

Transcript of hearing:

Judge Ehrlich: [inaudible 00:00:00] Twigs.

Mrs. Twigs: Yes Ma'am.

Judge Ehrlich: Good morning ma'am. I've read the probable cause affidavit. This-

Mrs. Twigs: Yes ma'am.

Judge Ehrlich: You don't have to respond to each thing but thank you. Priors.

Relevant priors recent priors.

Mrs. Twigs: None.

Judge Ehrlich: Excuse me, ma'am. I'm asking my courtroom staff.

Mrs. Twigs: [crosstalk 00:00:24]

Judge Ehrlich: That's okay, I'll let you know each time I'm talking to you.

Mrs. Twigs: Okay. I'm sorry.

Attorney 1: That's correct, your honor. No convictions.

Judge Ehrlich: No priors. I don't care if there's a withheld or not.

Attorney 1: No.

Judge Ehrlich: Okay. So there's no priors. Thank you. You okay ma'am?

Mrs. Twigs: Yes. I have asthma with COPD and I have a cough.

Judge Ehrlich: Okay. Apparently she and her adult daughter live in the same home, and they had a verbal altercation about who gets the fan.

Attorney 2: If I can just enlighten the court, I spoke to Mrs. Twigs this morning, and she told me some information that I verified, that apparently there's been a dispute between Mrs. Twigs and her sister, who is-

Judge Ehrlich: Is this her daughter or her sister?

Attorney 2: No, it's between the daughter, but Mrs. Twigs and her sister have an issue with the boyfriend of the daughter, and they-

Judge Ehrlich: How old is the daughter, counsel?

Attorney 2: Mrs. Twigs, how old's the daughter? I believe 18.

Mrs. Twigs: She turned 18 on Monday.

Judge Ehrlich: Okay, she's an adult.

Attorney 2: And Mrs. Twigs, the one before us this morning, filed a restraining order against the boyfriend, and I did verify that. I do have the actual case number that was-

Judge Ehrlich: Excuse me. A temporary restraining order, civil, against her sister?

Attorney 2: No, against the boyfriend of the daughter, which apparently the boyfriend-

Judge Ehrlich: Which at this juncture would become moot, because she can't bring it any longer on behalf of her adult daughter.

Attorney 2: I just wanted to enlighten the court as to what is going on.

Judge Ehrlich: I appreciate that, but whether she likes the boyfriend, I don't know whose house this is, I don't know if she's in a position to evict ... Excuse me, don't tell me. I don't know if she's in a position to evict her, but if so she has to do it properly. Does your daughter live with you, ma'am?

Mrs. Twigs: Yes, yes ma'am. Which-

Judge Ehrlich: Excuse me, don't say anything beyond what I am asking you. Trust me, I am-

Mrs. Twigs: [crosstalk 00:02:41]

Judge Ehrlich: Ma'am.

Mrs. Twigs: She lives with-

Judge Ehrlich: Ma'am. Ma'am. She lives with who?

Mrs. Twigs: She lives with me and she lives with my daughter in Miami.

Judge Ehrlich: Is that a different location?

Mrs. Twigs: Yes, in-

Judge Ehrlich: Excuse me. Oh, counsel. Can you please, is there any way you can on the phone talk to these people?

Attorney 2: I spoke to Mrs. Twigs. I believe-

Judge Ehrlich: No, I know that. But while proceedings are ongoing, can you speak to them, or no?

Attorney 2: The phone's off to the side. They can't do both.

Judge Ehrlich: I'm just trying ... First of all, attorneys, don't interrupt the court, and listen to what the court says because it may answer your questions. Ma'am, my one question to you ... Can someone there give her water as a kindness?

Ma'am, do you need water? Just nod your head?

Mrs. Twigs: And a breathing treatment.

Judge Ehrlich: Ma'am, I am not here to talk to you about your breathing treatment. That-

Mrs. Twigs: [crosstalk 00:03:55]

Judge Ehrlich: Excuse me. Oh, lord. Will you say something, counsel, in the microphone, so that she can hear you and you can give her instructions about propriety in court? I'm not gonna spend all day with her interrupting me. It's your turn to speak, counsel.

Attorney 2: Mrs. Twigs, just stay silent for a moment.

Mrs. Twigs: Yes ma'am, yes sir.

Judge Ehrlich: Does your daughter, who has been living with you, which this case is about, help you in the home? Do you need her help? Yes or no?

Mrs. Twigs: Yes.

Judge Ehrlich: Do you want her to stay in the home but have no harmful contact with you?

Mrs. Twigs: Absolutely, yes ma'am. Yes your honor. I need her.

Judge Ehrlich: Excuse me.

Mrs. Twigs: I'm sorry.

Judge Ehrlich: Excuse me. As a condition of her release, she is to have no harmful contact with the victim. Her bond is set at \$500; \$250. Thank you.

Attorney 2: I would ask if you would consider non-monetary release. She has no priors whatsoever. She's disabled.

Judge Ehrlich: What are you asking for, counsel?

Attorney 2: Standard pre-trial.

Judge Ehrlich: Not a bad idea. Counsel, pre-trial?

Attorney 1: It's up to the court, your honor.

Judge Ehrlich: Ma'am, do you want ... I don't know why they didn't make her a medical recess.

Mrs. Twigs: Yes, your honor?

Judge Ehrlich: Instead of money, do you want to be supervised by pre-trial release?

Mrs. Twigs: Yes ma'am. Yes, your honor.

Judge Ehrlich: Pre-trial services.

Attorney 1: She's gonna have to-

Mrs. Twigs: Yes your honor.

Judge Ehrlich: Ma'am, listen. Say it again. Do you have a microphone?

Mrs. Twigs: I don't know what to say.

Judge Ehrlich: You've already said too much. Listen, please.

Mrs. Twigs: Yes.

Attorney 1: She'll need to report to pre-trial services before noon tomorrow, then she has to check in by telephone twice per week.

Judge Ehrlich: Ma'am, listen to me. Listen. Don't even say yes. Just listen. Can you hear me? Do you understand me?

Mrs. Twigs: Yes.

Judge Ehrlich: I want you ... You will get paperwork today before you're released from the jail. It will say that you have to check in with pre-trial services by noon on Monday. You have to arrange for someone to carry you there if you can't get there yourself, and they will give you the further instructions about checking in. Do you understand me?

Mrs. Twigs: Yes.

Judge Ehrlich: Good. Thank you. You can return her.

Attorney 1: She asked for GPS.