IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

State of North Dakota, Plaintiff,)))	District Court Case No. 08-2020-CR-02100 Supreme Court File No. 20220096		
VS.)	Motion for Leave to File Transcript and Supplemental Order for Transcript		
Dalton Peltier,	Defendant.)	with Supplemental Class 201 201 201 201		

[¶1] COMES NOW the Defendant/Appellant, Dalton Peltier, by and through his attorney, James R. Loraas, and submits this Request for Leave to File Transcript and Supplemental Order for Transcript pursuant to Rule 10 of the North Dakota Rules of Appellate Procedure. Attached as Exhibit 1 is the transcript of the Evidentiary Hearing held on February 9, 2021 and relating to Defendant's Motion to Suppress. Good cause is also shown because Defendant/Appellant's counsel believed that when the transcript was prepared on July 27, 2021 the transcript of the hearing would have been included in the record.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of October, 2022.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF BURLEIGH IN DISTRICT COURT, SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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	Plaintiff,)				
)	Case No.	08-2020-CR-02317
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Dalton Gene Pelti		ltier,)			
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			Defendant.)		

Evidentiary Hearing

Before the Honorable James S. Hill, District Judge
Burleigh County Courthouse
Bismarck, North Dakota
February 9, 2021

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- 1 (THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD AND MADE OF RECORD, AS
- 2 FOLLOWS, on February 9, 2021, commencing at 9:01 a.m.:)
- 3
- 4 THE COURT: We're going to call into session this
- 5 morning, 08-2020-CR-02317, State versus Dalton Gene Peltier.
- 6 In the Zoom call range, Dennis Ingold on behalf of the State of
- 7 North Dakota, James Loraas on behalf of Defendant Peltier,
- 8 Dalton Peltier is present with us today as well. I see Deputy
- 9 Ron Mehrer is ready to go as well as a potential witness. For
- 10 the benefit of counsel, the individual identified as Jayla
- 11 O'Neill is one of our law clerks, I'm having her sit in today.
- 12 I don't want you to think there is some surprise witness out
- 13 there some place that is waiting to give testimony. We're here
- 14 today, 9:01 a.m. on February 9, 2021, in this case.
- 15 A couple of housekeeping matters. This was a case
- 16 where there had been a request to move the trial, I originally
- 17 had denied it because we have such a stress on the system right
- 18 now in the south central. But I was persuaded by a subsequent
- 19 filing by Mr. Loraas indicating that he's looking at some
- 20 potential expert witness of his own. So we've already moved
- 21 this matter into May of this year. I think you got notice of
- 22 that change.
- There are two motions before us this morning.
- 24 They're kind of combined. There is a motion to suppress and a
- 25 combined motion to compel. There have been individual

- 1 responses to those motions. The initial motion by Mr. Loraas
- 2 is Document Entry 5, it combines the two motions together. He
- 3 has briefed, at Document Entry 56, his position with respect to
- 4 both the motion to suppress and his motion to compel. There
- 5 has been a response individually to both motions. Document
- 6 Entry 64 is the State's response to the defendant's motion to
- 7 suppress, Document Entry 62 is the response from the State to
- 8 the motion to compel.
- 9 The State has also filed two exhibits. Exhibit 1 is
- 10 Document Entry 67, that is a disc which has the recorded
- 11 interview that's the subject of the motion to suppress.
- 12 Exhibit 2 is Document Entry 66, that's a copy of the statement
- 13 of rights and the waiver of rights signed purportedly by
- 14 Defendant Peltier on August 3, 2020. I would note for the
- 15 benefit of counsel, I have actually listened to the exhibit,
- 16 Exhibit 1, which is Document Entry 67. I've read both briefs.
- 17 We're prepared to go forward at this time.
- Now, I'm expecting, Mr. Loraas, that the focus of the
- 19 motion today will be the motion to suppress. But let's take
- 20 care of that motion to compel first. Do you as the moving
- 21 party have anything more to place into the record with respect
- 22 to the motion to compel? You've seen the response by the
- 23 State. Do you have anything additional to -- that you have put
- 24 in writing, anything in addition to that that you want to put
- 25 on the record with respect to the motion to compel?

- 1 You're on mute, James.
- 2 MR. LORAAS: No, Your Honor. The State has provided
- 3 information and I think they even put it into the, you know,
- 4 the court record. So we would not be pursuing our motion to
- 5 compel.
- 6 THE COURT: Thank you. And I did look at the
- 7 response that was filed by the State. I know that you and
- 8 Mr. Ingold have a good record of communicating with one
- 9 another, and it does appear that that issue has been resolved.
- 10 So what I'm going to do is I'll just take care of that motion
- 11 to compel. I think I can just put in a short order denying the
- 12 motion based on counsel's statement that the issues regarding
- 13 discovery have been resolved. If something else comes up, of
- 14 course you can renew a different motion if necessary. But for
- 15 now, it appears all issues relating to your original motion to
- 16 compel have been resolved.
- Mr. Ingold, is that satisfactory to you?
- MR. INGOLD: Yes, Your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. Now, let's turn to the motion
- 20 to suppress. As mentioned, I do have two exhibits which I have
- 21 reviewed. Exhibit 1 is Document Entry 67, that is the disc of
- 22 the interview by Deputy Mehrer. And then I have Document Entry
- 23 66 which is the signed statement of rights.
- And before we get too far, I'm assuming these are two
- 25 things we're going to talk about in the motion to suppress.

- 1 But, Mr. Loraas, just to be sure, you do have copies of both
- 2 items that I've just mentioned, those two exhibits?
- 3 MR. LORAAS: Yes, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: And so if we refer to them as Document
- 5 Entry -- excuse me -- Exhibits 1 and 2, we both -- all the
- 6 parties know what we're talking about, that's Document Entries
- 7 67 and 66. And you can refer to them as Exhibit 1 and 2 since
- 8 I've made a record of what they are.
- 9 MR. LORAAS: Yes, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Very good.
- 11 All right. With that, is there anything preliminary,
- 12 Mr. Loraas? Otherwise I'm going to turn it over to State's
- 13 Attorney Ingold to proceed with testimony.
- MR. LORAAS: Just, Your Honor, that we understand
- 15 that these exhibits are part of the record, that they've been
- 16 accepted as evidence --
- 17 THE COURT: They have.
- 18 MR. LORAAS: -- for the purposes of this hearing.
- 19 THE COURT: For the purpose of the hearing, Exhibits
- 20 1 and 2 are received. And again, for the record, Exhibit 1 is
- 21 Document Entry 67, that is a disc which carries an interview
- 22 that would've taken place on August 3, 2020 between Deputy
- 23 Mehrer and the defendant, Dalton Gene Peltier. And then
- 24 Exhibit 2, which is Document Entry 66, is a signed statement of
- 25 rights and a waiver of rights. Looks like the signatures are

- 1 dated August 3, 2020. Both Exhibits 1 and 2 are received for
- 2 purposes of our meeting here today -- or our hearing here
- 3 today.
- And we're going to focus on the motion to suppress.
- 5 So, Mr. Ingold, I think we're ready to go. I don't think any
- 6 statements are necessary. I suspect you'd like to just get
- 7 going with a witness.
- 8 MR. INGOLD: Yes, Your Honor. The State calls Deputy
- 9 Ron Mehrer.
- THE COURT: All right. At this time, before we swear
- 11 Deputy -- is it Mehrer or Meyer?
- MR. MEIER: It's Mehrer, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Mehrer. Thank you. I apologize. I want
- 14 to make sure I pronounce your name correctly. You know with a
- 15 name like Hill, we never have a problem; so it works out well.
- 16 I want to tell Mr. Peltier one thing however.
- 17 Mr. Peltier, we're operating under unusual rules because of the
- 18 COVID-19. We are doing so because we're protecting the health
- 19 and safety of everyone involved in the process. You're
- 20 obviously isolated out at the detention center, the deputy is
- 21 in a separate location, your attorney's in a separate location,
- 22 Mr. Ingold is in the annex here at the courthouse, and I'm in
- 23 the courthouse in Courtroom 207, and even ironically, my court
- 24 reporter is segregated in her home. So we can do a lot of
- 25 things electronically, and we're doing that pursuant to Rule 52

- 1 of the Administrative Rules of the Supreme Court. That's for
- 2 the purpose of preserving the health and integrity of everyone
- 3 involved.
- 4 But I want you to know that if you demanded to be
- 5 present, we would do that. But if you tell me you waive that,
- 6 and you accept the premise that we can proceed in this fashion,
- 7 we're going to go forward. Do you agree with the mechanism of
- 8 the Zoom call to handle this matter?
- 9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Peltier.
- 11 With that, Deputy, raise your right hand.
- 12 RON MEHRER,
- 13 called as a witness, being first duly sworn, was examined and
- 14 testified as follows:
- 15 THE COURT: And would you for the record, I want to
- 16 make sure that my court reporter's getting everything down
- 17 accurately, would you tell me your name and then spell your
- 18 name for the benefit of the record.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Yes. My name is Ron Mehrer,
- 20 M-E-H-R-E-R.
- 21 THE COURT: Very good. Deputy, I'm going to turn you
- 22 over to State's Attorney Ingold.
- MR. INGOLD: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 25 BY MR. INGOLD:

- 1 Q. Deputy Mehrer, can you give us a brief background of
- 2 your training and give us an overview of what you do every day.
- 3 A. Yes. I've been with the sheriff's department for 26
- 4 years. I've been part of the criminal investigation for a
- 5 little over 10 years. I graduated from Minot State University
- 6 with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice, graduated
- 7 from the Law Enforcement Academy here in Bismarck. I have
- 8 approximately twenty-five hundred hours of continuous training
- 9 through the sheriff's department.
- 10 My daily duties are following up on reports conducted by
- 11 the patrol officers, and then taking in reports that come
- 12 directly into the sheriff's department, and doing follow-up
- 13 investigations on those reports.
- Q. Were you on duty back on August 3, 2020?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Were you asked to interview a man named Dalton
- 17 Peltier?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. How did that come about?
- 20 A. There was an incident at 303 90th Avenue Northeast in
- 21 Bismarck. It was involving a stabbing. Mr. Peltier was
- 22 detained by our patrol officers and brought to the sheriff's
- 23 department. I was contacted by my sergeant who was at the
- 24 scene and he requested that I interview Mr. Peltier.
- Q. At the time you began your interview of Mr. Peltier,

- 1 what information did you know?
- 2 A. I didn't know a whole lot other than there was a
- 3 stabbing incident, and that Mr. Peltier was a person of
- 4 interest.
- 5 Q. Was he brought to you by patrol?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Was that by Deputy Weigel?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Is Mr. Peltier on the Zoom call here today?
- 10 A. Yes. He's the individual at the detention center
- 11 there.
- 12 O. And --
- 13 THE COURT: The record can reflect that the deputy
- 14 has identified the defendant, Dalton Peltier.
- 15 MR. INGOLD: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 16 Q. And Deputy Mehrer, when Mr. Peltier was brought to
- 17 you, he was handcuffed; is that correct?
- 18 A. That is correct.
- 19 Q. Did you then proceed with your interview of
- 20 Mr. Peltier?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. All right. Was that recorded?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And I believe that the Court has indicated it's
- 25 already been accepted, but that was submitted as Exhibit 1; is

- 1 that correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Is it your standard practice to Mirandize people that
- 4 you interview?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Did you do that with Mr. Peltier?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Before doing so, did you ask him if he had already
- 9 been read his rights?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what was his response?
- 12 A. He stated he was -- he did.
- 13 Q. Nevertheless, you then Mirandized him; is that right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And did you have him sign a Miranda waiver?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And again, the Court's indicated that's been
- 18 submitted as Exhibit 2; so I'm just going to move on from that.
- I guess one of the issues here today is Mr. Peltier is
- 20 alleged to have been in some distress when you interviewed him.
- 21 About how many interviews have you done?
- 22 A. Well over a hundred.
- 23 Q. And based on your experience as an investigator, did
- 24 Mr. Peltier seem overly distressed to you?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. All right. Describe this general demeanor.
- A. He appeared to be tired, but he was very calm.
- 3 Didn't appear to be under the influence of anything.
- 4 Generally, just calm and very cooperative with the interview.
- 5 Q. Based on your perspective, did it seem as though he
- 6 was wanting to provide information?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Were there any questions to which he
- 9 refused to provide a response?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Were there any questions that you had to repeat to
- 12 him in order to get him to respond? In otherwise -- in other
- 13 words, did you have to put any pressure on him to get him to
- 14 respond?
- 15 A. No. He was speaking very freely that day.
- MR. INGOLD: And, Your Honor, I don't have any other
- 17 questions at this time.
- 18 THE COURT: Thank you.
- Mr. Loraas, do you have any questions of Deputy
- 20 Mehrer?
- MR. LORAAS: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.
- THE COURT: At your leisure.
- MR. LORAAS: Thank you.
- 24 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 25 BY MR. LORAAS:

- 1 Q. Deputy, so on August 3rd he was brought to you in the
- 2 morning; correct?
- A. It was right at noon, sir. It was like at 12:01.
- Q. Okay. And he did indicate to you that he had freaked
- 5 out about what had happened; correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you don't know that -- when a Miranda was
- 8 waived -- excuse me -- was read to him before he actually had
- 9 waived it? You don't know that; correct?
- 10 A. I do not know that, no.
- 11 Q. And Mr. Peltier indicated that when he woke up his
- 12 fiancé was naked from the waist down; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And that -- he indicated that they had gone to bed or
- 15 to sleep at 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning; correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. After doing some drinking; correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And he indicated to you that his thought process was
- that he believed that she had been raped; is the correct?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. And he indicated to you that he had not had sex with
- 23 her; correct?
- 24 A. I believe so, yes. Correct.
- Q. But he indicated that they had been at O'Brian's and

- 1 closed the bar down; correct?
- A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And they had drinks at O'Brian's; correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And he indicated to you that when this -- when an
- 6 incident had happened outside, he had his hands up when a
- 7 neighbor had cocked a gun pointing it at him; correct?
- Q A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Now, you indicated to him that you knew that he was
- 10 under a lot of stress; correct?
- 11 A. In regards -- yes, I did.
- 12 Q. So that would've been like at -- far, pretty far into
- 13 the interview? Say like 24 minutes and 20 seconds; correct?
- 14 A. Yeah, I think it was in the 20 minute area.
- 15 Q. Thank you, Deputy. And he also indicated to you that
- 16 he had been drinking; so he did not fully appreciate what may
- 17 have been signals that this other -- that another person was
- 18 hitting on his fiancé; correct? Since he had been drinking he
- 19 didn't fully appreciate that; is that correct?
- 20 A. I don't know if those were his exact words. I can
- 21 look in my interview here.
- Q. It would have been about a minute thirty into the
- 23 interview. And you may not have it in your report, Deputy; so
- 24 I'm just -- if you, you know, I'm -- do you recall that? Is
- 25 that something --

- 1 A. I would say that he was not happy, that he believed
- 2 his girlfriend was sexually assaulted.
- 3 Q. But he did indicate that he had been drinking? He
- 4 indicated that to you repeatedly, that had been drinking at the
- 5 bar and at the residence; correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And you noticed that towards the end of the interview
- 8 he had his head down; correct? On the table; correct?
- 9 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 10 Q. And he was -- he did that more than once; correct?
- 11 Where he placed head out on the table?
- 12 A. I would say that's correct, yes.
- Q. And he yawned; correct? Towards -- especially
- 14 towards the end of the interview; correct?
- 15 A. I don't recall him yawning. If it's on the video
- 16 then yes, he did, but I don't remember that.
- 17 Q. You don't remember him not yawning; correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. You do not remember him not yawning; correct?
- 20 A. I do not remember him not yawning, yes.
- 21 Q. Thank you.
- One moment please.
- THE COURT: Certainly.
- Q. You gave him a water when he first came in; correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. And that's because he indicated he was thirsty;
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And towards the end of the interview, again, he asked
- 5 for water; correct?
- 6 A. I do not recall.
- 7 Q. But you do not recall that he did not ask for more
- 8 water later in the interview; correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. You would agree that having a shotgun pointed at a
- 11 person, that would be something that would stressful; correct?
- 12 A. Absolutely. Yes.
- Q. And he indicated that a shotgun was pointed at him,
- 14 that he knew it was cocked; correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you understood that although -- he had gone to
- 17 bed at 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning; correct? Is that what you
- 18 understood?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And although he had gone to sleep that early, he had
- 21 woke up shortly after sunrise; is that what you understood?
- A. My understanding, yeah, it's right around 9:00
- 23 o'clock.
- Q. You would agree that having a shotgun pointed at you
- 25 could be emotionally distressful; correct?

- 1 A. Absolutely. Yes.
- 2 Q. And also believing that your fiancé had been raped
- 3 could be emotionally distressful; correct?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And you didn't doubt that he believed that she had
- 6 been raped; correct?
- 7 A. No. He believed that she had been sexually
- 8 assaulted, yeah. So I do not doubt that.
- 9 Q. And considering that he had been up until 4:00 or
- 10 5:00 in the morning and had been up fairly early in the morning
- 11 then, it would be reasonable to believe that he would've been
- 12 tired; correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And since he had told you that he had been drinking,
- 15 that would be something that would have still been impacting
- 16 him; correct? Let me put it to you this way, you can't say
- 17 that it wasn't affecting him; correct?
- 18 A. No, I can't say that.
- 19 Q. And you certainly gave him the impression that you
- 20 were trying to get to the bottom of this allegation that
- 21 someone had raped his fiancé; correct? You were trying to
- 22 investigate that also?
- 23 A. Yeah. Absolutely. Yes.
- Q. Thank you.
- 25 MR. LORAAS: I have no further questions of this

- 1 witness at this time.
- THE COURT: Thank you.
- 3 State's Attorney Ingold, do you have any additional
- 4 questions of Deputy Mehrer?
- 5 MR. INGOLD: I do, Your Honor.
- 6 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. INGOLD:
- 8 Q. Deputy Mehrer, as part of your law enforcement
- 9 experience have you had occasion to interact with people who
- 10 are under the influence of alcohol?
- 11 A. Many times.
- 12 Q. There's no doubt that Mr. Peltier claimed he drank
- 13 alcohol the night before, but did he seem, based on your
- 14 training and experience, to be under the influence of alcohol
- 15 as you were interviewing him?
- 16 A. He did not.
- 17 Q. Did he smell of alcohol at that time?
- 18 A. He did not.
- 19 Q. Did he tell you he was too drunk to talk to you or
- 20 make any statements that would indicate that he was unable to
- 21 communicate with you?
- A. He did not.
- Q. All right. My only other questions are about the
- 24 shotgun. Did you also interview an individual with the
- 25 initials J.E.? That person being a neighbor of the stabbing

- 1 victim.
- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q. All right. And is J.E. the individual who pointed
- 4 that weapon at Mr. Peltier?
- 5 A. He was.
- 6 Q. And based on his statements to you, what was the
- 7 reason that that occurred?
- 8 A. He was under the impression that he and his family
- 9 were in immediate danger of being assaulted.
- 10 Q. And is that assaulted by Mr. Peltier?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. They had just witnessed Mr. Peltier stab J.E.; is
- 13 that correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And based on J.E.'s statements, did you ultimately
- 16 determine that that was a reasonable act for J.E. to engage in?
- 17 A. I believe so, yes.
- 18 MR. INGOLD: Your Honor, I don't have any other
- 19 questions.
- THE COURT: Thank you.
- 21 I'll give you one last chance, Mr. Loraas, if you
- 22 have anything.
- MR. LORAAS: One moment, Your Honor.
- I have no further questions of this witness, Your
- 25 Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: Very good.
- We'll conclude the testimony of Deputy Mehrer.
- 3 Any additional witnesses to be called by the State at
- 4 this suppression hearing?
- 5 MR. INGOLD: No, Your Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: Very good.
- 7 The State has rested.
- 8 With respect to this motion from the evidence side,
- 9 Mr. Loraas, do you intend on putting any evidence on?
- MR. LORAAS: No, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Very good.
- Both parties have rested. Now, I'd like to take some
- 13 comments.
- I have your briefs and I have listened to the tape
- 15 which is Exhibit 1 -- or the disc, I should say. It's no
- 16 longer a tape. That kind of dates me a little bit since it's
- 17 really not that. And I will review it again given the
- 18 testimony that I have now from the deputy, but I'll take some
- 19 comments from both counsel beginning with the State.
- 20 State's Attorney Ingold, do you have any comments you
- 21 want to put on the record with respect to this issue?
- 22 MR. INGOLD: Your Honor, I think the video speaks for
- 23 itself. Deputy Mehrer took the step of providing Miranda
- 24 warnings to Mr. Peltier. He uncuffed him, gave him a bottle of
- 25 water. From watching to video it appears that Mr. Peltier just

- 1 basically wanted to tell his side of the story. He believed
- 2 that his fiancé had been attacked, and he wanted to explain to
- 3 Deputy Mehrer why he engaged in the conduct that he engaged in.
- And when looking at whether his statements should be
- 5 suppressed, I don't think there's any Miranda issue. The
- 6 defense has not brought forward any evidence that will indicate
- 7 that there's any Miranda violation. I think that Deputy Mehrer
- 8 provided the Miranda waiver, that's in the record; so the Court
- 9 has enough to deny the motion on that ground.
- But with respect to the confession, we're really
- 11 looking at the confession at the time it was given and whether
- 12 the defendant's will was overborne. There's nothing in the
- 13 video to indicate that Deputy Mehrer was putting any pressure
- 14 on Mr. Peltier whatsoever. It's apparent, again, that
- 15 Mr. Peltier simply wanted to tell his version of events and
- 16 Deputy Mehrer let him do that. So I ask the Court to deny the
- 17 motion. Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Thank you.
- Mr. Loraas, do you have some comments you want to add
- 20 to the record in addition to your written brief?
- MR. LORAAS: Yes, Your Honor, just a few comments
- 22 here.
- There's no question that my client had been drinking
- 24 at a bar. There's no question that he had been drinking at
- 25 this residence. There's no question that a shotgun that was

- 1 loaded was pointed at him and this would cause stress. There's
- 2 no question that the officer, himself here, during the
- 3 interview acknowledged that he's under stress, and that is that
- 4 he acknowledged that my client was under stress.
- And the fact that he'd been drinking, that he also
- 6 had this belief that his fiancé had been raped, this adds to
- 7 the stress levels. And under the circumstances here, the
- 8 interview happening shortly after the alleged incidence, it's
- 9 reasonable to believe that he was under stress, and that the
- 10 characteristics and conditions of the accused at the time of
- 11 this interview and his physical and mental condition, weigh in
- 12 favor of finding that he did not voluntarily waive Miranda.
- 13 The circumstances would weigh in favor of excluding the
- 14 interview, the statements that he made during it. Thank you,
- 15 Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Loraas.
- 17 I'll give you the last word, State's Attorney Ingold.
- 18 Anything additional you want to add to the record?
- 19 MR. INGOLD: Your Honor, I don't disagree that at one
- 20 point Mr. Peltier probably was experiencing some stress as a
- 21 result of having a shotgun pointed at him. But when we look at
- 22 this event as an entire picture, that happened after
- 23 Mr. Peltier had already caused extensive damage to the victim's
- 24 home and stabbed the victim, had yelled profanities and
- 25 terroristic threats at the good Samaritans who were rendering

- 1 aid, and that's when the shotgun came out. And that was some
- 2 time before he was brought to Deputy Mehrer who, again, did
- 3 nothing more than to just let him tell his story. So I think
- 4 the motion should be denied. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 6 Well, I will take the matter under advisement. We do
- 7 have a little time, but I think both attorneys know me well, I
- 8 like to get these taken care of, and I'm going to move on it
- 9 rather quickly. I do want to listen to the interview one more
- 10 time.
- 11 So if there's nothing further, I will take it under
- 12 advisement. I will have something out -- I know we've moved
- 13 this trial to allow for the opportunity of the defense to
- 14 engage an expert witnesses should they wish to do that and so
- 15 we'll proceed in that fashion.
- 16 There being nothing further on the record -- again,
- 17 just for the record, I've received Exhibits 1 and 2, Document
- 18 Entries 66 and 67, that I'll use in consideration of the motion
- 19 to suppress. I will issue a short order that essentially
- 20 denies the motion to compel based on essentially mootness that
- 21 the parties have resolved any discovery issues at this point.
- So with that, we are adjourned in 08-2020-CR-02317
- 23 pending a decision from the Court on the motion to suppress.
- 24 Thanks, both parties. I appreciate it.
- Have a good day, Mr. Peltier.

1	HE DEFENDANT: The	ank you.
2	THE COURT: Thank	you.
3	MR. LORAAS: Thank	you, Your Honor.
4	THE COURT: Thank	you.
5	(Adjourned at 9:30	a.m.)
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Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 27th day of July, 2021.

Kimberly Gullicks, AAERT CER, CET
Official District Court Recorder/Transcriber

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Dalton Peltier,)	
Defend	ant.)	

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