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Of Which

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And Unifirst Corporation isRespondent.

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1 A Staples.

2 Q Were you carrying groceries, too?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Y'all didn't have your groceries in a buggy
5 and pushing your buggy cart out?

6 A No.

7 Q What time of day was it?

8 A It was afternoon.

9 Q What was the weather like outside?

10 A It was pretty. Nice. Nice weather.

11 Q Okay. Where had y'all been before you went
12 to Bi-Lo that day?

13 A I guess we came from home. I don't know. I
14 can't remember any other place where --

15 Q Anybody with you, or just you and your wife?

16 A No. Just me and the wife.

17 Q You didn't see her fall -- or did you see
18 her fall?

19 A I was ahead of her. In front of her.

20 Q So did you see her fall?

21 A No. I didn't see her fall, but I felt -- I
22 heard her when she hit there.

23 Q Okay. Where did she fall, Mr. Black?

24 A Coming out of the -- coming out of the door
25 at Bi-Lo.

1 remember if it was me that called 9-1-1. But I do
2 clearly remember when I was sitting there making sure
3 she was okay, the manager of the store -- white
4 shirt, tall, black gentleman -- not sure of his name,
5 just remember him at a glance, don't know if I could
6 remember his face if I seen him right now. He walked
7 over and straightened up the rubber matting on the
8 floor that was (gesturing) -- it was just bunched up
9 and he come over and flattened it out. And I know
10 that was before the ambulance and anybody even got
11 there, and it just surprised me when I seen that.

12 Q. Why did it surprise you?

13 A. Why do that, is the way I think. Why --
14 why are you straightening out that mat?

15 Q. Did this gentleman have a tie on?

16 A. Yeah -- yes.

17 Q. So when you say a white shirt -- a white
18 shirt like mine?

19 A. White -- white shirt like you, yeah; white
20 collared shirt.

21 Q. Now, you told me earlier you didn't see Ms.
22 Black's feet before she fell, right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. So you didn't see her trip on that mat, did
25 you?

1 A. I did not.

2 Q. What kind of mat was it?

3 A. Standard. If I could see one could --
4 black with grayish in it, the edges are rubbered
5 (gesturing), mat -- matting, I guess a slip and fall
6 mat is what I would call it. You see them most --
7 high traffic areas.

8 Q. And is this a grocery store that you had
9 been to before?

10 A. Oh, yes, many times.

11 Q. Would you say that it's your primary place
12 of grocery shopping?

13 A. Yes, it is.

14 Q. Had you seen these mats there before?

15 A. Yes, I have.

16 Q. Now, you don't know if this particular mat
17 that you remember seeing on that day was the same as
18 the mat you had seen on any other day, do you?

19 A. There's no way for me to know that.

20 Q. Did you notice anything particular about
21 the mat that you saw in October, 2010?

22 A. As far as?

23 Q. You tell me. Is there anything different
24 other than what you just described?

25 A. Other than that, other than when I noticed

1 Q. Do you remember, were you wearing a rain
2 coat that day? Was it raining hard enough that --

3 A. I was not wearing a raincoat. I don't even
4 carry a umbrella.

5 Q. Good to know. So when you opened the door
6 to your truck, at that point, you saw Ms. Black
7 falling.

8 A. Falling, yes.

9 Q. But didn't see what precipitated the fall.

10 A. I did not.

11 Q. Did she fall forward?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And did you hear it first or see it first?

14 A. Seen it.

15 Q. And I know that you probably answered this
16 question, but you had not seen the mat before the
17 fall?

18 A. I did not.

19 Q. Let's see. When she fell forward, did she
20 move sideways at all --

21 A. I can't remember.

22 Q. -- that you noticed? Did she reach out
23 with her hands to break her fall?

24 A. I don't remember.

25 Q. How wide would you say that doorway is?

1 her?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. At the time, was she moving around at all?
4 Was she moving limbs?

5 A. I mean, her arms and stuff, but she was on
6 the ground so I don't know if she was moving -- I
7 don't know what part wasn't moving, I don't remember
8 that.

9 Q. Did she get up immediately?

10 A. Oh, no. Oh, no.

11 Q. Did she try to get up on her own?

12 A. Not that I'm aware of, and I think I told
13 her to just stay where she was at.

14 Q. And did you see what caused the fall?

15 A. I did not.

16 Q. And did you notice anything on the ground
17 around the area where she fell?

18 A. After she fell, no. There was nothing
19 there.

20 Q. Did you notice anything on the ground
21 around the mat?

22 A. No.

23 Q. No, okay. Did you look around on the floor
24 inside the store?

25 A. I remember looking until the manager or --

1 take care of the mat?

2 A. The mat.

3 Q. And you said you found that odd.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Why is that?

6 A. The -- Ms. Black had just fallen. If -- I
7 can only tell you what -- if it was me, I wouldn't
8 care about the mat. I would care about the lady.
9 And so when we were there, it just caught my eye that
10 he was messing with the mat and then he should have
11 come over to her first, whether inside or outside the
12 store.

13 Q. And he didn't do that.

14 A. No. He did not.

15 Q. Did it appear to you that it was the mat
16 that caused her fall?

17 A. I can't --

18 MR. HOLT: Object to the form. Go ahead.

19 A. I can't say what caused her fall, because I
20 didn't see what caused her fall so I'm not gonna
21 suggest anything.

22 Q. Right. But the mat was definitely
23 straightened up by the manager.

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. Was it clear to you, Ms. Johnson, that she

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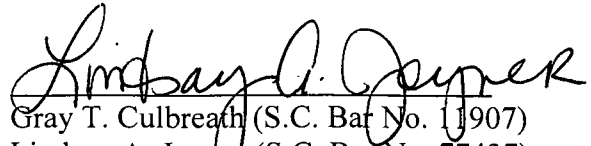
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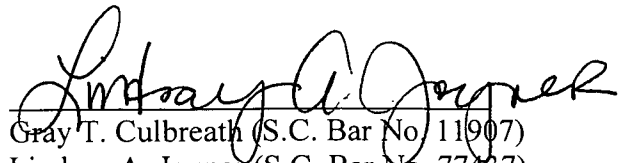
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