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Weekly 7

On these weekly episodes, the content I watched was about fighting. For example, in this case, the plaintiff says her boyfriend has a child with the defendant and the defendant has been trying to fight her for some months now. The plaintiff did not want to fight the defendant and was letting her know that. However, on October 4 the defendant and her baby father were fighting back and forward. Eventually, he punched her in the eye. The defendant then proceeded to chase the plaintiff and her baby father which ended the defendant with a black eye. The defendant claims that the plaintiff hit her in the eye with a brick. However, during this case, the plaintiff showed evidence that the defendant was the one who wanted to fight, and Judge Mathis agreed. The defendant was in the wrong and is countersuing for emotional distress and the verdict was dismissed because the defendant was the one who started the fight. I agree with the verdict because the defendant tried to play the victim when she knew that she was wrong. As a law clerk I was surprised that the plaintiff nor the defendant wanted to appeal the case. Both two ladies were in the wrong in my opinion, so I believe that verdict was fair. Both young ladies are young, and this should be a learning lesson for both. In the next case, the plaintiff claims that the defendant and the plaintiff used to party together. One night at a party the defendant and the plaintiff cousin started to fight. His cousin threw the first punch and missed, and they proceeded to fight. Both men while fighting ended up on the ground while the plaintiff was fighting the defendant's friend. Judge Mathis told the young men that he sees too many people resolve their arguing through shooting instead of fighting. In the end, the young men agreed that fighting is not the answer and that they are too old for that. The verdict was that the case was dismissed because both parties were wrong. However, the defendant wanted to appeal this case and the appeal was granted. The court case was rescheduled and the verdict in the case was that the plaintiff was won the case because of the video evidence of hitting the defendant hitting the plaintiff and sending harassing messages. I remember many people used to fight in my high school and they absolutely were charged. Fighting only leads to people being arrested and having to deal with charges on their records. This is a number one reason for me wanting to work with juveniles because I want to help them change their lives before it is too late. Many parents need to discipline their children and punish them instead of enabling their bad behaviors. Bad children can lead to having delinquent juveniles and parents can help stop this from happening. I want to be a mentor to help guide bad children before they end up dead or in jail because of their actions. Also, I want to let juveniles know that it will be hard to get a job with crimes on your record. I am currently taking classes about juvenile delinquency and I want to know why children behave the way they do. I believe the behavior starts at home with the parents because once your child acts up you punish them. You cannot let children get rewards for being bad because they will become criminal adults. In many cases, criminals were bad since they were children and they did not listen to their parents. In some cases, it is not always the parent's fault because I have a cousin that would get discipline and still do wrong.

Weekly 8

These weekly episodes focused on people damaging others' property. For example, the plaintiff and her sister grew up in different foster homes and reconnected as adults. She claims the defendant is violent, and she is using her for damaged property. The defendant claims when she got in a fight with the plaintiff, most of her property was damaged. She is countersuing for assault, a rent refund, and

property. The defendant claims her boyfriend the plaintiff may have something going on. However, the defendant's boyfriend denies everything saying they only smoked together. The plaintiff let the defendant and her boyfriend stay at her house until they got back on their feet. The defendant also admits that she is angry because all her siblings lived together but her. Their mother admitted that the defendant was very violent and poured bleach on her clothes. The judge's verdict was that neither of them will receive money for pain and suffering because they both were fighting. The defendant received her rent money back and the plaintiff received money for her damaged property. As the law clerk I agree with the judge's decision since I reviewed all the evidence myself. This case proved to me that you must take matters to court when it is hard to come up with a solution. I believe that the defendant was wrong because just because you had a rough childhood does not mean you can take your anger out when you are mad. I also believe that the Judge ruling on returning some rent money was fair because she kicked them out early. These two ladies should have never lived together because it was a mistake. Many people told me to never move in with my best friend because you will get tired of each other. I believe this to be true because seeing someone some days compared to each day will get aggravating to some people. I am like this with my friends because I do not want to see them each day. It has nothing to do with friendship but more it does with what if we disagree and someone gets angry. On the Judge Mathis show, I have seen many roommates take each other to court to fight a dispute. I believe that people should try working it out before taking things to court. This will help to not spend money on court fees and having to miss out on work. This case made it very clear that I will be careful about sharing an apartment with someone. In the next case, the plaintiff is suing her former roommates and friends for rent, electric bill, and harassment. The defendants are countersuing for harassment, as well as pain and suffering. The defendants admitted to only paying the plaintiff \$40 for the month of August and paid nothing in September. The judge got angry because the defendants kept bringing up their mothers. The defendant claims were dismissed for harassment and the plaintiff was rewarded for non-payment. The defendant admits to trying to tase the plaintiff and I could not believe this. A man should never try to hurt a female that is ridiculous when the defendants were splitting the bill with 5 people.