## **EXHIBIT 6**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

ASHLEY CHRISTINA BENEFIELD,

Petitioner,

and

CASE NO.: 2018-DR-01823

DOUGLAS GLASS BENEFIELD,

Respondent.

DEPOSITION OF: DOUGLAS GLASS BENEFIELD

TAKEN BY:

Petitioner Herein

BEFORE:

MELISSA GROMKO Notary Public State of Florida

DATE:

July 17, 2018

Commencing at 10:03 a.m.

PLACE:

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MS. MURPHY: I gave them to Jessica. Do you have your copy?

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- Q. Let's back up for a second before we get into this.
  - A. Okay.
- Q. I wasn't sure you told me when you hit the hole in the wall, before or after June 15th?
- A. Let's go to Ashley's -- Ashley is saying April 14th.
  - Q. So before that, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
  - Q. And you admit that that happened, on or about that day you hit the wall to get her to stop talking?
    - A. I hit it out of frustration. It had the effect of stopping her for a minute.
    - Q. And what was -- what were you frustrated about?
    - A. Same thing. Ashley -- the story is nothing specifically like she said. That was in -- I was the one in the closet, she was standing outside the closet, and we were arguing, once again, about Eva.
      - Q. Why were you in the closet?
      - A. I was changing clothes.

- Q. You were arguing about Eva, and did you hit the wall in the closet or someplace else?
- A. No. I was in the closet and Ashley was standing at the foot of the bed, which is 10, 15 feet away, 10 feet away.
- Q. Okay. I'm sorry. You hit the wall outside of the closet but Ashley was 10 or 15 feet away; is that what you said?
- A. No. I was in the closet, sort of in the doorway.
  - O. Yeah.

- A. And the same exact scenario, she would not stop fussing about Eva.
  - Q. So you hit the wall where?
- A. I was inside the closet and hit it from the -- on the inside of the closet just about where there's an ADT alarm system.
  - Q. It put a hole in the wall?
- A. Yes, it did, and then it went through -- my fist went through the sheetrock and sort of hit the outside. I remember that because that's where I first started to have them put the ADT, so they already started cutting the hole.
  - Q. Did it ever get repaired?
  - A. Yes, it did.

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- Q. Is this Ashley's fault again because she wouldn't stop?
- A. I would say Ashley was -- Ashley was the

cause of the argument, yes.

first through the sheetrock?

- Q. Was Ashley the cause of your putting your
- A. No. It was my bad decision, but Ashley was a -- caused the argument. Ashley was the entire cause of the argument.
- Q. So Ashley was not the cause for your putting your first through the sheetrock, but she was the cause for you shooting the bullet in the ceiling?
- A. Ashley was the cause of both arguments because she would not stop arguing about my daughter.
- Q. I'm not asking about the arguments. You misunderstood the question.
  - A. Okay.
- Q. You said that your bad decision caused your fist to go through the sheetrock. Was it your bad decision that caused you to shoot the bullet in this the ceiling or was it Ashley?
- A. No. Both were my honest bad decisions in a stressful situation.
  - Q. All right. Now, was everything you told the

of -- I was watching it closely --

- Q. That's not -- my question is not about the trajectory of the storm. My question is did she ask you to come to Florida when you came to Florida in September or did you come on your own?
- A. No. I came on my own because she was not answering the phone very much.
- Q. During your arguments in the past, besides shooting a firearm, throwing a firearm and punching a hole in the wall, did you ever throw things besides the qun?
- A. I don't ever remember throwing anything.

  No, I don't remember the only thing I remember,

  one time standing at the sink and there's a glass in

  the sink and I definitely it broke when I put it

  down too hard. Other than that, I've never thrown

  anything.
- Q. So you were in an argument and you put a glass down too hard and it broke; is that what you're saying?
  - A. Yeah.
  - O. When was that?
  - A. I don't remember specifically.
- Q. Was it before or after June 20 -- I'm sorry.

25 | Was it before or after June 15th?

## CERTIFICATE OF OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF MANATEE )

I, the undersigned authority, certify that the witness in this matter personally appeared before me and was duly sworn on the 17th day of July, 2018.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 26th day of July, 2018.

Melissa Gromko, Court Reporter

Notary Public

State of Florida at Large

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My Commission Number: GG 051632

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## CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF FLORIDA )
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I, Melissa Gromko, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the deposition; that a review of the transcript was requested; and that the foregoing pages are a true and complete record of my stenographic notes taken during said deposition.

I further certify that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorneys or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2018.

Melissa Gromko, Court Reporter

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