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#### PUBLIC NOTICE TO BRITTNEY NICHOLE HAUF AND MICHAEL LYNN HINKLE, SR.

In Re: Adoption of Jessiah Lee Hauf, A Minor

A petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have as a parent to your child, Jessiah Lee Hauf. A Termination of Parental Rights Hearing has been scheduled for May 20, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in Court Room No. 6006, of the York County Judicial Center, North George Street, York, 45 Pennsylvania, to terminate your parental rights to Jessiah Lee Hauf (DOB: August 12, 2018), whose Father is Michael Lynn Hinkle, Sr. and whose Mother is Brittney Nichole Hauf. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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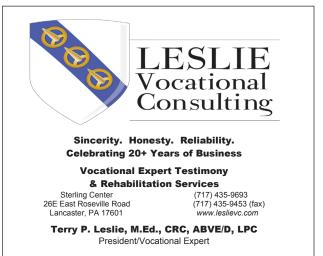
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#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA VS. NICHOLAS ANTHONY GROSS

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2. Defendant subsequently was charged with strangulation, intimidation of witnesses or victims, simple assault, and harassment.

3. Victim testified that she and Defendant had argued before their dispute became a physical altercation and that Defendant lifted her up against the wall after placing his hands on her neck and chest areas. However, Victim claimed Defendant's actions impaired neither her ability to breathe not the circulation of her blood.

4. "[R]ule 542(E) ... does not permit hearsay evidence alone to establish all elements of all crimes for purposes of establishing a *prima facia* case at a defendant's preliminary hearing." Rather, the Commonwealth must establish a *prima facie* case at least in part through "evidence that could ... be presented at a trial."

5. A careful review of the evidence presented convinces the Court that the Commonwealth has not met its burden to show a *prima facie* case that Defendant committed the offense of strangulation. However, the Court finds the Commonwealth has made out a *prima facie* case that Defendant committed the offenses of intimidation of witnesses or victims, simple assault, and harassment.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CP-01-CR-1375-2021, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA VS. NICHOLAS ANTHONY GROSS

Richard Aime, Esquire, Attorney for Commonwealth Steve Rice, Esquire, Attorney for Defendant Wagner, J., March 2, 2022

#### **OPINION**

Before this Court is the Motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus (hereinafter "Motion") of Defendant Nicholas Anthony Gross (hereinafter "Defendant"), filed on January 12, 2022. For the reasons set forth herein, Defendant's Motion is hereby granted in part and denied in part.

#### BACKGROUND

On September 12, 2021, Defendant became involved in a domestic dispute with his girlfriend, Ms. Rhonda Rowland (hereinafter "Victim") at their shared residence at 111 East Lynn Drive, East Berlin Borough, Adams County, Pennsylvania. This dispute began as a verbal argument over a television remote but escalated into a physical altercation when Defendant and Victim began shoving each other. Defendant then backed Victim against the wall, placed his hands on each side of Victim's neck, and used his hands to lift Victim from the floor.<sup>1</sup> Defendant also took Victim's phone away from her and threatened to smash it.

At or about the time of the incident, Victim's adult son, Cody Rowland ("Cody"), was present at the residence. Shortly after the incident, Victim told Cody that Defendant had "choked" her and taken her phone. Cody contacted 911 at Victim's request because Defendant had taken Victim's phone. At this point, Victim was crying heavily, and her breathing sounded labored.

Trooper Matthew Duncan (hereinafter "Trooper Duncan") responded to the scene and made contact with Victim. Trooper Duncan observed that Victim "appeared disheveled" and had clearly visible "red markings to the exterior, to the outside of her neck below her jawline area." Victim informed Trooper Duncan of the incident and indicated to Trooper Duncan that Defendant had grabbed her neck and caused the red marks.

Defendant subsequently was charged with strangulation,<sup>2</sup> intimidation of witnesses or victims,<sup>3</sup> simple assault,<sup>4</sup> and harassment.<sup>5</sup> After a preliminary hearing on November 3, 2021 before Magisterial District Judge Mark D. Beauchat, all charges were bound over for court. Defendant filed the instant Motion on January 12, 2022; on February 15, 2022, a hearing on the Motion was held before this Court.

At the February 15, 2022 hearing on the Motion, Defendant presented testimony from Victim. Victim testified that she and Defendant had argued before their dispute became a physical altercation and that Defendant lifted her up against the wall after placing his hands on her neck and chest area. However, Victim claimed Defendant's actions impaired neither her ability to breathe nor the circulation of her blood.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Victim is five feet one inch tall and weighs 110 pounds. The Court did not receive evidence concerning Defendant's physical dimensions, but the Court observes that Defendant is significantly larger and stronger than Victim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 18 Pa.C.S. § 2718(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 18 Pa.C.S. § 4952(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 18 Pa.C.S. § 2701(a)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709(a)(1).

#### LEGAL STANDARD

"In the pretrial setting, the focus of the habeas corpus hearing is to determine whether sufficient Commonwealth evidence exists to require a defendant to be held in government 'custody' until he may be brought to trial." *Commonwealth v. Morman*, 541 A.2d 356, 360 (Pa. Super. 1988). As the Superior Court of Pennsylvania has stated,

[a] pre-trial habeas corpus motion is the proper means for testing whether the Commonwealth has sufficient evidence to establish a *prima facie* case. To demonstrate that a *prima facie* case exists, the Commonwealth must produce evidence of every material element of the charged offense(s) as well as the defendant's complicity therein. To meet its burden, the Commonwealth may utilize the evidence presented at the preliminary hearing and also may submit additional proof.

*Commonwealth v. Dantzler*, 135 A.3d 1109, 1112 (Pa. Super. 2016) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). If the Commonwealth fails to show the existence of a *prima facie* case that the defendant committed the charged offenses, the charges must be dismissed. *Commonwealth v. Lambert*, 244 A.3d 38, 43–44 (Pa. Super. 2020), *appeal denied*, 260 A.3d 71 (Pa. 2021).

Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 542(E) provides:

Hearsay as provided by law shall be considered by the issuing authority in determining whether a *prima facie* case has been established. Hearsay evidence shall be sufficient to establish any element of an offense, including, but not limited to, those requiring proof of the ownership of, non-permitted use of, damage to, or value of property.

Pa.R.Crim.P. 542(E). However, as the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has recognized, "[f]undamental due process" prohibits the Commonwealth from establishing a *prima facie* case of guilt at a preliminary hearing "based solely on hearsay evidence." *Commonwealth ex rel. Buchanan v. Verbonitz*, 581 A.2d 172, 174 (Pa. 1990). Thus, "Rule 542(E) ... does not permit hearsay evidence alone to establish all elements of all crimes for purposes of establishing a *prima facie* case at a defendant's preliminary hearing." *Commonwealth v. McClelland*, 233 A.3d 717, 734 (Pa. 2020). Rather, the Commonwealth must establish a *prima facie* case at least in part through "evidence that could ... be presented at a trial." See *Id.* at 736.

Credibility is not at issue "at either a preliminary hearing or when [a court is] considering whether to grant a writ of *habeas corpus* after a preliminary hearing." See *Commonwealth v. Hilliard*, 172 A.3d 5, 14 (Pa. Super. 2017)

#### **DISCUSSION**

The facts of this case and the applicable law require the Court to grant in part and deny in part Defendant's Motion. A careful review of the evidence presented<sup>6</sup> convinces the Court that the Commonwealth has not met its burden to show a *prima facie* case that Defendant committed the offense of strangulation. However, the Court finds the Commonwealth has made out a *prima facie* case that Defendant committed the offenses of intimidation of witnesses or victims, simple assault, and harassment.

"A person commits the offense of strangulation if the person knowingly or intentionally impedes the breathing or circulation of the blood of another person by ... applying pressure to the throat or neck." 18 Pa.C.S. § 2718(a)(1). "Infliction of a physical injury to a victim shall not be an element of the offense," nor shall "[t]he lack of physical injury to a victim ... be a defense in a prosecution" for strangulation. 18 Pa.C.S. § 2718(b). This Court has located no appellate authority that addresses the offense of strangulation under Section 2718.

The Court finds the Commonwealth has not established a *prima facie* case that Defendant committed the offense of strangulation. At the hearing on Defendant's Motion, Victim testified that Defendant did not impair either her ability to breathe or the circulation of her blood when Defendant placed his hands on her neck and chest area and lifted her from the floor. There was no other evidence presented at either the preliminary hearing or at the hearing on Defendant's Motion that directly addressed whether Defendant in fact had

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> At least some of the evidence presented at the preliminary hearing and at the hearing on Defendant's Motion would be admissible at trial. Accordingly, the instant prosecution does not offend *Verbonitz* or *McClelland*.

impaired Victim's ability to breathe or the circulation of Victim's blood. The Court is bound to accept this testimony because it cannot consider witness credibility at this stage of the proceedings. See *Hilliard*, 172 A.3d at 14. As a result, the Court concludes that the Commonwealth has not shown that Defendant knowingly or intentionally impeded the breathing or circulation of the blood of Victim by applying pressure to her throat or neck. Accordingly, the Court must grant Defendant's motion as to the charge of strangulation.

"A person commits [the] offense [of intimidating witnesses or victims] if, with the intent to or with the knowledge that his conduct will obstruct, impede, impair, prevent or interfere with the administration of criminal justice, he intimidates or attempts to intimidate any witness or victim to ... [r]efrain from informing or reporting to any law enforcement officer ... any information, document or thing relating to the commission of a crime." 18 Pa.C.S. § 4952(a)(1). "[A]ctual intimidation of a witness [or victim] is not an essential element of the crime." Commonwealth v. Beasley, 138 A.3d 39, 48 (Pa. Super. 2016) (quoting Commonwealth v. Collington, 615 A.2d 769, 770 (Pa. Super. 1992)). Rather, an individual commits the offense of intimidation of a witness or victim when the individual, "with the necessary mens rea, 'attempts' to intimidate a witness or victim." Id. (emphasis in original) (quoting *Collington*, 615 A.2d at 770). "The Commonwealth is not required to prove mens rea by direct evidence. Frequently such evidence is not available. In such cases, the Commonwealth may rely on circumstantial evidence." Id. (quoting Collington, 615 A.2d at 770).

Here, the Court finds that the Commonwealth has made out a *prima facie* case of intimidation of a witness or victim. In the totality of the circumstances, Defendant's interference with Victim's access to her phone represented an attempt to intimidate Victim from reporting his conduct to the police. Defendant, during a domestic dispute that escalated into physical violence, prevented Victim from calling 911 by taking her phone and threatening to smash it. Defendant, who is significantly larger and stronger than Victim, was the primary aggressor in the altercation, which he clearly escalated by pinning Victim to the wall and lifting her from the floor. In the context of a violent domestic dispute, a stronger party's removal of a weaker party's ability to contact the police represents a likely attempt to intimidate the weaker party from reporting the abuse to law enforcement. Furthermore, because Defendant's act of taking Victim's phone and threatening to smash it served no legitimate purpose, there is also enough circumstantial evidence to infer, in the totality of the circumstances, that Defendant intended to intimidate Victim. Thus, the Court denies Defendant's Motion as to the charge of intimidation of a witness or victim.

"[A] person is guilty of assault if he ... attempts to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to another." 18 Pa.C.S. § 2701(a)(1). "Bodily injury" is defined as "[i]mpairment of physical condition or substantial pain." 18 Pa.C.S. § 2301. "The existence of substantial pain may be inferred from the circumstances surrounding the use of physical force even in the absence of a significant injury." Commonwealth v. Wroten, 257 A.3d 734, 744 (Pa. Super. 2021) (quoting Commonwealth v. Ogin, 540 A.2d 549, 552 (Pa. Super. 1988) (en banc)). A prima facie case of simple assault is more likely to be made out "where the behavior is more clearly criminal" than "the pushing, shoving, slapping, elbowing, hair-pulling, perhaps even punching and kicking, that not infrequently occur between siblings or other members of the same family." See In re M.H., 758 A.2d 1249, 1252 (Pa. Super. 2000) (quoting Interest of J.L., 475 A.2d 156, 157 (Pa. Super. 1984)). Thus, a defendant's act of "grabb[ing a victim's] arm in a clearly aggressive fashion[] and push[ing] her against a wall," causing "bruises on her arm which lasted several days," is sufficient to support a conviction for simple assault. See Id. at 1252–53.

Here, the Court finds that the Commonwealth has made out a *prima facie* case that Defendant committed the offense of simple assault. It is uncontested that Defendant, who is significantly larger and stronger than Victim, lifted Victim up against the wall with enough force that her feet entirely left the floor. Defendant lifted Victim by applying force to her neck and chest area, which is a sensitive and vulnerable region of the human body. Defendant's actions also left plainly visible red marks on Victim's neck. The evidence also indicates Defendant's conduct was intentional; the act of pinning another person to the wall and lifting her from the floor does not occur by accident. Accordingly, the Court denies Defendant's Motion as to the charge of simple assault.

"A person commits the crime of harassment when, with intent to harass, annoy or alarm another, the person ... strikes, shoves, kicks or otherwise subjects the other person to physical contact." 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709(a)(1). "An intent to harass may be inferred from the totality of the circumstances." *Commonwealth v. Cox*, 72 A.3d 719, 721 (2013) (quoting *Commonwealth v. Lutes*, 793 A.2d 949, 961 (Pa. Super. 2002)).

Here, the Court finds that the Commonwealth has made out a *prima facie* case that Defendant committed the offense of harassment. The evidence indicates Defendant shoved Victim during a physical altercation that arose after a verbal argument. Under the circumstances, a strong inference arises that Defendant pushed Victim out of anger and thereby intended "to harass, annoy or alarm" her. Any other conclusion would be contrary to common sense. The Court denies Defendant's Motion as to the charge of harassment.

For the foregoing reasons, Defendant's Motion is granted in part and denied in part.

#### ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 2nd day of March, 2022, for the reasons set forth in the attached Opinion, Defendant's Motion for Writ of Habeas Corpus is hereby granted in part and denied in part.

#### ESTATE NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in the estates of the decedents set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters, testamentary of or administration to the persons named. All persons having claims or demands against said estates are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estates are requested to make payment without delay to the executors or administrators or their attorneys named below.

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  - Late of Oxford Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania
  - Co-Executors: Gail H. Merlo and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., c/o Sharon E. Myers, Esq., CGA Law Firm, PC, P.O. Box 606, East Berlin PA 17316
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