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- 1 Q. Who is she?
- A. She's a woman suing the Associated Press for copyright infringement.
- Q. Did you know Val McClatchey, did you meet Val

 McClatchey on September 11, 2002 while covering
 the events of the crash?
- 7 A. I don't remember if that was the day I met her.
- Q. Okay. Did you meet Val McClatchey in and around that date on September 11, 2002?
- A. Somewhere around the first anniversary of 9/11,
 2001, I did have an occasion to photograph
 Mrs. McClatchey for a Charles Sheehan
 Associated Press story about her, about her
 picture.
- 15 Q. And do you recall who gave you that assignment
 16 to take the photograph associated with the
 17 picture, was that the Associated Press?
- A. The Associated Press gave me the assignment. I don't recall who directly told me to go out there.
- Q. And do you have a specific recollection whether
 your photographing of Miss McClatchey for the
 article by Sheehan took place on September 11,
 2002?
- 25 A. No.



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- 1 Q. Do you know what photograph did you take of
 2 Ms. McClatchey, or photographs did you take of
 3 Ms. McClatchey to accompany the article by
 4 Charles Sheehan?
- 5 A. Took a photograph of her photograph. That's all I can really recall.
- 7 Q. Did you take any photographs of her?
- 8 A. You know, I can't really recall whether I did or not.
- 10 Q. You said you took a photograph of her
 11 photograph. Her photograph is the photograph
 12 that's called End of Serenity with the plume of
 13 smoke; is that correct?
- 14 A. I don't know what it's called, but it does have
 15 a plume of smoke that's purported to be the
 16 Flight 93 plane. Yes. That's the picture with
 17 the red barn?
- 18 Q. Yes. Where did you take the photograph of the photograph?
- A. She was holding it for me outside the side door of her house.
- 22 Q. She was holding what?
- 23 A. Her photograph.
- Q. And you took a photograph of that photograph?
- 25 A. Correct.

- Q. What did you tell her when you were taking the photograph?
- A. I don't recall. What did I tell her when I was taking the photograph? I don't recall specifically if I would be saying anything to her when I was taking the photograph.
- Q. So was she posing by the side door of her house when you were photographing the photograph?
- 9 Α. Posing, I don't understand what that would 10 She was holding the photograph by the 11 side of her house. And I don't know that she 12 was posing, she was holding the photograph. 13 an AP photographer, I'm not really supposed to 14 or ethically inclined to set up a picture. 15 Therefore posing a subject -- if I were to 16 photograph you, right now would be a good 17 picture, the way you are. If you were gussied 18 up and sitting behind your office desk with 19 your yellow pad in front of you, with your 20 glasses in your hand, that would be posing. 21 That's not something I'd be interested in. 22 It's not something that I do as a journalist. 23 It's kind of a documentary thing. So whether 24 she was posing is -- she wasn't posing for me. 25 We were standing outside her side door like you

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- 1 and I would be standing outside a side door.
- 2 Q. How did you come to meet her at her side door 3 with the photograph?
- 4 Α. She came to the door and greeted me, went back, 5 got her photo, came back out.
- 6 0. And what did you say you were there for?
- 7 Α. I was there to photograph her for the Charles 8 Sheehan story, whom she had already been 9 interviewed by. And she was welcoming, and 10 brought the picture out, stood there, we 11 And I took a few snaps and was on my 12 way.
- Did you tell her you were going to photograph 13 Q. her photograph and use it in the story? 14
- 15 Α. She volunteered to give me one. And I 16 didn't want to be responsible for it. 17 here, I could do it this way, hold the picture, 18 just hold it right there. I'm assuming, having 19 said that to her, she knew I was taking a 20 picture of her picture.
 - 0. Your testimony is that you don't know that she knew you were taking a picture of the picture versus taking a picture of her holding the picture; is that correct?
- 25 Α. No, that's not my testimony.

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- 3 A. Yes.
- Q. And as an AP photographer, she offers you a hard copy of the picture as you said?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. But you didn't want that, you'd rather have a photograph of a photograph?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Why is that?
- 11 I didn't want to be responsible for carrying it Α. 12 back. I was going to be on assignment for days 13 out there in the fields of Shanksville. Didn't 14 want it to get damaged, coffee spilt on it, 15 folded and mutilated and spindled, and then 16 having to find an envelope, stick it -- get it 17 back to her. Didn't want to be responsible for
- 19 Q. What side of the house were you standing on?
- A. Left side. Well, I'm not sure how the house is oriented, but the door was on the left side of the building.
- Q. Was Mr. Sheehan there?

her property.

A. I'm not aware that he was. He may have been.

I don't know, I didn't see him.

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- 1 Q. Yes.
- 2 A. The day is a long day. First of all, I'm not
- quite sure what day I was at Mrs. McClatchey's
- 4 house. If you would like me to find out, I can
- 5 leave and go find out.
- 6 Q. I just want your best recollection sitting here
- 7 today.
- 8 A. And I'm telling you I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Did the photograph you photographed have a copyright notice on it?
- 11 A. Not to my recollection.
- 12 Q. Did you check?
- 13 A. Would I have checked?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. And you don't recall whether or not it does, it
- did, the photograph that you photographed at
- her house; is that correct?
- 19 A. Excuse me?
- Q. You do not recall whether the photograph you
- 21 photographed --
- A. I'm hard of hearing, I'm not trying to be
- obstinate.
- Q. That's fine. You do not recall whether the photograph that you photographed at her house

1 had a copyright notice on it; is that correct? 2 Α. I do not recall whether it had a copyright 3 notice on it. 4 Q. And when you took the photograph of the 5 photograph, isn't it true that you only 6 photographed a portion of that photograph? 7 I would have to look at the original, and I Α. 8 would have to look at the frame that I have to 9 tell you how true that is. 10 Q. Let me then hand you what's been previously 11 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 2, and ask you if 12 that is a printout and copy of the digital file 13 that you submitted to the Associated Press in 14 connection with this case? 15 Α. Is this the file that I submitted to the AP? 16 Q. Is that a copy representation of the file you 17 submitted, Plaintiff's Exhibit 2? 18 Α. I don't know. 19 Q. I'm going to hand you what was previously 20 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, and ask you if 21 you recognize this? 22 Α. This appears to be a record of the transmission 23 of this photo from our file, which would not 24 have been the original transmission date.

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was -- it's noted as a file photo. It was sent

	1	earlier as I don't think it was noted as a
	2	file photo. So it was that's an AP's
	3	transmission copy, yes.
•	4 Q.	And does the photograph in Plaintiff's Exhibit
	5	4 represent the photograph that you personally
	6	transmitted to the AP?
	7 A.	Yes, it does.
	8 Q.	So as you look at that photograph now, can you
	9	tell me whether or not the photograph you took
1	0	of Ms. McClatchey's photograph was cropped or
1	1	altered just to show a portion of the
1:	2	photograph?
1.	3 A.	Yes. That's not a 35 millimeter frame that's
14	1	represented there. So the frame that I shot
15	5	was a 35 millimeter frame, which would have
16	5.	been longer. And again, I would need to see my
17		full image, full frame image, but that's not
18		it.
19	Q.	That's not what?
20	Α.	That's not the full image that I would have
21		seen in my camera when I copied her image.
22	Q.	Is that the full image you submitted to the
23		Associated Press, Plaintiff's Exhibit 4?
24	Α.	Uh-huh.
25	Q.	So regardless of what showed up on your camera,

1	what was transmitted to the Associated Press is
2	the photograph in Plaintiff's Exhibit 4
3	correct?

A. Yes, it is.

- I'm going to hand you what's being marked as 5 Q. 6 Plaintiff's Exhibit 25. It's a copy of, color 7 copy of a photograph. It's got a title End of Serenity, September 11, 2001, and in the bottom 8 9 right corner it's got Valencia McClatchey 10 copyright 2002, MC 00434. Do you recognize 11 this photograph?
- 12 A. This specific photograph, this copy of that photograph?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. Do you recognize the photograph that's in Plaintiff's Exhibit 25?
- 18 A. I recognize the image of the cloud of smoke,
 19 yes, I do.
- Q. And is that the image that you took your photograph of and submitted to the Associated Press?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And if you look at your image in Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, and you compare it to the image in

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- 5 Q. From Plaintiff's Exhibit 4; is that correct?
- 6 A. Uh-huh.
 - Q. It also appears that on the left side of the photograph that the road and at least 1 to 2 inches of Plaintiff's Exhibit 25 is cropped off; is that correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And if you look at the top, the top right of
 13 Plaintiff's Exhibit 25 has what appears to be a
 14 gutter sticking out. And if you compare the
 15 top of the photograph in Plaintiff's Exhibit 25
 16 to the one in Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 that you
 17 submitted to the AP, it appears to also be
 18 cropped off; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And then if you look at the right side of
 Plaintiff's Exhibit 25 versus the right side of
 Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, which is the photograph
 you submitted to the AP, it also appears to
 have been cropped off; is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Q. Could you explain that, please?
- A. This photograph in Exhibit 4 is not the photograph I shot of Mrs. McClatchey's -- this does not represent the image as it was cropped when I copied her image. We're just going to assume for my explanation that this picture you gave me is the picture she held up.
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 Α. I shot a picture of this picture with a 35 14 millimeter frame. This does not represent a 35 15 What I shot had more millimeter frame. 16 information than this transmitted picture. 17 is a 35 millimeter frame, which is $1 \frac{1}{2}$ --18 $1 3/4 \times 1 1/4$ deep, which probably was 19 something like that in my camera, or maybe it 20 was like that in my camera.
 - Q. If I could stop you so I can clarify, when you say like that, a 35 millimeter camera would have been thinner and longer; is that correct? So the top and the bottom of the photograph would have been cut off a little, and your

- 1 Q. How far away from Ms. McClatchey were you when you took the photograph?
- A. One foot, two feet, three feet. Within three feet.
- 5 Q. Within three feet?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What type of lens did you use?
- 8 A. To shoot a photo like this of a photo the size
 9 of hers, probably could have actually shot an
 10 80-200 or a 28-85 macro, which would allow you
 11 to get in closer.
- 12 Q. What time of day was it?
- 13 A. Boy, I don't know.
- Q. What was the weather conditions at the time?
- 15 A. I don't know. I don't remember right now.
- 16 Q. Was the sun facing you or behind you?
- 17 A. I don't recall.
- 18 Q. If it was raining out, you certainly wouldn't
 19 have taken the photograph outside; is that
 20 correct?
- 21 A. It was not raining, because she brought her
 22 photo out. And it would have not been good for
 23 her photo in the rain.
- Q. How many times in your 28 years have you taken a photograph of a photograph and submitted it

1 time.

- Q. Did you ask Ms. McClatchey if she had a JPG of
- her photograph that she could E mail to you?
- 4 A. No.
- $5 \mid Q$. Why not?
- 6 A. Why?
- 7 Q. I'm asking the questions. But why did you not --
- 9 A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. Why did you not ask Ms. McClatchey if she had a
- JPG of her photograph that she could E mail to
- 12 you?
- 13 A. I had no reason to.
- Q. Would you not agree that a JPG of the image
- would be a much higher quality image than a
- photograph you took of the image?
- A. Absolutely. Well --
- 18 Q. And isn't it true that after you took the
- photograph, you still had to go home to your
- computer anyways; is that correct?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. So you had to take it to a computer, the
- photograph; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. So did that computer have E mail?

- it and download and transmit an inferior quality photo to the AP?
- 20 Α. I don't know.
- 21 Q. Do you have any additional photographs from 22 that day still in your possession?
- 23 Α. No.

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- 24 What happened to them? Ο.
- 25 Α. I don't know.

- Q. So your job was to go there and actually take a photograph, so it would have been preferable for you to have a photograph that you took rather than a JPG just sent from her; is that correct?
- A. No, it really didn't concern me one way or another how the AP got the picture. All I was out there doing was covering an assignment.
 - Q. What was your assignment when you went to Ms. McClatchey's house around the one year anniversary of September 11th?
- A. To take pictures of a woman with a picture that

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- 1 showed the crash a year before.
- 2 Q. But you end up taking a picture of the picture, 3 not a picture of the woman; is that correct?
- 4 A. From what I recall, yes.
- 5 Q. And you didn't ask the woman, or
 6 Ms. McClatchey, whether she just had a JPG of
 7 the picture; is that correct?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 Q. Did you speak with Charles Sheehan prior to going to Ms. McClatchey's house?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. What was that conversation? Describe that for me, please.
- A. I can't recall the specific conversation. It
 would have obviously included directions to her
 house, and a brief description of why I was
 going to her house, and what -- why we were
 doing a story about her.
- 19 Q. But you don't recall any specifics? Did he
 20 tell you what type of photograph he wanted to
 21 accompany his story?
- A. No, that's not what reporters would do.
- Q. So did Mr. Sheehan describe the content of his story so you could have an understanding of what type of photograph to take?

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	1	going to Ms. McClatchey's house?
	2 A.	No, I discussed where she lived and why I was
	3	going there, which is not what his I have
	4	not seen his article to this day.
į	5 Q.	But if you're discussing why you were going
(5	there, what was that discussion?
	7 A.	Woman shot a picture in her backyard of Flight
8	3	93 crashing.
9	Q.	That was the extent of it?
10) A.	Yes.
11	Q.	And so you went to her house to get the
12		picture; is that correct?
13	A.	Yes.
14	Q.	And you went to the house to get the picture
15		for the AP; is that correct?
16	Α.	That's correct.
17	Q.	Did you offer Ms. McClatchey any money for the
18		picture?
19	Α.	No.
20	Q.	Did you tell Ms. McClatchey that you would
21		transmit the picture to the AP and then in turn
22		transmit it to all the members and subscribers
23		of the AP?
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24 I did not tell her that.

Did you ask Ms. McClatchey whether or not she

- Α. These are -- no.
- 4 Q. Did Ms. McClatchey say to you you can have my 5 photograph free of charge and can transmit it 6 to all the members and subscribers of the 7 Associated Press?
 - Ă. By standing there holding it, knowing I was an AP photographer, it's implied to me that she is agreeing to what I'm doing.
- 11 Did she say anything to you to that effect, Q. 12 that she was granting --
- 13 Α. I don't recall.

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- 14 Q. So Ms. McClatchey did not specifically say 15 anything to the effect of I am granting the AP 16 permission to use my photograph; is that 17 correct?
- 18 Α. Other than by her actions, no.
- 19 Q. And you said you were there to take a 20 photograph, to photograph Ms. McClatchey; is 21 that correct?
- 22 Α. I said I was there to get pictures to go with 23 Charles' story.
- 24 Did you get directions to her house from Q. 25 Charles Sheehan?

- 1 that correct?
- 2 A. More than that.
- Q. If you take a photograph of a copyrighted

 photograph, is it your understanding, I just

 want your understanding as you sit there, that

 that gives you, the photograph taker, rights in

that copyrighted photograph?

- A. That's a legal question. But of course that would give me no rights at all. But I have no rights anyway as a staff photographer.
- 11 Q. But you were there on behalf of the Associated
 12 Press in Ms. McClatchey's house; is that
 13 correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. That was a yes?
- 16 A. What?

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- 17 Q. You were at Ms. McClatchey's house on behalf of the Associated Press, correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Your belief is your photograph on behalf of the
 21 Associated Press of Ms. McClatchey's
 22 copyrighted photograph therefore granted rights
- to the Associated Press to use the photograph?
- 24 A. Well, you're assuming --
- MR. PENCHINA: Objection, calling for

- legal conclusions. You are certainly free to give your own personal view.
- 0. I just want your understanding.
- First of all there was no sign of copyright 4 Α. 5 when I shot the picture. So you're hammering 6 me with copying a copyrighted image. I wasn't 7 aware that I was. And I had a willing woman 8 holding her picture, telling me her story of 9 woe from the past year since this tragedy 10 happened in her backyard. We were talking, 11 heartfelt, about the tragedy, my covering it 12 for ten days, when it happened, my experience 13 at ground zero when it happened. Those are the 14 kind of things that were going on. We were 15 connecting as people. There was no 16 copyright -- there was nothing in this exchange 17 that expressed to me that she didn't know fully 18 well I was there and fully what I was doing. 19 And so I didn't know that the image was 20 copyrighted. And I was there representing the 21 AP to do something that Val McClatchey knew was 22 happening. I didn't sneak up on her. I didn't 23 do this in any way, shape or form to pull the 24 wool over her eyes. She entered into this 25 story with the Associated Press of her own

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9 A. Huh?

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- 10 Q. You testified earlier that you didn't know whether there was this copyright notice on the photograph; is that correct?
- 13 A. I don't know. You're right. I don't know.
- Q. But can you give me any specifics of this conversation you had with Ms. McClatchey?
 - A. Yeah, specifically she was depressed, had a very tough year, that's the specifics.
- 18 Q. But there was nothing specifically said on your
 19 part, or her part, regarding transferring
 20 rights to the Associated Press in the
 21 photograph; is that correct?
- A. That is correct, there were no rights talk at all.
- Q. Did she offer you a copy of the photograph as a souvenir?

- A. I don't recall what her purpose for offering me the photograph was, but she did offer me a photograph.
- Q. And your testimony here today is you did not take that photograph from her?
- 6 A. I can't recall. I don't believe I did.
- 7 Q. But you certainly don't have the photograph anymore; is that correct?
- 9 A. Not that I know of.
- 10 Q. Did you search for it in response to your counsel's request?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And you didn't find it; is that correct?
- 14 A. No. No.
- 15 Q. Have you spoken with Charles Sheehan since finding out about the lawsuit?
- 17 A. I think I saw him at the mine explosion in West
 18 Virginia on January 3rd.
- 19 Q. Did you speak to Charles Sheehan about this lawsuit?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. At any point in time?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Other than the fact that you were there on behalf of the Associated Press, at any point in

- 1 A. I don't recall.
- 2 Q. You don't recall?
- 3 | A. Huh-uh.
- Q. So it might have happened, or you just don't remember?
- 6 A. It might have happened or what?
- Q. Strike that, I'll ask you another question. So you don't recall whether or not they asked you what rights do we have in this photograph; is that correct?
- 11 A. I don't recall any conversations regarding this photograph.
- 13 Q. If an editor at the Associated Press had asked
 14 you what rights do we have in the McClatchey
 15 photograph you're transmitting, what would you
 16 have told them?
- 17 A. I would have told them I don't know.
- 18 Q. And why is that?
- 19 A. Because I didn't.
- Q. What is your professional opinion as a

 photographer for at least 28 years of the
 photograph taken by Ms. McClatchey?
- A. My opinion of it?
- 24 Q. Yes.
- 25 A. How do you mean that?

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- What do you think of the photographic value of Q. the photograph that Ms. McClatchey took?
 - I mean there's a lot of things going -- I mean Α. to answer your question, I don't know whether I should speak to the technical, and I can't speak to that, because this is a flimsy copy of I'm sure a much better image. Compositionally --
 - Let's break it down. Compositionally what is Q. your professional opinion of the McClatchey photograph?
 - I think it's -- We have a saying in journalism, Α. "F-11 and be there," which implies what this This is a mediocre picture at picture means. best compositionally, technically and every other way. What it is is a moment. "F-11 and be there," she was there at a moment in time. Just like Joe Rosenthal at Iwo Gima, and my friend Ron Edmonds when Reagan was shot. like I was on the sidelines when the Steelers won the Super Bowl, it was F-11 and be there. So this picture is a picture of a moment in time that is like -- it's like Pearl Harbor. It's the day that changed our world and the way we look at it, the way we check on airplanes

and the way we look on playgrounds at strangers walking through when our kids are playing. Ιt was a dawn of a new paranoia in our world. So for that it's a picture, a picture of that It's technically not great, it's moment. compositionally pretty boring, but it's a moment.

- So it's a moment such as when you said Iwo Q. Gima, such as the marines raising a flag, there happened to be a photographer at that one moment to capture that; is that correct?
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Let me remind you to MR. PENCHINA: say yes or no instead of uh-huh.

- I'm sorry, yes. Α.
- In your two or three days that you were at the 16 Q. one year anniversary of the Flight 93 crash, 1.7 did you see any other photographs that were 18 taken of the moment of the crash of Flight 93? 19
- No. Α. 20
- So the fact that it is the only picture taken 21 Q. of that moment would also increase the value, 22 even if you thought it was a mediocre 23 photograph; is that correct? 24
 - I don't understand what you mean by value. Α.

- Q. In terms of historical photograph, being one of a kind, that sort of value.
- 3 Well, the value is not for me to determine. Ι Α. personally don't know what all there is that 4 was shot on this event at this moment, or soon 5 6 after this moment. I know we had pictures given to the AP by a volunteer fireman who was 7 at ground zero, right back there, moments after 8 the thing happened, which is another example of 9 10 how we get pictures from people who aren't AP 11 employees. But my point is yes, this is a 12 And my ability to ascertain value is neither here nor there. I think the fact that 13 I didn't see this picture until a year after 14 15 the event, and I covered this event probably longer than anybody who was there, or as long 16 17 as anybody who was there, the fact that it took me a year to see it made we wish I would have 18 had it on September 11th, 2001, then it would 19 20 have been valuable to me. A year later it was 21 a feature story about this lady who took this 22 picture a year before. But as a newsperson, 23 its value would have been a year earlier for 24 me.
 - Q. Do you have any understanding of what the

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