SUPERIOR COURT X05CV000180933S

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STANLEY SHENKER AND J.D. STAMFORD/NORWALK ASSOCIATES, INC.

: AT STAMFORD vs.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

: MARCH 10, 2003 ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

BEFORE: The Honorable Chase Rogers, Judge

APPEARANCES:

For the Plaintiffs

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1	has not happened?
2	MR. NOLIN: No, it has not, Your Honor.
3	THE COURT: And then Mr. Nolin, while even
4	the motion what you were looking for was an
5	April 30 extension?
6	MR. NOLIN: That was at the time, probably
7	need to be longer this time.
8	THE COURT: We'll talk about it. All right.
9	In terms of the cross-motion for orders dated
10	February 5, what I'd like to do, if you all have a
1 1	copy of that, is walk through I believe it's
12	Page 44, what W.W. is seeking in the way of
1 3	orders. Everybody have it?
14	MR. MCDEVITT: I have it, Your Honor.
15	THE COURT: 44. March 10, 2003. So
16	Number one it appears has been addressed, correct?
17	MR. NOLIN: Yes, Your Honor.
18	MR. MCDEVITT: That's not our view,
19	Your Honor. They still have not censured
20	interroggatories dealing with the Stanfull payment
21	recently disclosed on January 24, a \$300,000
22	payment to Jim Bell. They have provided really
23	none of the details necessary to understand the
24	sanction action.
25	THE COURT: There was specific
26	interrogatories in that regard?
27	MR. MCDEVITT: My understanding in

1	discussions about whether they would be
2	supplemented to reveal that there was
3	supplementation found, they don't address the
4	issue.
5	MR. NOLIN: I don't believe
6	interrogatories on Stanfull we did provide on the
7	28th of February, corrected deposition testimony,
8	that provided information and Stanfull we provided
9	some records on Stanfull. We asked the defendant
10	to provide us with interrogatories and offered to
1 1	answer within fifteen days.
12	THE COURT: I know you're going to have to
13	point to specific interrogatories on Stanfull you
14	believe have not been answered. You have it?
15	MR. MCDEVITT: It's my understanding there
16	had been a dialogue that was admitted between
17	Ms. Brett (phonetic) and counsel for Mr. Nolin
18	about that specific subject.
19	THE COURT: Start with do you have a copy of
20	what the requests are, you believe have not been
21	answered?
22	MR. MCDEVITT: Come back later on, we'll dig
23	it out, we have a whole bunch of stuff to dig out.
24	THE COURT: I want to work through this
25	systematically.
26	MR. MCDEVITT: Interrogatory Number ten,
27	identify all fact witnesses and documents which

1	refer or relate in anyway to any agreement,
2	arrangement or understanding between you and
3	Jim Bell while he was an employee of W.W.E. that
4	has not been supplemented.
5	THE COURT: Has that been supplemented?
6	MR. NOLIN: I don't believe that specific
7	question has been as to Stanfull. Stanfull is a
8	separate company. We have through the initial
9	deposition testimony provided that. If they want
10	to interpret that to include Stanfull, we'll
11	answer that accordingly.
12	THE COURT: That how you want to do it or a
13	separate one?
14	MR. MCDEVITT: Again, Your Honor, we think
15	the questioning fairly asked him to identify the
16	payment of Jim Bell. What we're talking about is
17	a \$280,000 transaction, Your Honor, that's all I
18	can emphasize. The importance to you, this was
19	never revealed in any discovery or court order.
20	The way we found out about this is the way we had
21	to find out about everything. There had been a
22	document that was produced by Mr. Suchoff of
23	Mr. Shenker's accountability, which references the
24	\$280,000 payment to Jim Bell, what was current
25	consulting services. Then when you go to Bell's
26	accounting records obtained from his tax
27	accountant, there is a ledger entry for \$280,000

· ·	but not a single record had ever been produced by
2	them to tell you what it was for. Mr. Bell when
3	confronted with it said he didn't remember what it
4	was for.
5	We know what we know, the little bit. The
6	defendant's close attempt at recantation is
7	apparently Mr. Shenker took \$280,000 out of the
8	SSAI account, wire transferred it to some
9	Hong Kong bank in the Stanfull Industry Account,
10	thereafter, transferred the money to Mr. Bell in
11	the beginning of 1999. They are deliberately
12	withholding despite our requests for the checkbook
13	entries for their Hong Kong outfit.
14	THE COURT: Let me see the request.
15	MR. MCDEVITT: Sorry, Your Honor, you want
16	it?
17	THE COURT: Yes. However you want to do it.
18	MR. COLBERT: Not the actual interrogatory,
19	it's a note. It's a note.
20	THE COURT: Not an interrogatory?
21	MR. COLBERT: Just typed on counsel notes not
22	the actual interrogatory.
23	THE COURT: I'm looking at it. I think
24	arguably that's going to fall within. Can you
25	respond, within fifteen days?
26	MR. NOLIN: No problem, Your Honor. We have
27	produced the check records showing the payments.

1	THE COURT: They want interrogatory
2	response.
3	MR. NOLIN: We'll have it.
4	THE COURT: Any other interrogatories you
5	haven't responded to?
6	MR. MCDEVITT: First, that's the big one
7	we're concerned about.
8	THE COURT: All right. Okay. Number two,
9	you requested SSAI have ordered to file by
10	February 11 a complete statement listing page and
1 1	line number, specific testimony Shenker intended
12	to recant, together with full and complete
13	proffer, Stanley would give attempt at
14	recantation, then the response was interesting
15	because counsel says that plaintiff will file
16	corrections.
17	I think you're both wrong. Let me tell you
18	why. Number one, can you cite me any basis they
19	have to tell you before you actually have another
20	meeting with him and a deposition, why they have
21	to tell you anything? Why would they have to tell
22	you that it's not worth anything so what counsel
23	says that they think he's going to say something,
24	what do you care what he's going to say?
25	MR. MCDEVITT: First, Your Honor, this is
26	rather a unique case.
27	THE COURT: I thought a number of these