

## **Cases for the Judge Training Video From the 2010 Championship**

### **3. Virgin Records**

Six months after San Diego native Natalie Dylan graduated from Sacramento State University, she received a letter from the Direct Loan Servicing Center notifying her that the deferment on her student loans had expired and she would soon be required to begin repaying the loans. Never having taken out a student loan, Dylan was stunned to learn that she was nearly \$100,000 in debt. Apparently, Ms Dylan's stepfather used her personal information to obtain fraudulent student loans and then absconded with the money. While it remained unclear whether Natalie Dylan will be held responsible for repaying the loans obtained in her name, the government subsidized financing she was counting on to fund her graduate degree was no longer available to her.

To pay for graduate school, Natalie Dylan made the decision to auction off her virginity to the highest bidder through the online auction site eBay. Not amused, eBay removed the offering soon after learning about it. Undeterred, Dylan turned to Dennis Hof, owner of the Moonlite Bunny Ranch, a legal brothel near Carson City, Nevada where her sister already worked. Hof thought the idea was tremendous and agreed to conduct the auction on the brothel's website, offering his establishment as the site for the deal's consummation. He asserted that it was better for women to use this particular asset to pay for education rather than to give it away in the back seat of a car.

Dylan, who holds a degree in women's studies and plans to begin work soon on a master's degree in marriage and family therapy, doesn't believe what she is doing is degrading. Rather, she described her unusual auction as empowering in that she is using what she has to better herself. Dylan stated she would undergo to a gynecological exam and a polygraph test to verify the authenticity of her offering.

Dylan explained that the highest bidder might not necessarily win the auction, as she wanted to find someone with whom she had some chemistry. Hof said that bidding had topped \$3 million and that Natalie was talking by telephone to some of those hoping to win the auction.

Afterword:

It now appears that Ms Dylan will have to relist her virginity for sale. The winning bidder, an Australian businessman, backed out and requested that Dylan refund his \$250,000 deposit because his wife did not want him to go through with the purchase. Ms Dylan returned the money and suggested to the man that he return to marriage counseling.

## **9. Cut to the Quick**

The Czech Republic is the only country in Europe that offers surgical castration to violent sex offenders. In 2009, the nation came under heavy criticism for the practice when the Council of Europe's anti-torture committee named the practice of surgical castration "invasive, irreversible and mutilating." According to Dan Bilefsky, writing in the 11 March 2009 New York Times, "[o]ther critics said that castration threaten[s] to lead society down a dangerous road toward eugenics."

For some who have elected surgical castration, the procedure provides relief from worry that they might hurt someone else, and offers the chance to live a productive life. Czech doctors claim it is the most foolproof way to tame sexual urges, and discontinuing the practice puts potential victims at risk. Surgical castration takes about one hour to perform and involves removing the testes through an incision in the scrotum. Chemical castration, which is used more widely, is reversible and necessitates the continual administration of anti-androgen drugs either orally or intravenously. A specialist in sexual disorders at Johns Hopkins argues that chemical castration is superior to surgery for treating sex criminals, because continual treatment provides the opportunity for physicians to monitor compliance should it be a condition of release.

Although anecdotal, there are reports of recidivism by violent sex offenders who have been surgically or chemically castrated. Surgically castrated ex-cons can at least temporarily reverse the effect of castration by taking testosterone, which is readily available over the Internet. Yet, evidence suggests the rate is less than five percent, compared with over 80% for untreated offenders.

Surgical castration in the Czech Republic is voluntary. It could, however, be construed as coercive when it is explicitly or implicitly a condition of increased freedoms in custody or of release from incarceration.