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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR SUSSEX COUNTY

STATE OF DELAWARE : Criminal Action Nos.
 V. : 12-08-0963 thru 12-08-0966,
 : 12-08-0968, and
 : 12-09-0149 thru 12-09-1053
 MELVIN L. MORSE, : ID# 1208005897
 Defendant. : Sentencing

T R A N S C R I P T
O F
P R O C E E D I N G S

Sussex County Courthouse
Georgetown, Delaware
Friday, April 11, 2014

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE RICHARD F. STOKES, Judge.

APPEARANCES:

MELANIE C. WITHERS, Deputy Attorney General,
CASEY L. EWART, Deputy Attorney General,
appearing on behalf of the State.

JOSEPH A. HURLEY, Esquire
appearing on behalf of the Defendant.

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1 endangering counts.

2 In reaching its decision, the jury acquitted
3 defendant of alleged criminal conduct concerning hand
4 suffocation. These circumstances play no part in the
5 sentencing decision.

6 Further, the defendant comes from a house
7 divided where family relationships are concerned.
8 Letters have been received from family members that
9 involve estate claims, past disputes in relationships,
10 and his contentious divorce. These accusations have
11 been denied by the defendant and by one or more of his
12 sisters and brothers. These materials are placed to
13 one side and will not affect the sentence.

14 At the time of the abuse, Anna Morse was
15 eleven years old. The defendant is a children's doctor
16 who earned a reputation as a leading physician in his
17 field. He published articles on near-death experiences
18 of children. One article is in the presentence report.
19 The idea that the defendant was experimenting on Anna
20 is speculative and I see his actions differently.
21 Certainly the defendant is highly intelligent,
22 sophisticated, and has an exceptional level of
23 knowledge and experience. As a pediatrician and

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