

1 you have objection to those dates, Mr. Trussell?

2 **THE DEFENDANT:** I have no objection to those
3 dates, sir. Can I ask you a question?

4 **THE COURT:** You may.

5 **THE DEFENDANT:** I'm currently incarcerated for a
6 failure to appear at the last court date.

7 **THE COURT:** Right.

8 **THE DEFENDANT:** And I was under the impression
9 that I was here. Is there any way we can set a bond
10 and have me released so I can secure some -- at least
11 start working on my defense?

12 **THE COURT:** Well, that is a good issue that we
13 need to deal with. Let me first get the trial set. We
14 will set trial for February 9th, 10th and 11th, with
15 jury selection. February 9th will be trial date.

16 Now, let's move on to your bond situation. We're
17 in a little bit of an awkward situation at this point
18 in time because you don't have an attorney here
19 representing you, nor have you been qualified to
20 represent yourself. So, it's really not appropriate
21 for me to hear from you as a pro se litigant until I've
22 qualified you, you know, in terms of your ability to
23 represent yourself. Certainly you have a right to have
24 a bond considered, but there's -- you know, it's a
25 little awkward at this point in time in terms of how we

1 do that since you don't have an attorney and nor have I
2 qualified you to represent yourself.

3 So what would you suggest?

4 **THE DEFENDANT:** I would suggest you release me on
5 my own recognizance. I'm already on a bond on the
6 other charge. I have a substantial standing in the
7 community. All my assets are here. I have no
8 intention of going anywhere. I know the charges are
9 false, so I have no problem standing for these charges.
10 So I'm ready to start putting my defense together, but
11 I'd like to be able to do it out where I can get to the
12 assets that I need. I need a computer, I need to get
13 to the law library. I mean, sitting in jail, I cannot
14 prepare a defense for myself if that's where I end up
15 being. And I don't know any other way to do it except
16 to get out.

17 And like I said, I have substantial assets in the
18 community, in this county. I have good standing in the
19 community. I'm not going anywhere.

20 **THE COURT:** Mr. Meggs, your position?

21 **MR. MEGGS:** Your Honor, the State would kind of
22 give two alternatives here. In light of the
23 defendant's failure to appear at the last court
24 appearance and acknowledge the Court and his blatant
25 disrespect for the law and the Court, I would ask the

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1 Court to not grant him a bond, that he be held without
2 bond until his trial date.

3 In the event the Court is inclined to set a bond,
4 a bond was set and estreated on his previous
5 arraignment date. If the Court is inclined to set a
6 bond, I would think that it should be doubled from what
7 it was last time and that he be placed on, if
8 available, electronic monitoring to guarantee his
9 presence in the courtroom.

10 **THE COURT:** Hey, folks, let's be real clear on
11 this. When we have court, I don't want any noise from
12 the outside.

13 To the deputies, if there's anyone in here that
14 can't conduct themselves in polite fashion, feels like
15 they need to laugh or carry on, I want them removed
16 immediately. You don't need to hear from me, just
17 escort them out.

18 **THE BAILIFF:** Yes, sir.

19 **THE COURT:** Make note of them and the next time we
20 have court, they won't be invited back.

21 I'm not sure about the availability of electronic
22 monitoring. Is that even an option, Madam Clerk?

23 **THE CLERK:** (Inaudible).

24 **THE DEFENDANT:** Your Honor?

25 **THE COURT:** I'll give you a chance to talk.

1 **THE DEFENDANT:** Please.

2 **THE COURT:** I just wanted to see what our options
3 were.

4 Yes, sir, Mr. Trussell.

5 **THE DEFENDANT:** The point is, sir, at the last
6 hearing, I didn't understand what the procedure was. I
7 didn't know what was expected of me. I was in the -- I
8 thought I was in the courtroom, and apparently it was
9 just an error on my part. I made every attempt to be
10 here and to be known in this court. And I don't know
11 -- I know we had a very short time, I didn't realize
12 the session was scheduled for such a short period of
13 time and I thought I'd have an opportunity to speak,
14 but I didn't feel like I was given a fair opportunity
15 to speak.

16 And I believe that everybody that's here now knows
17 that I was in the courtroom at that time. I consider
18 myself to be a man of great integrity and a man of
19 honor, and I don't wear that as just a title, sir, I
20 live up to it. That's my ideal. And I am not going to
21 ignore this court situation and the charges against me.
22 I will stand for them, sir.

23 **THE COURT:** In terms of the last court proceeding,
24 yes, there was someone standing up in the audience.
25 You declined to identify who you were.