

Supreme Court of Florida

Case No. SC2024-1179

RUSTY MILLER, et al.,
Petitioner(s),

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent(s).

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Date: April 20, 2023

Type of Hearing: Trial Case Management

State of Florida v. Kelli Lynch

Case #: 482022CF000688000AOX (Orange County)

Original Hearing Location: Orange County Courthouse

6C 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801

Presiding Judge: HONORABLE DIEGO MADRIGAL III

Appearances:

For the State: RICHARD WALSH,

For the Defense: JONATHAN MILLS

Defendant: KELLI LYNCH Present, but outside of Courtroom

Ninth Judicial Circuit: 482022CF000688000AOX

6th DCA: 6D2024-1378

1 **Judge Madrigal:** This the one where there was some
2 consternation about depositions, maybe that were taken
3 or not taken or something like that.

4 **Atty Mills:** Right. May we approach?

5 **Judge Madrigal:** Sure.

6 **State Atty Walsh:** Seems more of a truant approach.

7 **Atty Mills:** Yeah, I'll take fault for that.

8 **Judge Madrigal:** Yeah. So what are we saying, Mr. Mills?

9 **Atty Mills:** Judge, I think we have this worked out. Our
10 proposal, if you'll accept it, is that this will get
11 set for some time during the trial period. It would be
12 anticipated that she would enter a plea. Sentencing
13 would be set off and be like a Quarterman's agreement.
14 The anticipation is that she would provide a proffer or
15 a debriefing, or whatever you want to call it, a
16 statement to law enforcement, and sentencing would be
17 set off for perhaps several months while she does what
18 she needs to do for that.

19 **State Atty Walsh:** I would think in June or July, and I
20 don't have a preference. Obviously, she would probably

1 prefer July.

2 **Judge Madrigal:** Do you want to take—are you prepared to
3 take the plea today on the Quarterman's?

4 **Atty Mills:** I would love to do that, but I need to
5 talk—she's someone who's not been involved in serious
6 criminal cases a lot. I need to meet with her tomorrow
7 and kind of go over the—

8 **State Atty Walsh:** It's going to be a maximum of three
9 years mandatory minimum. So she would be going to
10 prison. I can understand that. So I have no objection
11 to—

12 **Judge Madrigal:** So the deal is plea contemplation,
13 consultation, and sentence.

14 **State Atty Walsh:** Correct. With a cap—

15 **Judge Madrigal:** Seems significant.

16 **Atty Mills:** Yeah.

17 **State Atty Walsh:** Yeah, I would say.

18 **Judge Madrigal:** Three years when you haven't done
19 anything before seems—for some people it's like a walk
20 in the park.

1 **Atty Mills:** Just another three years. Yeah.

2 **Judge Madrigal:** Okay. Yeah. So usually during trial
3 weeks, it's Wednesdays. I'm working fast because
4 Mondays we kind of do the trial call, Tuesdays, and so
5 I have arraignment. So it's Wednesday, Thursday,
6 Friday. Okay. So just get with Kayla once you do that.
7 But just so you guys know, probably Monday, Wednesday,
8 Friday.

9 **State Atty Walsh:** Not Monday.

10 **Judge Madrigal:** Not Monday.

11 **State Atty Walsh:** Not Monday. That's right.

12 **Judge Madrigal:** It's the days I've scheduled my
13 personal meetings.

14 **Judge Madrigal:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

15 **State Atty Walsh:** Okay, okay. On the last week of the
16 trial period, I'm on vacation. I don't mind doing the
17 second week if that helps you out. I know he's on call
18 for the case out of county, so we have to work
19 together.

20 **Atty Mills:** Town of Titusville, a lovely town.

1 **Judge Madrigal:** Just appointed all the time?

2 **Atty Mills:** All the time. A lot of crime down there.

3 **State Atty Walsh:** Do you have an office down there?

4 **Atty Mills:** Yeah, and I have family down there. So.

5 **Judge Madrigal:** Yeah. So let's just set it for the
6 second week or the first week in May and then set the
7 sentencing.

8 **Atty Mills:** Okay.

9 **Judge Madrigal:** Then she's—she's going to be on board?

10 **Atty Mills:** Yes.

11 **Judge Madrigal:** Okay.

12 **Atty Mills:** I'll go over all that with her as well.

13 **Judge Madrigal:** Okay.

14 **Judge Madrigal:** (Announced to the court) All right. So
15 Miss Lynch's case, it'll be set for a plea to be
16 coordinated with the judicial assistant.

17 **Judge Madrigal:** Thank you.

18 **Atty Mills:** Thank you, Your Honor.

19 **Judge Madrigal:** Thank you.

20 **State Atty Walsh:** Thank you, Judge.

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