

1 (Government Exhibit 4 admitted in evidence.)

2 Q. Debi, would you pull that up, please. And can you blow it
3 up at all? It's kind of faint.

4 Mr. Pitino, can you tell us -- did you read this note at the
5 time that you received it?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. Okay. Can you tell us what it says at the top of the note
8 there?

9 A. It says, "Everything I have named below to be put in my name
10 only, Karen Cunagin Sypher," and then a list of demands.

11 Q. It has an itemized list of demands, you said?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. And you -- I think you said earlier that those were
14 the same things that the defendant had demanded of you in the
15 meetings that you had with her at the Yum! Center.

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. There's a few additional things too.

19 Q. All right. Why don't you -- what were the things that she
20 had mentioned before and what are the new items?

21 A. Well, the college part -- I knew when I got this that their
22 marriage was now over, because Tim Sypher already had college
23 for the boys.

24 Q. As you said, because he's an employee of the University of
25 Louisville?

1 A. Exactly.

2 Q. And children of a university employee attend free?

3 A. Yes, they do.

4 Q. All right.

5 A. The "car of my choice & Jacob's choice - also, insurance
6 paid on...for 2 years." She asked for a car before in the

7 meeting, and she asked for Jacob as well.

8 "House paid off [of] my choice. Movers and" -- as far as
9 the movers and closing costs now were added.

10 "\$3,000 cash" -- she asked for spending money in the office.

11 Now it was a specific amount -- "...for five years for
12 groceries, bills, et cetera. Annabelle's accounts to be put
13 into" her name.

14 Q. And Annabelle is Karen and Tim Sypher's daughter?

15 A. And that's the one thing that Tim didn't want was to be put
16 in anybody's name other than his daughter.

17 Q. And what -- what account are they referring -- is the
18 defendant referring to?

19 A. It was the \$19,000 that was put aside, a two-year bonus that
20 he had come into.

21 Q. Okay. In the education fund that we talked about earlier?

22 A. Right, that is correct.

23 Q. Okay.

24 A. "All to begin immediately starting 3-6...(cash payment to
25 begin this month." And then --

1 Q. Three -- 3-6, March 6th is the day you received this note?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. All right.

4 A. And then when I leave, "...a cash payment of \$75,000 to be
5 given to" -- to her. "If all is accepted," she "will protect
6 Rick Pitino's name for life."

7 Q. Debi, could you blow up that bottom portion for me.

8 Mr. Pitino, you just read that. "If all is accepted, I will
9 protect Rick Pitino's name for life." And it's got a signature
10 after that. Is that the defendant's name?

11 A. It is.

12 Q. Okay. And it was dated?

13 A. 3-6-09.

14 Q. Okay. And a time of 1:06 p.m.?

15 A. That is correct.

16 Q. Okay. When you received this note, did you construe that as
17 a -- as a threat?

18 A. I thought it was blackmail.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. And I thought it was -- that if I did not comply, she was
21 going to try and damage my reputation.

22 Q. All right. Mr. Pitino, is this -- did you request that the
23 defendant write these things down?

24 A. I did not.

25 Q. Did you ask her husband to get a list from her?