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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Kong Jian Lin,

Appellant,

v.

Lin Yi Tong (Tony Lin),

Respondent.

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Appellate Case No. 2025-001184



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Appeal From York County Court of Common Pleas

Case No. 2024CP4601346

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/s William A. McKinnon, #2761, Circuit Judge

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF York
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2024CP4601346

Kong Jain Lin
PLAINTIFF(S)

Lin Yi Tong et al
DEFENDANT(S)

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** Rule 12(b), SCRPC; Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** Rule 40(j), SCRPC; Bankruptcy; Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded; Other

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IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

Judgment is entered for the Plaintiff in the amount of \$500.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case. See Page 2 for additional information.

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York County
Kong Jain Lin for Kong Jain Lin
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complaint

1. Dear Honorable Court,

Greetings. My name is Kongjian Lin, and I am filing a lawsuit against Yitong Lin, also known as Tony Lin. I would like to present the following details regarding my case: I worked for Tony for approximately four years. However, due to my refusal to teach him magic tricks, he became angered and began continuously causing trouble for me. This left me with no choice but to take this matter to court.

On April 3, 2024, I filed a lawsuit against Tony and submitted all the necessary documents.

On April 27, 2024, I served a formal court summons to Tony.

On June 17, 2024, after 50 days with no response from Tony, I requested the court to schedule a hearing to address his failure to comply with the summons. My claims are as follows:

- 1) Tony failed to respond to the court summons issued within the 30-day period.
- 2) Compensation for the damage I have suffered. I respectfully request the court to arrange a hearing on this matter. Thank you.

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2. Tony has engaged in a series of personal attacks against me, including secretly photographing me, threatening me, harassing me, and even using offensive language in Chinese to insult my mother. These actions have left me with no choice but to seek legal action.

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On July 5, 2023, I reported these incidents to the police. Furthermore, Tony has shown no mercy even to his closest relatives, having sued two of his cousins—one is his uncle's son, the other is his aunt's son—taking all their shares without giving them a single penny.* This situation is widely known in the Chinese community and has instilled fear and distress in many people. I respectfully ask the court to uphold justice and fairness, allowing the victim to receive the justice they deserve. Thank you, Your Honor.

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3. Criminal Evidence Against Tony: 刑事证据

- 1) Tony deceived the insurance company by assisting employees in faking work-related injuries (P-11).
- 2) Tony taught employees how to deceive the insurance company (P-15).
- 3) Tony deceived the police, falsely claiming no involvement with the insurance company (P-16-19).
- 4) Tony denied deceiving the insurance company (P-11).
- 5) Tony denied instructing employees on how to deceive the insurance company (P-15).
- 6) Surveillance video evidence (P-13).
- 7) Tony has lied (P-9).
- 8) Tony's secretly recorded videos serve as criminal evidence. Tony claimed these were fights; why deceive the insurance company? (P 5-8).
- 9) Tony lied to the police, and the police report contains multiple false statements from him, where he denied the truth and misled the investigation. Why was the truth not investigated further?
- 10) Tony violated the court summons and disrespected the dignity of the court, undermining its authority. These crimes should be judged by the court, and Tony should be ruled against, losing everything. I seek judgment in favor of the victim, and I request the judgment transcript. Over eight months have passed, yet the court has not arranged a hearing regarding Tony's violation of summons and compensation for damages. Why has a hearing been arranged only for the restraining order, rather than the violation of the summons? The victim deserves justice.

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My Claims: 陆页传票

- 1) Violation of the Summons: 违反传票

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Your Honor, Tony has committed several serious offenses and is clearly afraid that the jury will present evidence unfavorable to him. His actions show a blatant lack of respect for the court, the jury, and Your Honor. Violating the court summons is completely unacceptable and undermines the dignity of the court. This violation should have serious consequences, and I respectfully ask the court to review the judgment records and take appropriate action. Thank you, Your Honor.

2) **Compensation for Losses:** $\langle \approx \rangle$

- On **March 29, 2021**, Tony helped this employee attack me.
- On **June 15, 2021**, Tony resigned from my employment.
- On **April 17, 2022**, Tony harassed me at Tsuki Japanese restaurant. The owner of Tsuki, Tony's cousin, instructed employees to continue harassing me.
- On **October 28, 2022**, the owner of Tsuki fired me.
- In **May 2023**, I noticed I was being followed.
- On **July 5, 2023**, I filed a report with the York County Police Department.
- From **October 28, 2022**, to **today, February 17, 2025**, it has been 27 months, and I have lost a total of \$113,400 due to a monthly salary of \$4,200.

Other financial losses should be evaluated and ruled upon by the court. These traumatic experiences have caused me significant mental distress, as I live in constant fear. I am forced to go about my daily activities secretly, turning off my phone to avoid detection. This constant anxiety has caused my heart to race uncontrollably and has led to frequent chest pain. Despite consulting several doctors, I have been unable to find relief. I have resorted to unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as consuming alcohol, coffee, pork, instant noodles, and other foods, to calm my heartbeat. As a result, I developed high blood pressure (over 190), high cholesterol, and ultimately cardiovascular disease. On **December 26, 2024**, I underwent cardiovascular surgery, which remains a terrifying experience. My chest continues to hurt regularly after the procedure. I feel as though I have only half a life left, and I find myself questioning my position as a U.S. citizen. This ongoing distress has taken a serious toll on my mental health. I plead with the court to make a fair judgment that will help me escape the shadow of Tony's actions and finally deliver justice to the victim. Thank you.

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Nature of Motion: 动义

The Plaintiff hereby submits this Motion for Summary Judgment, requesting the Court to rule in their favor based on fairness, justice, and a just resolution for all parties involved.

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1. Tony's Violation of the Court's 30-Day Summons: Tony has shown blatant disrespect for the dignity of the court. He has committed multiple offenses both before and after the lawsuit. Can the law truly tolerate such actions? Tony must be ruled against and lose everything. I request the court's judgment on this matter.

2. Compensation for losses:

① After Tony beat me, I couldn't go to work for 15 days, and I had to pay \$180 a day, a total of \$2,700.

② Tony chased me, kept secretly photographing me, threatened me, harassed me, insulted and attacked my mother, forcing me to have no way out.

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On 06/15/21, Tony quit my job. I was unemployed for 3 months, making \$4,200 a month, and lost a total of \$12,000. On 04/17/22, Tony went to TSuki restaurant to harass me. After that, the boss of Tsuki taught the employees to keep harassing me. On 10/28/22, Tsuki Japanese restaurant also quit my job. I didn't dare to look for a job for more than two years. Tony's money came easily. Tony was even ruthless to his closest relatives. He sued his two cousins and took away all the shares. What a terrible thing. From 10/28/22 to 02/17/25 It has been 27 months, with a monthly salary of \$4,200, and a total loss of \$113,400, total: \$128,100,

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Other losses:

For more than two years, I lived in fear every day and had a mental breakdown. Tony has money and dares to do anything. He hurt my heart (causing me to suffer from cardiovascular dementia. After the operation, I only have half my life left). I ask for \$3 million in compensation (respect the judge's decision)

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MR. TONG: Okay. Thank you, sir.

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I do further certify that I am neither of kin, counsel, nor interest to any party hereto.

Jane Daniel

November 23, 2025

JANE DANIEL

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1 I received a letter from my restaurant address. It's a
2 business address, so everyone know that. So if they work
3 there long time, so they know that.

4 THE COURT: So -- so you -- you received the notice at
5 the restaurant address?

6 MR. TONG: Yes.

7 THE COURT: So Tong says he received the notice of his
8 restaurant address. That's how he knew to come today. But
9 so the -- the ruling of the Court is the request for the
10 restraining order is denied because this court does not have
11 authority to issue that -- that sort of restraining order.

12 MR. TONG: Sir, they -- on the letter, they -- they
13 asked to spell that my name is wrong. Totally wrong. So I
14 just let you know.

15 THE COURT: I understand. I just -- that -- that's not
16 -- okay. The clerk is saying she'll fix it. Yeah, yeah. We
17 -- we'll do a Form 4 order. That's everything for today
18 because you are ask -- I -- I can't give you the restraining
19 order you're asking for.

20 MR. TONG: Okay. Thank you, sir.

21 (THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, THIS HEARING IS CONCLUDED)

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22 09:12 THE COURT: Well, I -- he received notice of the hearing in some way. Madam Clerk, did we -- did we mail
23 notice to the defendant?
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25 THE CLERK: Yes, sir.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. The clerk's office mailed notice for
2 to the defendant.

3 MS. LIN: So you cannot give me his address as you --

4 THE COURT: I mean, you may be able to get it from the
5 clerk's office, but I -- as a judge, I -- I can't just put
6 him under oath and ask him what his address is. That's -- I
7 mean, you -- you have to figure out how to do that, okay?
8 It's -- it's wouldn't be proper for me to do that.

9 And I -- I've looked at the law, which is South
10 Carolina code 16-3-1750. And just to make sure I don't have
11 concurrent jurisdiction and I -- I do not have -- this is --
12 this is -- this is a magistrate matter? It has -- it has to
13 be brought in magistrate court, okay.

14 And -- and Tong, I -- I'm not saying he can't get a
15 restraining order, but I can't give him one. So he's going
16 to have to refile in magistrate court. And then you'll have
17 to go back, and you'll have a hearing, and you can argue your
18 side as well. But I -- as a circuit judge, I can't give a
19 restraining order like Kong is asking for.

20 MR. TONG: Yes, sir. Hello?

21 THE COURT: Yes. Is -- is your, I'm not sure your mic
22 is on either. That's --

23 MR. TONG: Hello?

24 THE COURT: Yes, sir. Now it's working.

25 MR. TONG: Yeah. Thank you. So my name Tong Lin, but

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1 I received a letter from my restaurant address. It's a
2 business address, so everyone know that. So if they work
3 there long time, so they know that.

4 THE COURT: So -- so you -- you received the notice at

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22 THE COURT: Yeah, I -- I will do a short order saying
23 09:12 that, but -- but the magistrate judges will help you file the
24 paperwork. There's a magistrate court here in this building,
25 and there are other magistrate courts, I don't know enough to

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1 tell you which magistrate to go to, but they will help you in
2 their office. You can go down and talk to the magistrate,
3 but I -- I -- I can't grant this kind of restraining order in
4 circuit court.

5 MS. LIN: And also, can I request to I get Tony's
6 actual physical address so that this order can be served?

7 THE COURT: I -- I -- I can't do that for you. There
8 are ways you can find because what -- what -- what the -- the
9 question in front of me today is your request for restraining
10 order. I can't grant it. So that's all I can do today is
11 tell you, you have to file it in magistrate court.

12 MS. LIN: How can I notify him if I don't have his
13 address?

14 THE COURT: I -- I can't coach you on how to do that.
15 You -- you have to either talk to a lawyer or figure out how
16 to do it on your own. I can't -- I can't give you coaching
17 on how to do that. I'm just going --

18 MS. LIN: So, oh -- okay.

19 THE COURT: Go ahead.

20 MS. LIN: If you don't have his address, how did it --
21 how does he show up here today?

22 THE COURT: Well, I -- he received notice of the
23 hearing in some way. Madam Clerk, did we -- did we mail
24 notice to the defendant?

25 THE CLERK: Yes, sir.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. The clerk's office mailed notice for
2 to the defendant.

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MS. LIN: So there are three reasons I'd like to get a restraining order. First, Tony beat me and secretly followed me, filmed me with his cell phone. And second, February 13th, 22nd, when I went to get my W-2 text return form, Tony had a plan, and he used his cell phone to secretly record the scene in person. The third, April 17th, 22nd, Tony knew that I worked at a two-key (ph) Japanese restaurant. He followed me again and harassed me.

THE COURT: Okay. Tong, so this sort of restraining order is not something I can grant as a circuit court judge, okay? I can grant restraining orders involving issues with the -- of a lawsuit, and I can grant restraining orders like this in it with a criminal conviction.

But this has to be brought in magistrate court. Do you understand what I'm saying? Okay. So you can -- you can ask for restraining order and even if -- if you look at the form that you filed in the top right, it says, "In Magistrates Court." That -- that's where you need to file it.

MS. LIN: So, your Honor, can I get a written paperwork stating that I need to go to the magistrate court to file this petition for the restraining order?

THE COURT: Yeah, I -- I will do a short order saying that, but -- but the magistrate judges will help you file the paperwork. There's a magistrate court here in this building, and there are other magistrate courts, I don't know enough to

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tell you which magistrate to go to, but they will help you in

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2 THE COURT: Ma'am, I'm going to ask the clerk to swear

3 you in as an interpreter.

4 THE CLERK: Can you raise your right hand for me?

5 (THE INTERPRETER SWORN)

6 THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

7 THE CLERK: Okay.

8 THE COURT: What -- what are you wanting me to do

9 today?

10 MS. LIN: (Inaudible).

11 THE COURT: Can you make sure the mic is (inaudible).

12 MS. LIN: Is it working now? Okay. So, your Honor,

13 today I'd like you to help me get my claims as following.

14 1, The first is no response from other party to the Court

15 summons issued within 30 days, ^{2,} deadline. ^{3,} The second,

16 composition for my losses. ^{4,} Third, bring back my lawyer.

17 4, Fourth, restraining order.

18 THE COURT: What I have in court today is a motion for

19 a restraining. That -- that's all I can hear today. Tong,

20 tell me why -- what -- what -- why do you want the

21 restraining orders?

22 MS. LIN: So, just want to clarify, you cannot make a

23 judgment on the other three requests.

24 MR. TONG: Sorry about that.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MS. LIN: So there are three reasons I'd like to get a

2 restraining order ~~and~~ and secretly followed

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF YORK) C.A. NO. 2024CP4601346

KONG JIAN LIN)
Plaintiff(s),)
versus)
LIN YI TONG, ET AL)
Defendant(s).)

H E A R I N G

Before The Honorable William A. McKinnon

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November 28, 2025

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23 And I'm asking, respectfully -- ask the Court to uphold
24 **12:53** the and fairness, allowing the victim to receive **ml-50**
25 justice they deserve.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Lin, I'm going to give you one
2 more chance, and I'm going to have to rule, okay? I need you
3 to tell me specifically how you were harmed. I mean, what
4 you just said, calling you names is not something that the
5 law can compensate you for, okay? I need you to tell me,
6 monetarily, how you were harmed with money.

7 THE WITNESS: All I can say that he hurt my heart and
8 harmed my heart, harmed my life.

9 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to -- I'm going to
10 give judgment to -- to Mr. Lin for \$500. That be the order
11 of the Court.

12 THE WITNESS: Thank you, your Honor. But how about
13 this case? Who is the winner?

14 THE COURT: You are the winner, sir. And I've awarded
15 you \$500.

16 THE WITNESS: So I try to comprehend it, does that make
17 my life only worth \$500? It's okay if you say my life is
18 only worth \$500.

19 THE COURT: Sir, you're -- you're not -- Okay. Sir, I
20 -- I -- that's going to be my ruling, sir, okay? \$500.

21 THE WITNESS: Okay.

22 THE COURT: Let me take a short recess.

23 (THERE BEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, THIS HEARING IS CONCLUDED
24 AT 9:56 AM)

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23 THE WITNESS: Because he followed me. He beat me. He

24 12:53 harmed me.



25 THE COURT: And -- and so he did beat you. That's what

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1 I'm asking. He -- he hit you. Is that -- are you telling me
2 he did?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Did you have to go to the doctor or the
5 hospital?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 THE COURT: And how much did that cost?

8 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honor, may I inquire the
9 plaintiff about the word?

10 THE COURT: What did -- what did he say just now?

11 THE INTERPRETER: He said -- and the -- it didn't cost
12 too much, but the defendant -- that's why I tried to clarify
13 this word. He like, maybe destroy, he meant, but the Chinese
14 word is burned. He said he burned all the evidence, the
15 surveillance -- surveillance video. So that's what --

16 THE COURT: Tell him, I'm not asking about the
17 evidence. I'm just asking how he was harmed.

18 THE INTERPRETER: And the -- Mr. Lin showed me this, I
19 guess it's a complaint pointed at Tony has engaged in a
20 series of personal attacks against me, including secretly
21 photographing me, threatening me, harassing me, and even
22 using offensive language, in Chinese, to insult my mother.

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4 you just said, calling you names is not something that the

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1 sir, you have to explain to me what your damages are.

2 THE WITNESS: Because he threatened my life by this
3 action, then I had to have surgery on my heart. There were
4 two stents supporting my heart. So my heart was hurt --
5 damaged because of this.

6 THE COURT: You had to have heart surgery because of
7 the -- the -- the -- the -- the defendant. How did he cause
8 you to have heart surgery?

9 THE WITNESS: Because he bribed the police, bribed the
10 Court, and the police sided with him because he tried to stop
11 me from hiring a lawyer. I was living in fear for over a
12 year.

13 THE COURT: Mr. Lin, I -- I don't understand what
14 you're -- what you're telling me. What -- did he physically
15 attack you?

16 THE WITNESS: If you are asking a physical injury,
17 don't you think the heart surgery, heart damage is the
18 physical, sir.

19 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Lin, I -- I just -- I don't
20 understand how someone can cause you to have heart surgery.
21 That's a medical problem. How did -- how did Mr. Tong cause
22 you to have heart surgery?

23 THE WITNESS: Because he followed me. He beat me. He
24 harassed me.

25 THE COURT: And -- and so he did beat you. That's what

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1 I'm asking. He -- he hit you. Is that -- are you telling me
2 he did?

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Did you have to go to the doctor or the
5 hospital?

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23 Dear Judge, I want to sue my boss for beating me, secretly
24 **12:52** photographing me, threatening me, and harassing me. **5G** Okay.
25 Is that what you're suing him for?

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes, correct.

2 THE COURT: Okay. What were your injuries as a result
3 of the assault? Like what -- how -- how badly were you hurt?

4 THE WITNESS: The evidence is that he didn't show up
5 his absence from the -- the Court litigation. So I should be
6 judged by default.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Lin, that's correct. But, but what
8 were your injuries? I mean, you -- how badly were you hurt?

9 THE WITNESS: It's all in the complaint, and he lied to
10 the police. Police was -- sided with him and the police
11 trying to take the file of him.

12 THE COURT: Sir, but how were you harmed? I know if --
13 if -- if -- if you want me to award you money damages, you
14 have to explain to me how you were harmed.

15 THE WITNESS: He bribed the -- bribed the police. He
16 bribed the Court. So his action hurt my feelings, hurt my
17 heart.

18 THE COURT: So, but -- how were bribed the Court in --
19 in what -- or the police in what -- in what -- in -- how were
20 you harmed by this? It's very confusing to me. What -- what
21 happened to you?

22 THE INTERPRETER: The plaintiff showed the interpreter
23 this paper about a default judgment -- default judgment
24 request and a damage request.

25 THE COURT: That's -- that's what we're doing now. But

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3 action, then I had to have surgery on my heart. There were
4 two stents supporting my heart. So my heart was hurt --

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24 12:52 THE WITNESS: He beat me.



25 THE COURT: He beat you physically?

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1 THE WITNESS: He -- he beat me. He followed me. And
2 your Honor, if you can see the motion that -- that's -- it's
3 written there in the motion.

4 THE COURT: Sir, I mean, I -- I'm looking at your
5 complaint, and it is confusing to me. I mean, it -- it says
6 that he's going to eat you. What -- what -- what does it --
7 what does that mean?

8 THE WITNESS: Well, he beat me. He followed me.

9 THE COURT: I mean that --

10 THE WITNESS: And he has harassed me, has threatened
11 me.

12 THE INTERPRETER: And literally, according to the
13 plaintiff, he said that the defendant that followed him tried
14 to kill him, according to the word he said.

15 THE WITNESS: And he also had a fraudulent claim of his
16 insurance. And he also lied to the police. The police -- he
17 lied to the police. All the report, police report was false.
18 The police report is false.

19 THE COURT: Okay. So -- but I mean, so some -- some of
20 the documents you filed appear to be in Chinese. I -- I mean
21 -- but -- but the -- the lawsuit, I mean the -- there --
22 there is a document that says, "Litigation against Tony Lin.
23 Dear Judge, I want to sue my boss for beating me, secretly
24 photographing me, threatening me, and harassing me." Okay.
25 Is that what you're suing him for?

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes, correct.

2 THE COURT: Okay. What were your injuries as a result
3 of the assault? Like what -- how -- how badly were you hurt?

4 THE WITNESS: The evidence is that he didn't show up
5 his absence from the -- the Court litigation. So I should be

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1 THE COURT: Judgment, but it looks like it's in -- it's
2 default; is that correct? Am I reading that correctly? I
3 don't -- I don't see an answer. I don't see any answer. All
4 right. Mr. Lin, go right ahead.

5 THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry. Excuse me. That this is
6 the interpreter.

7 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Lin, it -- it
8 appears that Mr. Tong has not responded to your lawsuit. So
9 you -- I'm -- I'm going to swear you in, and you can tell me
10 about your damages, okay?

11 MR. LIN: Okay, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: All right. Madam Clerk, can you swear in
13 on the witness please?

14 THE CLERK: Raise your right hand?

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15 first being duly sworn, were examined and testified as
16 follows:

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 THE CLERK: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Lin, I've -- I've read your
20 complaint, and it's a little confusing to me. What is it
21 that -- that Mr. Tong did to you?

22 THE WITNESS: He beat me.

23 THE COURT: He beat you physically?

1 THE WITNESS: He -- he beat me. He followed me. And
2 your Honor, if you can see the motion that -- that's -- it's
3 written there in the motion.

4 THE COURT: Sir, I mean, I -- I'm looking at your
5 complaint, and it is confusing to me. I mean, it -- it says
6 that he's going to eat you. What -- what -- what does it --
7 what does that mean?

8 THE WITNESS: Well, he beat me. He followed me.

9 THE COURT: I mean that [REDACTED]

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