

Sandusky case: conflicting testimony

Which version will the jury believe? These discrepancies in witness testimony on some specific incidents and details may affect jurors' decisions:

VICTIM 4 AT THE ALAMO BOWL

Victim 4: He said he went to the Alamo Bowl in 1999 with Jerry Sandusky, and Mr. Sandusky sought oral sex in the hotel bathroom, threatening to send him home if he didn't comply. At this point, Victim 4 said, Dottie Sandusky walked into the hotel room, asking Mr. Sandusky what he was doing.

Dottie Sandusky: She said when she walked into the hotel room during the Alamo Bowl stay Mr. Sandusky and Victim 4 were fully clothed. Mr. Sandusky was upset, saying that Victim 4 no longer wanted to go to a \$50 luncheon that had been paid for.

VICTIM 4'S MEETING WITH SANDUSKYS AFTER HE HAD A CHILD TWO YEARS AGO

Victim 4: He said he went there because he wanted to show his suspicious girlfriend that Sandusky had done nothing wrong to him. They only stayed for 1 ½ hours at the most, ate KFC Dottie bought, and Sandusky tried to rub his shoulders.

Sandusky family friend Elaine Steinbacher: She said Victim 4 was there for two to three hours. They ate KFC, and she described the meeting as amicable. She remembered commenting to Dottie, "You're going to see a lot of them."

Dottie Sandusky: "It was a very pleasant visit."

THE FREQUENCY OF SLEEPOVERS

Alleged victims: Victim 9 testified to sleeping over at the Sandusky house nearly every weekend for four years. His mother corroborated this, saying he'd be there two to three weekends per month. Victim 1 said he was there nearly every week for three years.

Dottie Sandusky: During football season, she said that the frequency would increase, but overall she said that a kid would spend the night maybe once or twice a month while he coached and while he was retired. She said she couldn't say exactly how often the alleged victims stayed over. Asked if Victim 9 stayed twice a month, she said no.

SHOWER INCIDENT WITH VICTIM 2 IN 2001

Mike McQueary: "Dr. Dranov came to the house, and I told him what I had seen. Again, not being overly descript, but making sure he knew it was sexual, wrong, perverse."

John McQueary: He said Mike McQueary described rhythmic slapping sounds and said he was Mr. Sandusky positioned behind a boy who was up against a shower wall. "He said, 'it didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what was going on.'"

Dr. Jonathan Dranov: He said Mike McQueary told him that Mr. Sandusky grabbed a young boy and pulled him back into the showers. Mike McQueary did not say this happened in his testimony. Mr. Dranov said Mike McQueary did not describe a sex act. "He implied it had gone on with sexual sounds but nothing graphic."

MCQUEARY'S LATER CONTACT WITH SANDUSKY

Mike McQueary: He said he avoided Mr. Sandusky after the incident in 2001, specifically no longer attending the Second Mile golf tournament.

Defense: From the Second Mile's Henry Lesch, the defense presented a thank you note addressed to Mr. McQueary for participating in the 2003 golf tournament, as well as a picture of him from the golf tournament and two lists of people who committed to play in the tournament in 2001 that included Mr. McQueary. The prosecution pointed out that the lists were for players who committed to play rather than those who actually played. It cross-examined Mr. Lesch, and he said that he did not recall Mr. McQueary playing in those tournaments.

SILVER CONVERTIBLE

Victim 10: He said Mr. Sandusky once asked for oral sex from him while they were in a silver car in 1999 or 2000, possibly a convertible or one that had a moon roof.

Dottie Sandusky: She said Mr. Sandusky never had a silver convertible.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

Victims: Victim 4 and Victim 7 both said they slept upstairs. Victim 9, Victim 10, Victim 3 and Victim 1 said they always slept in the basement except for a rare occasion. The victims who slept over either said directly or implied they did not have a choice where they slept.

Dottie Sandusky: She testified that she and Jerry gave them a choice between upstairs, the ground floor or the basement when she was upstairs.

DOTTIE SANDUSKY'S INVOLVEMENT WITH KIDS

Victims: If asked, the victims, aside from Victim 7, testified to having little contact with Ms. Sandusky and rarely if ever seeing her in the basement. Victim 9 testified that he screamed once from the basement and thought it was soundproof because Ms. Sandusky didn't react. Victim 4 said, "It wasn't much of a relationship. I don't want to say I didn't like her. She was kind of cold. Not real loving or anything like that. She wasn't mean or hateful. 'They're Jerry's kids basically.'"

Dottie Sandusky: On the stand, she recognized the names of seven of the eight alleged victims. She said she went into the basement often because the freezer was down there and could hear everything from the basement.

BIG HOUSE, BIG MONEY

Victim 1s mother: She denied telling anyone she expected to make money from the Sandusky case or get a new, big house.

Victim 1: He denied telling anyone he was going to be rich or that he would have a nice car because of the Sandusky case.

Defense witness Josh Fravel: A neighbor of Victim 1 and his mother, Mr. Fravel said the mother told him, in regards to the Sandusky case, that she would have a "nice, big house in the country where the dogs could roam free." He said Victim 1 told him he would get a nice new Jeep.

AVAILABLE TIME

Victims: Multiple alleged victims said that Mr. Sandusky often spent time playing sports or working out with them in the late afternoon or evenings before he would shower with them.

Dottie Sandusky and Dick Anderson: Both of them described the schedule of an assistant coach, saying he was busy, working nearly 17 hours a day and working most evenings. Dottie Sandusky said her husband's schedule was similarly busy after he retired.