit N**.

18. Attached hereto as **Exhibit O** is the investigative report found on Save-3ABN.com which covers the finding of the pregnancy test kit on May 7, 2004. This report highlights the critical importance of determining if and when Linda Shelton met Abrahamsen in Florida or anywhere else between February 6 and May 7, 2004. Without a meeting of the two between those dates, the pregnancy test kit, if not a poor choice of a joke as Linda Shelton claimed, was evidence that either Linda Shelton thought she might be 15 weeks pregnant but couldn’t tell for sure, or that she had gotten pregnant by talking too long on the telephone.

19. Attached hereto as **Exhibit P** is an email exchange with 3ABN Board chairman Walt Thompson in which Walt Thompson claims that the pregnancy test was found in mid-May, that a trip to Florida by Linda Shelton to meet with Abrahamsen did take place five or six weeks earlier in April, that he has no physical proof that such a trip really took place, that he has “made no effort to determine exact dates,” and that he is “reporting only what I believe I was told.”

20. The Seventh-day Adventist Church believes that Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 should be followed today among its membership, and that these verses teach that the only biblical grounds for divorce among believers is fornication.

21. On April 7, 2004, Shelton wrote Abrahamsen and stated that Linda Shelton had admitted certain things to him just the day before regarding the planned trip to Florida. This email is attached hereto as **Exhibit Q**. Linda Shelton being around to allegedly admit to Shelton certain things on April 6, 2004 affirms the claims of Exhibits A (p. 3), F (p. 2), and K that the trip of April 4 to April 9, 2004, never took place.

22. On April 14, 2004, Shelton wrote Abrahamsen, accusing him of committing “spiritual adultery,” a term foreign to the theology of Seventh-day Adventists. That email is attached hereto as **Exhibit R**. Shelton included a link to a web page describing “spiritual adultery” (<http://jmm.aaa.net.au/articles/8207.htm>), which defined the term by a quotation from a book entitled *Why Some Christians Commit Adultery*. That web page is attached hereto as **Exhibit S**. The quotation on the web page defined spiritual adultery as occurring when “married persons share with someone else what ought to have been shared first or only with their own spouses.”

23. On April 23, 2004, an email was sent from Shelton’s email account, purportedly from Linda Shelton, and forwarded to Abrahamsen the next day. The email is attached hereto as **Exhibit T**. The email purports to be a confession by Linda Shelton after Shelton had brought home the book, *Why Christians Commit Adultery*, on April 23, a confession that admits to “spiritual adultery” but denies that physical adultery had occurred. Since this email originated from Shelton’s email account, it is likely that its contents were either written, dictated, or approved by Shelton himself.

FURTHER DEPONENT TESTIFIES NOT.

Signed and sealed this 2nd day of September, 2008.

/s/ Bob Pickle
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Subscribed and sworn to me
this 2nd day of September, 2008.

/s/ Perry W. Kolnes
Notary Public—Minnesota

My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2010