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[redacted] date of birth [redacted] social security number [redacted] was interviewed at her place of employment, [redacted] a hair salon located [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] came to Florida in 2000 following her graduation from [redacted]. [redacted] came to Florida with her family who now reside in [redacted] FL near the University of [redacted]. [redacted] is scheduled to complete her Associates of Science degree from [redacted] in June, 2012.

Between 2000 and 2006, [redacted] was working as a hairdresser at Supercuts in [redacted]. In about 2001, [redacted] met George Zimmerman who entered Supercuts for a haircut. [redacted] had never before met Zimmerman. Zimmerman and [redacted] spoke to one another as she cut his hair and Zimmerman told her that he had just moved from Manassas, VA and was currently living with his family in Oviedo, FL. Zimmerman was then working as an agent for Allstate Insurance Company. His uncle, [redacted] owned the insurance brokerage where Zimmerman worked.

Zimmerman came back into Supercuts later in the day and asked [redacted] out on a date. They began dating and by either 2002 or 2003 were engaged to be married. Following the engagement, Zimmerman began to exhibit overly protective and territorial behavior over [redacted]. Among other things, Zimmerman told [redacted] that she needed to dress more conservatively. Following the engagement, they began to argue a lot more and [redacted] became so concerned about the deterioration of their relationship that she asked Zimmerman to obtain premarital counseling, which Zimmerman agreed to do. Zimmerman went to see a counselor at [redacted] church in Oviedo, FL. He went once per week for about a year. [redacted] accompanied Zimmerman to the counseling sessions about a quarter of the time.

At about the same time as their engagement, Zimmerman and [redacted] moved into a house together in Lake Mary, FL. The house was owned by Zimmerman's parents who had not yet moved from Manassas, FL. Over the course of the one year they were engaged, their

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relationship deteriorated. There were three incidents in particular that [REDACTED] indicated were the primary reasons she eventually called off the engagement. First, on the way home from one of their counseling sessions at the church, Zimmerman hit [REDACTED] in the mouth with an open hand because she was chewing gum. [REDACTED] explained that she had previously, but playfully, hit Zimmerman in his mouth while he was chewing gum but Zimmerman didn't like it and this was his way of retaliating.

Second, while they were living in Lake Mary, Zimmerman befriended a next-door neighbor who was a female [REDACTED] could not recall her name) in her late teens who just had a baby. Zimmerman, who often talked about wanting kids after marriage, was caught by [REDACTED] as he was lying on their bed with the neighbor and her baby playing together. Although Zimmerman and the neighbor were not romantically involved as far as [REDACTED] knew, she considered Zimmerman's behavior with the neighbor to be inappropriate.

Finally, in a third incident, one evening Zimmerman had returned home after playing basketball. Zimmerman was tired and went right to bed. Later that evening, [REDACTED] answered a phone call from a female [REDACTED] could not recall her name) who asked if Zimmerman was okay. The female explained to [REDACTED] that Zimmerman had been questioned by the police. [REDACTED] never learned the reason why Zimmerman had been questioned but did not think it was anything serious. During the conversation, the female told [REDACTED] that Zimmerman had been telling people that he was no longer engaged. [REDACTED] explained to the female that they were still engaged and living together. The female told [REDACTED] that Zimmerman was on a dating website and was representing himself as single.

Following that conversation, [REDACTED] checked and determined that Zimmerman was in fact advertising himself on a dating website as a single male. [REDACTED] confronted Zimmerman about the website issue and Zimmerman admitted that he was on the site because he sensed he was going to lose [REDACTED] and didn't want to be alone. The discussion degenerated into a serious argument and [REDACTED] and Zimmerman began to push one another aggressively. [REDACTED] dog moved toward Zimmerman and Zimmerman kicked the dog in the stomach. At that point, [REDACTED] decided to leave Zimmerman for good but waited until the morning when he left for work before packing all of her things and moving in with her parents. [REDACTED] left the engagement ring and all of the jewelry Zimmerman had given her at the Lake Mary house.

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After she moved out, Zimmerman called her regularly to apologize and said he wanted to get back together. [REDACTED] agreed to go out on a couple of dates with Zimmerman with the idea of reconciliation, however, [REDACTED] soon realized that although Zimmerman was a good talker and could be very persuasive, he hadn't really changed and she was no longer interested in reconciliation.

[REDACTED] subsequently moved into a townhouse in Orlando. On one occasion [REDACTED] was coming home at about 9:30 pm or 10:30 pm one evening and observed Zimmerman's car as it exited her complex. [REDACTED] called Zimmerman on his cellphone and asked him what he was doing as a test to see if he would admit he was at her residence. Zimmerman told her he had just taken a friend home. [REDACTED] asked where that was and Zimmerman gave her a location different from her address. [REDACTED] then told Zimmerman that she just saw him leave her complex. Zimmerman laughed and said he just wanted to talk to her because he was depressed about his grandmother's declining health issues. [REDACTED] advised that Zimmerman was very close with his grandmother. Zimmerman then asked if he could come back and talk to her and [REDACTED] agreed.

Zimmerman and [REDACTED] spoke for a while in her townhouse. When it got late, [REDACTED] told Zimmerman that she wanted to go to sleep. Zimmerman asked if he could stay with her. When she refused he asked if he could just sleep on the couch. When [REDACTED] refused again Zimmerman grabbed her cellphone, put it in his pocket, and said he wasn't going to leave. [REDACTED] attempted to remove the phone from his pocket but Zimmerman pushed her away. [REDACTED] dog then jumped at Zimmerman and bit his face near the jaw. [REDACTED] was then able to retrieve her cellphone and call the police. Zimmerman was gone before the police arrived.

The police encouraged [REDACTED] to file an injunction against Zimmerman which she did the very next day. The police eventually served Zimmerman with the injunction. The day after Zimmerman was served, [REDACTED] was served with an injunction which had been filed by Zimmerman. In that order, Zimmerman indicated that [REDACTED] had accused him of being a womanizer and had scratched his face after he refused to stay with her at her apartment. [REDACTED] advised that Zimmerman's statement was essentially the reverse of what she had stated in her order. They eventually went to court and a mutual one-year injunction order was filed. This occurred in 2005.

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There was essentially no contact with Zimmerman for the next several years. In 2006, [REDACTED] married [REDACTED] but legally separated in February, 2011.

In 2010, Zimmerman sent [REDACTED] some emails asking her how she was doing and requested that they get together to talk. Between 2010 and 2011, [REDACTED] met with Zimmerman on a few occasions. The meetings were amicable. It was during those meetings [REDACTED] learned that Zimmerman had gotten married in 2007. Zimmerman complained that his current wife didn't want kids and he did.

Zimmerman often talked about wanting to be a police officer. [REDACTED] described him as being passionate about the prospect. After they broke up, [REDACTED] learned that Zimmerman was going to Seminole Community College for police training.

Zimmerman was very driven as was his whole family. At family gatherings, [REDACTED] noted that the family often spoke about financial status and material things. Zimmerman's mother talked about marrying into white families in order to improve one's status. Zimmerman's mother is from Peru but married an American white man. [REDACTED] did not get along with Zimmerman's mother and did not think that she approved of [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] mother was from Puerto Rico and her father was from Argentina, although she never explicitly said anything like that to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] felt that Zimmerman's mother wanted him to marry a white female. Zimmerman's mother and grandmother exercised a lot of control over Zimmerman and he always seemed to want to please them. However, Zimmerman came to [REDACTED] defense on one occasion after [REDACTED] had an argument with his mother. Zimmerman turned off the electricity to his mother's house, locked the electrical box, and departed leaving his mother without electricity.

With respect to any biased or prejudiced behavior, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

Over the course of their relationship, [REDACTED] observed Zimmerman as he socialized and played basketball with white, black and Hispanic men. Zimmerman never exhibited any biases or prejudices against anyone and did not use racial epithets of any kind while [REDACTED] knew him. Zimmerman's friends were from all of these racial groups. Zimmerman also has a brother who is gay and Zimmerman has never showed anything but support for his brother.

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_____ said that the only negative thing she could think of with respect to Zimmerman was that he had a bad temper during their relationship. _____ always thought it could have had something to do with the side effects of Accutane, a drug Zimmerman was taking for acne treatment that she learned could effect one's personality. The worst behavior he exhibited was when he talked about killing himself. _____ explained that following some of their more intense arguments he would get depressed and talk about driving his car into a lake or taking a bunch of pills. _____ believed that behavior was designed to get her attention or to garner her sympathy.

Although Zimmerman had a bad temper with _____ she never witnessed any significant displays of anger or violence toward other people. _____ said Zimmerman would sometimes get angry and exhibit "road rage" while driving his car, but the incidents never resulted in any confrontations. Outside of the context of their own relationship, _____ never saw Zimmerman in any physical or verbal confrontation with other people. Zimmerman used to tell her stories of his friends from Manassas, VA who would "handle things" for him if anyone disrespected him.

Although Zimmerman wanted to be a police officer, _____ did not consider him to be the type of person to put himself in harm's way. _____ never heard Zimmerman talk about weapons and never saw any weapons during their relationship.

With respect to Zimmerman's involvement in the shooting incident with Trayvon Martin, _____ said Zimmerman was the last person she would expect to be involved in anything like that. _____ reiterated that Zimmerman was not the type of person to place himself in a physical confrontation. Zimmerman wanted to be a successful person. If he couldn't be a police officer she knew he wanted to be successful in business.