

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA        )  
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COUNTY OF CHARLESTON        )  
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**AFFIDAVIT**

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Thomas Jonathan Ravenel, date of birth, August 11, 1962; Social Security Number, [REDACTED]; and attested as follows:

1. In or around 2014, my former girlfriend, Kathryn Dennis, and I hired Dawn Ledwell as a nanny to help us care for our daughter, who was the first child for either of us. She remained employed on and off with us through the end of 2015. Throughout her employment, Dawn provided exemplary care to our daughter, which was vitally important in light of the tempestuous nature of my relationship with Kathryn. Often Dawn was asked to broker our disagreements, a fact which she told both of us caused her considerable distress and frustration.
2. During all times relevant to this affidavit, Kathryn and I were paid participants in a reality television show, *Southern Charm*; as part of the show, we were contractually obligated to participate in extended periods of time during which our private lives were recorded while we engaged in both scripted and spontaneous activities under the direction of the show's producers.
3. *Southern Charm* producers sought to elicit entertaining story lines in a variety of ways, including encouraging participants to participate in public and private gatherings in which alcohol and other intoxicants were in copious supply. Numerous storylines revolved around the show's stars, including Kathryn and me, being or appearing to be intoxicated. This was encouraged, not discouraged, by producers.

4. In January 2015, we were on a hiatus from filming the show, and Kathryn and I were not cohabitating. On January 25, 2015, I had physical custody of my daughter; I asked Dawn to babysit for her so that I could attend a dinner with friends. She agreed and arrived at my home in the evening.
5. My friends and I had dinner and drinks. I do not recall exactly how much alcohol I drank that night, but by my recollection, I was intoxicated upon my return home.
6. When I returned home, I made an unwelcome advance toward Dawn, which she rebuffed. Instead, she helped me upstairs to my room, offered me a back rub, and then left.
7. Throughout the rest of 2015, Dawn continued to provide nannying and babysitting services to me and Kathryn, always providing what I believe was a high level of care to our daughter to whom she showed genuine care and affection. Throughout this time the ongoing volatility between me and Kathryn was a source of constant frustration and stress for us all, including Dawn.
8. At the end of 2015, after Kathryn had given birth to our second child, when she and I briefly reconciled, I believed we needed more than one nanny to assist us. I did not communicate this particularly deftly Dawn, and this caused a rift between us that ultimately became irreconcilable and resulted in her ending her employment with me. It was around this time that I first became aware that Dawn perceived my unwelcome advance as an assault. While I did not intentionally assault her, I did apologize to her, and I offered her a severance payment and asked that she sign a non-disparagement agreement, both of which she declined, as was her right.

9. Throughout her employment, Kathryn and I often used Dawn as a proxy or go-between to hash out our disputes, putting her in what I now recognize was an untenable position. During our many arguments, Kathryn and I often pitted Dawn against one another.

10. Later in the spring of 2018 when I became aware of the criminal allegations by Dawn against me, I approached Kathryn and asked why Dawn would say such things about me. Kathryn responded to me that I had hurt Dawn's feelings and she was "obsessed" with me. I interpreted this to mean she believed that Dawn's allegations were untrue or overblown. Since that time, I have also discussed this matter with numerous people within the Haymaker and Bravo enterprises.

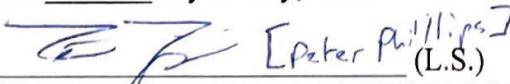
11. While I reiterate that I have never intentionally assaulted anyone, I also acknowledge that sexually *JK*  
by making an unwelcome advance to Dawn in my home, while she was babysitting my daughter, I behaved improperly and caused her immediate and lasting emotional distress. I unqualifiedly apologize for having done so. She has asked that rather than pay any money to her in settlement of her claims, I make a donation in her name to the charity of her choice, and I have gladly done so.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT!



THOMAS J. RAVENEL

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED BEFORE me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

  
[Peter Phillips]  
(L.S.)  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

My Commission Expires May 6, 2029