

Transcript of Deposition of Matty Cushman

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COURT REPORTER: It's April 18, 2025. Now swearing in the witness. Do you swear or affirm that your testimony will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

CUSHMAN: Yes.

Q: How many children do you have?

A: One. My son, Frank. He's 22.

Q: What does Frank do for a living?

A: He's the Denver Broncos' quarterback. He won Rookie of the Year in February.

Q: How do you know Jeri Maguire?

A: Jeri was Frank's agent from February 2nd to April 22nd, 2024.

Q: How did Frank choose Jeri Maguire as his agent?

A: Frank had me choose his agent. I called a few agencies. We really liked TBC, but they said they only took 16 clients. But CSI has a great reputation and reps the best athletes. We met all their agents, including Bobbi, and were most impressed with Jeri Maguire. Jeri was smart. Knowledgeable about the NFL. Personable. Honest. An agent who genuinely cared about their clients. The opposite of the stereotypical sleazy agent.

Q: How long after you decided to hire CSI and Maguire did Frank sign Exhibit 1?

A: A few weeks. I generally don't do written contracts. Jeri seemed fine with that. But Jeri's boss, Sydney Gaskins, said he was reluctant to take Frank as a client without a written agreement. I didn't want to lose CSI or Jeri, so after a few weeks, I relented.

Q: What did you think of how Jeri represented Frank before April 22nd, 2024?

A: I talked to Jeri weekly. Jeri was everything we expected and more.

Q: When did you first learn that Jeri Maguire had left CSI?

A: April 22nd. Around 1 PM, Jeri called me saying Jeri left CSI and wanted to meet in person. I knew Exhibit 1 was now void given Jeri's departure. I asked if Jeri could be at our house in San Diego the next morning. Jeri agreed.

Q: What happened when Jeri got to your house on April 23rd, 2024?

A: Jeri arrived at noon. Frank, Jeri, and I went to the kitchen. Jeri said, "CSI fired me two days ago because I wrote a memo saying CSI had too many clients. CSI can't give Frank the attention he deserves. I'm starting my own agency. Come with me." Frank left for the gym and reminded Jeri he'd leave to me the decision of which agent to hire.

Q: What happened after Frank left your house on April 23rd, 2024?

A: We went into the living room. I said to Jeri all I cared about was Frank being drafted first overall and by the Chargers or Broncos. I hoped the Panthers would trade the first pick to the Chargers or Broncos. Jeri said Jeri would work on it. Jeri handed me Exhibit 2. I read it carefully and handed it back. I said, "The terms look fine. But I need some time to think about what agency is best for Frank." I told Jeri we would contact Jeri if and when we were ready to sign with Jeri. Then, Jeri left at 12:30 PM.

Q: Why didn't you agree to a contract with Jeri Maguire on April 23rd, 2024?

A: To keep our options open. I wanted the agent who provided the best chance of Frank being drafted first by the Chargers or Broncos.

Q: When was the 2024 NFL Draft?

A: Thursday, April 25th. We took the last flight from San Diego to Seattle on the night of the 23rd.

1 **Q: How did Frank come to sign a contract with Bobbi Sugar on April 24th?**
2 A: I spoke to Bobbi by phone for five minutes on April 22nd, at 2 PM, about CSI retaining
3 Frank. I told Bobbi we'd call if we decided to stay with them. After we met with Jeri on
4 April 23rd, I called Bobbi. I said, "If you make Frank a Charger or Bronco and the first
5 pick, we'll make you his agent." Bobbi said, "Consider it done." We met Bobbi around
6 noon on April 24th in the penthouse at the Manoogian Hotel in Seattle. Bobbi said the
7 Broncos had a trade in place to draft Frank first overall. So, we signed Exhibit 3.
8 **Q: I thought you didn't do written contracts? Why'd you let Frank sign Exhibit 3?**
9 A: Bobbi delivered the Broncos. I didn't want to jeopardize that or Frank going first overall.
10 **Q: Did you send the text attributed to you in Exhibit 4?**
11 A: Yes. I was happy for Jeri to show us what Jeri could do. But Jeri wasn't our agent yet.
12 **Q: When was the next time you saw or spoke to Jeri Maguire?**
13 A: April 24th. Jeri called me that morning and asked to see us. I told Jeri we were staying in
14 the penthouse at the Manoogian Hotel and we'd be available after lunch. Jeri came by at
15 4 PM.
16 **Q: Why'd you tell Jeri that Jeri could come to your penthouse on April 24th?**
17 A: Jeri had been Frank's agent for a few months. Frank and I still considered Jeri a friend.
18 **Q: What happened when Jeri got to the penthouse on April 24th?**
19 A: Jeri said Jeri wasn't sure the Chargers or Broncos would trade for the first overall pick. I
20 said, "He has to go to one of them." Then, the phone rang. Frank said, "It's probably
21 reporters." Jeri said, "I'll get it." I said, "Go ahead." Jeri picked the phone up, said, "This
22 is Cush," and a minute later said, "No comment." I now know it was Bobbi Sugar on the
23 other end of the phone. Then, Jeri hung up, took out a copy of Exhibit 2, except the date
24 was changed to April 24th, and asked us to sign it. I said, "not right now, Jeri." Then, Jeri
25 started to yell at us, "You empowered Bobbi Sugar to negotiate with teams behind my
26 back? You let that snake in the door? You didn't sign anything, did you?" I said,
27 "Apparently, the Panthers wanted to deal with Sugar, not you. We signed while you were
28 with Tidwell. I'm sorry. I love my son." Then, Jeri stormed out.
29 **Q: When Jeri came to your penthouse on April 24th, why didn't you tell Jeri
30 immediately that you'd signed with Bobbi Sugar?**
31 A: I was going to tell Jeri eventually that night. Didn't get a chance before the phone call.
32 **Q: Have you ever used the expression, "My word is stronger than oak"?**
33 A: No.
34 **Q: What is Exhibit 6?**
35 A: The hat I had made for the 2024 NFL Draft. Frank and I wore them in Seattle. Jeri asked
36 for one in the hotel room on April 24th, and I said yes. Least I could do.
37 **Q: Please read Exhibit 7 and tell me if you agree with Jeri's account.**
38 A: Everything Jeri says that differs from what I've testified to is a lie.
39 **Q: What was Frank's rookie contract worth?**
40 A: \$39 million, guaranteed. Plus another million for winning Rookie of the Year.
41 **Q: How much has Frank made in endorsements so far?**
42 A: \$1.5 million.