

Scott DesJarlais testimony

Q: Has your wife, [REDACTED], ever had an abortion?

A: Yes, she has.

Q: How many?

A: Three.

Q: Do you know when those occurred?

A: Yes.

Q: When?

A: One occurred prior to our meeting and two occurred shortly after we were together.

Q: And whose idea was it to have the abortion on all three occasions?

A: The first one -

Q: Of course, the first one, you didn't know her?

A: -- I didn't know about. The second two, one she was on a experimental drug called Lupron and was not supposed to have gotten pregnant. There were potential risks. It was a therapeutic. One was after she had gotten back from Desert Storm and things were not going well between us and it was a mutual decision.

Q: Did her abortions, at least when you knew her, have some profound impact on her as you observed?

A: I don't think that it was easy for either one of us. I think it was a very difficult and poor choice and I think that there are probably regrets both ways.

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Q: [REDACTED]. Now, you and [REDACTED] carried on for about from January of 2000 to April of 2000 did you not?

A: Four months.

Q: According to you?

A: Yes.

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Q: And she was an employee of the hospital?

A: No.

Q: She was a patient of yours?

A: Yes.

Q: And you wrote her prescriptions and you have told us about your concern about these prescriptions, but you wrote her prescriptions, did you not, Doctor, gave her medicine, drugs?

A: I wrote patients prescriptions, yes.

Q: I'm talking about [REDACTED] the lady you are sleeping with.

A: Yes, she is a patient and I wrote her prescriptions.

Q: Okay. So we have got a patient that you are sleeping with that you are writing prescriptions to?

A: Yes.

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Open Letter to My Supporters

You have probably seen the recent media coverage regarding details of my divorce from over a decade ago. I had genuinely hoped this election would be about my record in Congress – not a 12 year old divorce.

Unfortunately, my opponent is making the same types of accusations Lincoln Davis used in 2010 when he ran what was described as the nastiest campaign in the nation in an attempt to dominate the headlines.

I know that many of you were disappointed to hear the news regarding allegations of a relationship I had while separated during my divorce proceedings. I am deeply sorry for that. But what was reported in the media was not only inaccurate, it doesn't even begin to tell the whole story.

First, there was never any pregnancy and there was no abortion. Second, my ex-wife and I had been separated for quite some time before this incident. There was an agreement in our separation that both she and I could see other people while finalizing the divorce. To say that I had a mistress or that I had an affair is inaccurate. Third, the media wrongly reported that I recorded the conversation myself. I was recorded unknowingly and without my consent.

Here is what is true. While legally separated from my wife, I was involved with a woman who I had briefly treated for a foot injury. The relationship was completely mutual. After approximately four months after we had last seen each other, she told me she was pregnant. I won't go into details out of respect for those involved, but I had several reliable reasons to believe this was false. I had a conversation with this woman over the phone that was recorded without my knowledge. During this conversation I was incredibly frustrated. As such, I used rather strong rhetoric in hopes that it would lead to her admitting the truth – that there was no pregnancy.

I appreciate that this was an imprudent approach to this situation and I'm not proud of it. In retrospect I should have dealt with these matters in a more diplomatic fashion.

There is no question that I had a very long and very difficult divorce. In fact, it seems almost as if I've never run against another candidate – only a 12 year old divorce. That being said, I understand that I am an elected official and therefore am subject to public scrutiny. But I also have a family. I think that often gets overlooked by those who resort to these sorts of smear tactics.

Through grace and redemption, God has truly given me a second chance. I have had an incredible marriage to my wife Amy of ten years and have been blessed with an opportunity to raise three wonderful children. I have a strong pro-life record in Congress and history of fighting for values important to Tennesseans. I hope you will judge me on these facts because that is who I am.

It speaks volumes that my opponent and his political mentor Lincoln Davis would gleefully exploit this private and personal issue for political gain. I suppose they must be confident that they are completely without sin.

I am not trying to justify my actions or say that I am without fault. But I am not the hypocrite my opponents and some liberal media outlets are portraying me as.

I hope that you will continue to fight with me for issues important to the people of Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District. We face big problems and we need big solutions – not desperate personal attacks.

Thank you for your support and understanding, and I stand ready to speak with you personally and answer any questions you may have.

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Q: So you told [REDACTED] essentially, that, look, I've had a relationship with this woman and she is now telling me she is pregnant?

A: Yes.

Q: What was [REDACTED] reaction?

A: She was supportive.

Q: Did she have any suggestion as to what you should do?

A She said that I should call and tape her and try to pin her down and try to get an answer and then she suggested that I tape -- have her come to my office record her again. In fact, [REDACTED] was out at my office at the time. She was [REDACTED] in the office. She was out back in the Blazer.

Q: So did [REDACTED] help you arrange to tape-record a telephone conversation with [REDACTED]

A: Yes.

Q: And the in-person conversation?

A: Yes.