

Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis District Judge
New York East District
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: United States vs Keith Raniere
18 CR. 204 (NGG)

Honorable Judge Nicholas G. Garaufis,

My name is Héctor [REDACTED] Mexican, born in 1953, now I am 67 years old. Mechanical Engineer 1970-1975 (Honorable Mention Award) and Graduate in Senior Management 1985 from ITESM.

Throughout the University I maintained a scholarship from the ITESM, with success. Entrepreneur, I participated and was a majority shareholder in the consolidation and growth of Refacciones Neumáticas La Paz from 1976 to 2002, in which we manufacture rock, pneumatic and hydraulic drills.

In 1988 I created and own Sagitta Rock Tools, a company with its own technology to manufacture and sell rock drilling steel for mining and construction.

Part 1

Some of my personal experiences with Mr. Raniere in early 2002 I took my first ESP training and met Mr. Raniere in August 2002 at Pyramid Lake.

In 2003, I moved my family to Albany to continue ESP education.

At the end of 2003 I asked Mr. Raniere to train me to run a marathon, to which he agreed. My only previous experience was 10K to start with, I did a half marathon in Allentown PA on April 25, 2004, with a goal of 1hr 35min, and ran the course in 1hr 38min. I was deeply disappointed that I did not make what was qualifying time for the New York City Marathon. Two days later, Mr. Raniere asked me, holding me by both hands and looking into my eyes, how did it go? Embarrassed and angry I answered, wrong, I did 1 h 38 min. And he said soft but firm "excellent". I was surprised, what he said and the way I felt were opposite. Day after day I kept thinking and evaluating the meaning of his word. Finally I recognized that for a 51 year old inexperienced runner the time achieved was excellent. This one interaction forever changed my perspective on being gentle with myself even in my failures. That punishing myself and getting mad at myself is useless.

Mr. Ranieri helped me calibrate myself on the other side as well, once I did what I considered a very good long workout, and shared my results in an "arrogant" mood and said "good". I was surprised and replied, just okay? He replied, yes, just fine, I am training you to be great, not just good. Shocking again, but true.

And on commitment and responsibility, near the end of a week I trained 32 miles, 3 miles short of my goal of 35. At around midnight on the last day, while a 15 F storm was in the works, Mr. Ranieri He asked me how the week was. I told him I had 3 miles to go, and he replied, "So you still have time to finish your work, like my dad said, bundle up." I drove through the storm carefully to the only gym open at midnight and ran the remaining 3 miles. This event taught me to value my word and do whatever it takes to keep it.

In the following years I successfully ran 4 marathons, Chicago 2009 and 2010 and Monterrey, Mexico 2006 and 2008.

He inspired me through the Nxivm community in different areas, while on his birthday celebration I did a short triathlon. Later as a triathlete I did an Olympic course in Monterrey on May 3, 2014

I also sang and played the drums among other things. I had fun and I enjoyed myself. I participated in the "writing project" that taught me how a group can work together successfully towards the same goal. This experience challenged my previous "working alone" experience.

By participating in many Nxivm trainings, forums, and personal interactions over the years, 2002 to 2012, I experienced radical changes in my self-awareness and community work. Working with a person specialized in the technology created by Keith I was able to explore some of my limiting beliefs, I was able to integrate knowledge and experience joy and achievement never before experienced, a brighter new life full of hope and love.

In SOP I participate in the values of honor, care, protection and justice. This allowed me to lead my company and in general my interactions with maturity and firmness.

For that and much more I will always honor, be respectful and be grateful to Mr. Ranieri. With his great ability, he could have chosen an easy and privileged lifestyle and decided to create technology to help us human beings achieve what we want, transcend our limitations, in a loving and compassionate environment, a community. with a goal of interdependence. Dreaming and working diligently and powerfully for a better world.

I heard him speak honorably of even the most incisive detractors. Always honorable, even now. When I think of him the words that come to mind are: Honest, Whole, Brilliant Intelligence, always ready to help, Cheerful and In Love with Humanity.

Part 2

The following is about Daniela, my second daughter who is extremely intelligent and was used as a witness for the prosecution.

In the early part of her childhood she was generally charming, cheerful, sparkling, and willing to participate with family and friends. But she was also stubborn and took advantage of her siblings in various ways.

Around the age of 13 she began to behave in a way that as a parent I could not understand; staying in a dark room for long periods of time, fighting with her mother, fighting with her classmates and at various points being rejected by the social groups to which she belonged.

At the age of 15, she entered the ITESM, a prestigious university and high school, in the International Baccalaureate (the most demanding training baccalaureate with less than 20 students). She finished the first year and won a scholarship to an elite Swiss school that she got on her own, then changed her mind because while she was in her first ESP training in Monterrey, she asked the ESP trainer to go to Albany. A few weeks later, I was helping out in the ESP Administration Office.

A short time later, while she was working with ESP in the administration office, she stole "like a game" US \$ 5,000, just to show that no one could tell. She later confessed to making them, but the decision seemed not to weigh heavily on her; I was surprised because it is incongruous with the values that we teach him in the family.

I rented a place for her in Cohoes and the strange behavior continued, she spent a lot of time in a dark room lit only by candles.

She expressed an interest in learning science subjects and asked Mr. Ranieri to mentor her to learn some of the subjects he specialized in. One of Daniela's goals was to study for her GED so that she could continue her education. Her commitment to demonstrate her learning was to synthesize the books with which she was studying.

Tired of this lie and many others, I, as a father and everyone as a family, including Daniela, decided to follow Keith's recommendation, to spend a short time alone in a room in the family's apartment, which Daniela could leave at any time (although I don't even think this point was specified; it was unnecessary and irrelevant, rather something obvious and consequential to the family lifestyle that we led), to allow me to think about what I really wanted (a kind of "go to your fourth to think about what you are doing").

I gave my room to Daniela (the main bedroom), her mother, in the meantime, she was in the secondary room, in front of the main one, where Daniela was. I began to sleep downstairs, on the sofa, with the intention of providing Daniela with the time and space necessary for her to really evaluate her actions and direction of her life. I personally bought the errand three times a week with the ingredients that Adriana (my ex-wife and Daniela's mother) asked me to prepare food for both of them. All the requirements that Daniela asked for were supplemented almost immediately.

Lauren Salzman, a dear friend of the family, came to see Daniela from time to time to advise her and share her wisdom and skills to help Daniela get more of what she consistently expressed that she wanted as her life goals.

What was intended to be a short time to think things over turned into something very long (about two years) with no change in Daniela's destructive attitude; constant requests for more opportunities and tireless broken promises.

Daniela was not willing to change her behavior from not putting in effort, lying and being a burden to the community. So again the family got together and decided, including her, to return to Mexico.

I personally took her to the border, with Kristen Keefe, to San Antonio. After asking her for total honesty, again very lightly, she confessed that she had stolen money from my wallet and her mother's video game. She also mentioned that she hacked my Facebook account. These acts of theft and lies did not seem to weigh on her in the least when confronted.

In order to provide her security, I coordinated with an employee of my company (who I trust) to pick her up at the border, I paid all Daniela's travel expenses so that she could arrive in Mérida, a place she chose, and I gave her money to be installed. When we said goodbye, Daniela kept promising to finish the work of synthesizing books.

The book synthesis work was never delivered, not a single page.

While in Merida, I flew in to visit her four times, to make sure she was okay, living well, and with the desire to build a healthy father-daughter relationship. It is sad to say that in my perception, the vast majority of our interactions involved manipulations of information on her part, lies and hidden intentions. Later I understood her true intention she wanted to side with her against Mr Ranieri.

The fear that the United States prosecutors through agreements with the Mexican government would really threaten my personal safety and my livelihood prevented me from testifying the truth about Daniela.

The perception of this single event is so twisted and wrong that it makes it impossible for Keith to get a fair trial with this lie at trial. This lie alone, not to mention other lies.

Please consider these facts when making your decisions.

Respectfully

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