

NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
08 CVD 12310

WAKE COUNTY

GARRY D. RENTZ AND DONNA A. RENTZ AND KRISTA C. LISTER,
Plaintiffs,
v.
BRADLEY COOPER,
Defendant.

**AFFIDAVIT OF
JILL DEAN**

Jill Dean, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over eighteen years of age and competent to testify to the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2. I am Nancy Cooper's sister.

3. I was in a car on the way back to Calgary from Canmore with my sister Nancy Cooper and her husband Brad Cooper. It was 1999 and they were dating at the time. During this car ride, my sister and Brad discussed with me how Brad had gotten in a car accident and how he had become depressed during the aftermath. At this time, Nancy then told me how Brad had tried to commit suicide. Brad was in the car at the time and heard the entire conversation yet never disputed anything Nancy said. Based on the conversation, I concluded that Brad had previously attempted suicide.

4. I often witnessed Nancy and Brad getting into fights about his lack of involvement with Bella and Katie. Nancy felt that she often had to bear most of the responsibilities

5. During Christmas 2006, I witnessed Nancy purchase an expensive briefcase for Brad as a Christmas gift as it was something that he had wanted. Upon receiving it, Brad decided to return the bag because he thought it was feminine looking and exchange it for nearly equally expensive shoes. When they did not have his size he returned the case.

6. My parents, Donna and Garry Rentz, are both loving and caring parents as well as grandparents. They both loved and cared for their daughter and went above and beyond to be supportive of Brad and Nancy as well as their children Katie and Bella during their marriage. Near the end of her life, my father Garry talked to Nancy, very frequently, sometimes daily, and always knew the goings on of both Katie and Bella.

7. My family started to grow increasingly concerned about Nancy, Katie, and Bella around March 2008. While my Parents were on a cruise in China, the power and water were shut off at Nancy's house because Brad had apparently not paid the bills. I spoke to Nancy on the phone that day; she was in tears that she could not make her children a hot lunch or give Bella and Katie a bath at home that day due to the circumstances. She felt that Brad had done this to her to hurt her and when she attempted to turn the water and electricity back on with the VISA, her name had been removed from the account. At this time Nancy, was extremely frustrated and felt as though Brad was trying to control her, and show her how powerless she was in terms of finances. What she could not understand was why he would do this while he knew his children were at home. Nancy and Brad were at odds at this point and very tense, but the fact that he would put his children's well being at stake to prove a point was very disturbing to Nancy.

8. Krista and Nancy were very close and Jim is a very supportive husband to Krista. They have always shown love and support to our daughter Kennedy and I know that they have been there in the same respect for Katie and Bella. Krista and Jim have an extremely loving and supportive marriage, which would provide a very wholesome and nourishing environment for any child to grow up in. I have personally witnessed both of them go to great lengths to provide whatever is necessary for Katie and Bella, and have seen Bella in particular be very attached to my sister Krista as someone she trusts.

9. Brad Cooper stated in his affidavit that Nancy had a new BMW SUV while he drove an older model BMW. This "older model" was virtually new and the only car they had when I visited Nancy when my daughter was almost one and Bella was one and a half. Nancy and I were never able to use the vehicle unless we drove Brad to work and back, if we wanted to go anywhere we had to walk with the children in the strollers and it was very hot there as it was in late June. While Brad could have carpooled with a neighbor that lived around the block, he very seldom did and instead took their car to work virtually everyday.

10. Our family is a very close knit family that makes an effort to spend all our holidays together and we have always been very supportive of each other. My parents have always raised us to put our family first. Things started to go downhill in Nancy's marriage, when she realized that Brad had been unfaithful to her and then had lied to her. That became clear when he was subpoenaed in another trial involving Heather Metour. Nancy decided that the marriage was over. She then tried to decide when to leave, how to go about it and how to deal with leaving with Katie and Bella as they are American citizens.

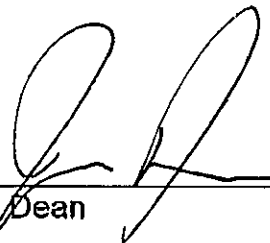
11. At first when she approached Brad, he told her to leave with the kids and that he never wanted to see them again. He then gave Nancy both the passports and looked into getting her a moving van to move her and the girls back to Canada. When my sister consulted a lawyer regarding how much Brad would potentially have to pay her in child support, she gave Brad the amount and he became very agitated. He then took back Katie's passport and told her she could leave with Bella. Nancy refused and then decided to go about fixing up the house to ready it for sale to split their assets. From this point on, Nancy kept most of her important documents in her car, locked with the keys in her pants pocket so he could not take anything else.

12. Brad and I were always very close. When they first moved to the United States, we remained close but over time I realized that something about Brad had changed, he had become quieter and more emotionally removed.

13. While Bella and Katie were in Canada for Nancy's funeral we had a birthday party for Katie. She never received a phone call, e-mail, or gift from Brad either on that day or the next day.

14. Further affiant saith not.

This the 2nd day of October, 2008.

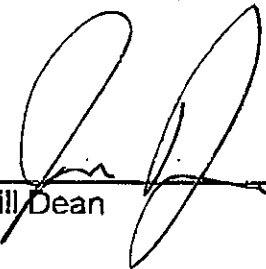


Jill Dean (Seal)

AND, I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED before me at
Edmonton in the
Province of Alberta, this
October 2, 2008.

Notary Public, Province of Alberta



Jill Dean

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

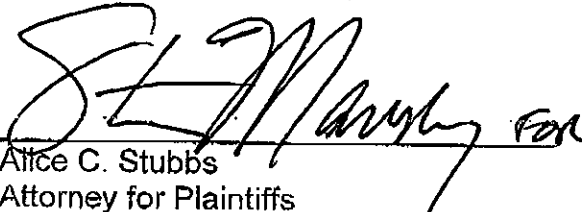
I hereby certify that the foregoing **Affidavit of Jill Dean** was this day served upon the following attorneys of record for Defendant by confirmed facsimile and by placing a copy in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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