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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
3 (Alexandria Division)
4 - - - - - X
5 BLUE FLAME MEDICAL LLC, :
6 Plaintiff, :
7 v. : Civil Action No.
8 CHAIN BRIDGE BANK, N.A., : 1:20-cv-00658
9 JOHN J. BROUGH and DAVID M. :
10 EVINGER, :
11 Defendants. : HIGHLY
12 _____ : CONFIDENTIAL
13 CHAIN BRIDGE BANK, N.A., :
14 Third-Party Plaintiff, :
15 v. :
16 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., :
17 Third-Party Defendant. :
18 - - - - - X
19 Remote Deposition
20 Thursday, February 11, 2021
21 Deposition via Zoom of TIMOTHY P. COFFEY,
22 a witness herein, called for examination by counsel

1 for Defendant/Third-Party Plaintiff in the
2 above-entitled matter, pursuant to notice, the
3 witness being duly sworn by MARY GRACE CASTLEBERRY, a
4 Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia,
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6 and the proceedings being taken down by Stenotype by
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1 the intent of my phone call, and I needed to report
2 that to Rakesh to let him know that I've -- that
3 they're holding the funds, too.

4 Q. I see. And did -- did the fact that Chain
5 Bridge Bank had expressed concerns regarding the
6 transaction heighten any concerns you had with
7 respect to the transaction?

8 A. At that time, I didn't have the
9 information to have any heightened concerns. I was
10 merely carrying out the request of Rakesh to get the
11 funds held.

12 Q. I see. And did you then discuss that
13 conversation with Mr. Evinger with anybody else at
14 JPMorgan?

15 A. I discussed it with Rakesh.

16 Q. Do you recall how that discussion took
17 place?

18 A. I believe it was via a communicated
19 message or Skype message advising him that I spoke to
20 such and such, David Evinger, and he confirms they
21 are withholding the funds, with similar suspicions.

22 Q. And do you recall whether Mr. Evinger told

1 you whether the funds had been credited to the
2 beneficiary in the transaction?

3 A. I believe he had said to us, we are
4 holding the funds, which would be terminology that
5 would mean it never hit the beneficiary's account.
6 They're holding it.

7 Q. I see.

8 MR. BURKE: Zach, could you share what was
9 Plaintiff's Exhibit 98?

10 BY MR. BURKE:

11 Q. For the record, it is a document with the
12 Bates label JPMC-00000243.

13 A. Is that PX-98, guys?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. Okay. I just opened it in front of me.

16 Q. Do you have that available to you,
17 Mr. Coffey?

18 A. I do.

19 MR. SCHOENFELD: Sorry. We do not. Give
20 us just one second. Okay. We got it. Go ahead.
21 Sorry.

22 MR. BURKE: Great.

1 to me to engage Chain Bridge Bank to recall the funds
2 based upon whatever interaction he had had with
3 people internally and with David Evinger, and I was
4 not privy to those conversations.

5 BY MR. BURKE:

6 Q. So I want to -- I want to make sure I
7 understand, to the best of your recollection, exactly
8 what it is Mr. Korpall told you versus what you may
9 have understood from the context or otherwise.

10 So at some point Mr. Korpall contacted you
11 and directed you to recall the funds from Chain
12 Bridge Bank; is that right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And at that point, did he explain to you
15 why JPMorgan would be recalling the funds from Chain
16 Bridge Bank?

17 A. No.

18 Q. So the only information you had was a
19 direction to go ahead and recall the funds; is that
20 right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And then outside of what Mr. Korpall told

1 you in that conversation, did you have an
2 understanding of why JPMorgan was issuing the recall
3 to Chain Bridge Bank?

4 A. I would assume whatever factfinding he did
5 individually and in conjunction with David Evinger
6 drove that decision.

7 Q. But that's your -- that's your assumption
8 based on -- strike that.

9 Is that assumption based on standard
10 procedure in these sorts of investigations or is it
11 based on some other source?

12 A. I was not privy to any of the
13 conversations that drove the decision for the funds
14 to be returned. I was just directed to engage Chain
15 Bridge Bank and agree we need to return the funds,
16 both sides being concerned.

17 Q. At that point when Mr. Korpall directed you
18 to recall the funds from Chain Bridge Bank, did you
19 understand whether JPMorgan had been in contact with
20 California officials about the transaction?

21 A. I did not know as I was not part of that
22 conversation.

1 creating an historical audit trail.

2 Q. And so in connection with the Blue Flame
3 wire transfer, you did approve the service message
4 that was then sent to Chain Bridge; is that correct?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. And do you remember the content of that
7 service message?

8 A. These are standard templates that are
9 built within the application and you really go in and
10 pick the generic template for the recall and it
11 populates the dates, dollar amounts and parties into
12 it.

13 So it's an automated way of utilizing
14 templates to get a recall of funds. So she picked
15 the recall of funds, it populates the message and
16 spits out that Fed service message.

17 Q. I see. So do you -- in the system, do you
18 select the original wire transfer and then it
19 populates that information into a recall request? Is
20 that how it works?

21 A. So we save the original transaction to the
22 case. That way, if anybody else looked up that wire

1 at a future time, it would know that it already has a
2 case opened up on it.

3 Q. And then when you get to the step of
4 initiating the recall service message, does the
5 information about the transaction automatically
6 populates from the information on the prior transfer?
7 Is that how it works?

8 A. Correct, the automation.

9 Q. And then is there a component of the
10 service message that is typed into the system, like a
11 message to the other bank?

12 A. Yeah, there can be. If you don't choose a
13 template, you can use a freeform message. But in
14 general, we try to cover things by utilizing the
15 basic templates that we have in the system.

16 Q. Do you know whether in this case the
17 service message that was generated and then sent to
18 Chain Bridge came from a template?

19 A. I would -- I didn't create it. It didn't
20 look like a freeform message. It looked like it was
21 one of the templates that we used.

22 Q. At this point in time, when you were