

FILED

12 JUL 09 AM 9:00

THE HONORABLE CAROL A. SCHAPIRA
KING COUNTY

HEARING DATE: July 10, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.
E-FILED

CASE NUMBER: 12-2-21829-3 SEA

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

GEOFF TATE and **SUSAN TATE**, a
married couple

Plaintiffs,

v.

EDDIE JACKSON and **TERESA
GOLDEN-JACKSON**, a married couple;
SCOTT ROCKENFIELD and **MISTY
ROCKENFIELD**, a married couple;
MICHAEL WILTON and **KERRIE LYNN
WILTON**, a married couple; **TRI-RYCHE,
CORPORATION**, a Washington
corporation; **QUEENSRYCHE
MERCHANDISING, INC.**, a Washington
corporation; and **MELODISC LTD.**, a
Washington corporation.

Defendants.

No: 12-2-21829-3 SEA

**DECLARATION of EDWARD
EUGENE "GENO" BISHOP**

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I, Edward Eugene "Geno" Bishop, declare:

I have been one of the drum and guitar technicians for the band, Queensryche, since 2006, touring with the band whenever they were tour. Originally, I was the tech for

DECLARATION OF EDWARD EUGENE "GENO"
BISHOP - 1

Osinski Law Offices, P.L.L.C.
535 Dock St. Suite 108, Tacoma, Washington 98402
Telephone (253) 383-4433 Fax (253) 572-2223

1 Michael Wilton and Eddie Jackson, and then currently tech for Michael Wilton and Scott
2 Rockenfield. This is my recollection of the Brazil show.

3 I was in my position for the start of the show on the left side of the drum riser. I
4 handed Michael Wilton his guitar and noticed Geoff Tate at the front of the riser. Geoff
5 Tate was yelling obscenities at Scott Rockenfield. Geoff Tate then spat on Scott
6 Rockenfield and pushed the drums over. As Geoff Tate walked around the drum riser,
7 he confronted Michael Wilton. At this time, I walk to the front of the riser to fix the drum
8 and noticed Geoff Tate yelling obscenities at Michael Wilton. Geoff Tate then hit
9 Michael Wilton on the right side of the face and eye with his fist. Scott Rockenfield came
10 off the riser to Michael Wilton's aid. Geoff Tate spat on both Michael Wilton and Scott
11 Rockenfield, then hitting Scott Rockenfield twice in the face. Scott Rockenfield and
12 members of our crew were calling for security.

13 Geoff Tate continued to pursue the band members around the front of the stage
14 yelling obscenities and threats. Geoff Tate then yelled at Eddie Jackson as he stood on
15 his riser, "you are next, pussy."

16 Our tour manager, Orlando Scott "Fozzy" O'Hare, separated Geoff Tate, and the
17 band and I then tried to put the drums back together. After I got the drums together, I
18 went to check on Michael Wilton. We gave Michael Wilton a towel and cold water bottle
19 to put on his eye. At this point, Geoff Tate broke away from Orlando Scott "Fozzy"
20 O'Hare and attempted to pursue the band again, continuing to yell obscenities and
21 threats ("I am going to kick your ass, you f**king pussy.").

22 Local security came to our aide and kept Geoff Tate away.

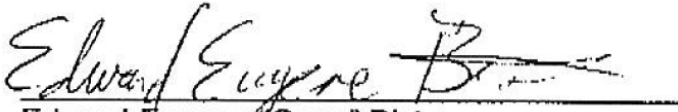
23 This incident delayed the show approximately 20 minutes. During the show,
24 Orlando Scott "Fozzy" O'Hare asked me to gather all the band's personal effects from
25 the dressing room. I took all the band's things to their transportation.

1 I was instructed by Orlando Scott "Fozzy" O'Hare to tell the band to exit the stage
2 immediately following the performance, forgoing bowing to the audience for fear Geoff
3 Tate might attempt to injure the band.

4 Following the show, I escorted band members Eddie Jackson, Michael Wilton
5 and Scott Rockenfield safely off stage and into their transportation.

6 This is my statement in full of the events of Saturday, April 14, 2012, at the
7 HSBC arena in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

8 Signed this 2nd day of July 2012, at Greenville County, State of South Carolina.

9
10
11 
12 Edward Eugene "Geno" Bishop