

1 grabbing or anything. They were just dangling over him.  
2 And I wanted to get off of him, and I couldn't get off of  
3 him, and I finally hit the wall.

4 Q. When you hit the wall, did you try to slam Chad  
5 Kister into the wall?

6 A. That's ridiculous.

7 Q. Did you --

8 A. No, sir. That's a ridiculous assertion.

9 Q. What impact has that case had on your personal  
10 life, if any?

11 A. It had a tremendously adverse impact. I've been  
12 written up in all the local newspapers. I've been the  
13 headline story three times, the main headline in the local  
14 paper. The Reporter is here now.

15 But it's just not me that is hurt. It hurts my  
16 family, because I didn't do this thing that I've been  
17 prosecuted for. But more importantly it hurts my employees  
18 because they depend on me to get the bonds to pay them, to  
19 get the loans, and to get customers for the coal. And  
20 there has been all kinds of chatter around there about Bob  
21 Murray being arrested for assault and disorderly conduct,  
22 and it's hurt us tremendously. The damage is already done.  
23 Kister and Sahli and those folks, they have already  
24 accomplished their objective.

25 MR. BENNETT: Nothing further.