

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF York)

AFFIDAVIT OF DAWN LEDWELL

Personally appeared before me, Dawn Ledwell, who, after being duly sworn states as follows:

1. My name is Dawn Ledwell and as of the date of signing this affidavit, I am a resident of the State of North Carolina.
2. From 2014 through 2015 I worked as a nanny for Thomas Ravenel and Kathryn Dennis.
3. At all times while serving as a nanny, I took great pride in providing excellent care to their daughter and later their son. I also felt a close bond between their children and myself, and loved and continue to love them to this day.
4. I was initially uncomfortable with the spotlight cast by participating in the television program Southern Charm, but appeared on the show because the constant presence of the cameras during filming meant that it was almost inevitable that I would be captured on film at some point during the execution of my duties as a nanny.
5. I was not paid as a performer by Southern Charm's production company or network, but it is my understanding that a portion of my salary for providing nannying services may have been paid by one or more of those entities.
6. Although I cared for Thomas Ravenel, Kathryn Dennis, and especially their children, I found the working environment unhealthy. The combination of Thomas Ravenel's and Kathryn Dennis' arguments and frequent intoxication created tension for me and concern about the children's wellbeing.
7. Despite the periodic tensions, there were numerous occasions in which my children, husband, and I spent enjoyable time with Thomas Ravenel's family. In my experience,

when Thomas Ravenel was not drinking, and he was not upset over his latest row with Kathryn Dennis, he was a loving father.

8. On January 25, 2015, after I had provided babysitting services to Thomas Ravenel, he returned home, appearing to be intoxicated, and made unwanted physical contact towards me. I have read and understand his account of what happened that night, and realize his recollection differs from mine. At first, I wrote off his actions that evening to his intoxication. Later, while I continued to nanny and care for his children, but as the employer-employee relationship soured, I realized it as a part of the toxic working environment I endured while working for him and Kathryn Dennis. In the Spring of 2018, when stories began emerging in the press about Thomas Ravenel and other women, and after Kathryn Dennis and friends reached out to me, encouraging me to come forward, I ultimately recognized the incident as sexual assault. While his memory differs in critical ways from my own regarding the incident, I accept Thomas' apology for his unwarranted physical contact that evening, and I believe him when he says he never intended to sexually assault me.
9. While I have accepted Thomas Ravenel's settlement and public apology, I do not believe the incident should be ignored within the legal system. Similarly, I do not believe my personal interests will be served by protracted litigation of the criminal case. For these reasons, and with the full understanding that the prosecutorial decisions are not mine to make, I will recommend to the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office that they resolve this matter with a plea from Thomas Ravenel to Assault and Battery in the Third Degree.
10. I want to thank the City of Charleston Police Department and the Charleston County Solicitor's Office for everything they have done for me after I came forward regarding

this incident. Their thorough investigation and professionalism greatly helped me during this difficult time in my life.

11. I never pursued this case for notoriety or to take advantage of Thomas Ravenel's wealth and fame. I am satisfied by this settlement, as it provides resources to People against Rape, who do important work for victims and survivors of sexual assault. I now want to become an advocate for survivors in hopes that people who were once scared to come forward, will do so knowing that there are people out there that will listen to them and who will take their accusations seriously.

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SWORN to before me this

19 day of July, 2019.

[Signature] (L.S.)

Notary Public for SC

My commission expires: April 8, 2020