

EXHIBIT I

CRAIG PARKER

DEPOSITION

EXCERPTS

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

MICHAEL DAVID SILLS and MARY SILLS,
Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 3:23-cv-00478

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, et al.
Defendants.



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1 A. I had no -- I had never seen evidence of
2 that.
3 MR. ELBERT: Object as to form and
4 foundation.
5 BY MS. RILEY:
6 Q. Okay. Did you know Mary Sills personally?
7 A. No.
8 Q. Okay. Mr. Parker, I want to talk about the
9 meeting where Dr. Mohler talked to David about that.
10 -- okay -- allegation that Jennifer had called in
11 about. Were you there?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. And where was it on campus?
14 A. It was in Dr. Mohler's office.
15 Q. Which is --
16 A. In Norton Hall.
17 Q. Norton Hall.
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Okay. And who else was there?
20 A. Dr. Mohler, Dr. Greenway, Dr. Stinson, and
21 Dr. Sills.
22 Q. Okay. And can you describe -- like, was it
23 in, like, Dr. Mohler's office and Dr. Mohler was
24 behind his desk or was there a sitting area? If you
25 can -- that's what I'm asking.

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1 A. He has an outer office where he would do
2 meetings.
3 Q. Yes, sir.
4 A. And we were seated in a circle.
5 Q. Did you have a table or were y'all --
6 A. No, ma'am. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm
7 interrupting.
8 MR. LEET: Yeah, y'all try to -- both try
9 --
10 THE DEPONENT: Go ahead. I'm going to shut
11 up.
12 BY MS. RILEY:
13 Q. Well, I don't want you to shut up. Is it a
14 setup where you had, like, a chair or loveseat, and
15 you all were all seated around, and I'm just trying
16 to get a picture of it.
17 A. That's right. Like a living room. There
18 is a sofa with a coffee table and then chairs
19 around.
20 Q. Okay. Where was everybody in the meeting
21 sitting? If you can remember?
22 A. If the room was situated like this room,
23 Dr. Mohler would have been in that corner. Dr.
24 Greenway and Dr. Sills would have been seated
25 against this wall. I was in this corner. I guess


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1 that only leaves that side for Dr. Stinson.
2 Q. Okay. Can you tell me what you remember
3 about the meeting?
4 A. I remember Dr. Greenway brought Dr. Sills
5 over from Cooke Hall. That's where their offices
6 were. They come in and -- or seated, and Dr. Mohler
7 explains that he had received the phone call and
8 outlines what he had been told. And it was just --
9 my take, it was awkward from that point forward.
10 Q. And what -- what -- do you remember exactly
11 what Mohler said to David Sills as what was
12 reported?
13 A. He gave back to him the statements that
14 Jennifer had made to him on the phone.
15 Q. Okay. And then said what?
16 A. He -- he asked him to respond.
17 Q. And what did Mr. Sills say?
18 A. Once again, my interpretation, I think he
19 was taken by surprise. And he fumbled and stumbled
20 and never gave a clear answer. Dr. Mohler was
21 asking clear questions. This statement was made,
22 this statement was made, but Dr. Sills never gave
23 back a clear statement, not affirmation or denial.
24 Q. Uh-huh. And so did eventually Dr. Mohler
25 get a clear statement from David Sills?

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1 A. He kept pressing that these are the
2 statements she made. Can you give a clear -- I'm
3 putting words in his mouth, but that was --
4 Q. I understand.
5 A. -- the tenor of it. And finally, Dr. Sills
6 sort of owned up to it. It was never, like, just
7 gushy how yes, I'm guilty. My takeaway as I was
8 sharing my recollection with Mr. Leet -- he never
9 made that declarative.
10 I don't know what you're talking about. I
11 don't know why she would make these statements.
12 This is absolutely fiction. And no, I -- I'm
13 totally innocent. It was more --
14 Q. Well, what did --
15 A. -- it was more like well, I did some things
16 that I guess you would say were inappropriate. And
17 Dr. Mohler just very patiently kept pressing. These
18 were very clear statements and accusations. How do
19 you respond to that?
20 And then finally, once again, like I said,
21 never just outright saying well, I'm completely
22 guilty. It was well, we did things that were
23 inappropriate.
24 Q. Did he -- did David Sills deny the
25 allegation that it was non-consensual?

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4	videographer on behalf of NAEGLI Deposition &
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