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1 MS. MORRISON: Okay, Your Honor. Same issue.

2 THE COURT: If he's been diagnosed and if she  
3 knows, she can testify.

4 MS. MORRISON: That wasn't the question. Is that  
5 what he's diagnosed? Is that the question?

6 THE COURT: Was it your understanding?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 Q And what efforts, if any, did you take to try to help  
9 your husband deal with what you perceived to be his post combat  
10 stress?

11 A I tried to alleviate his days. I, I didn't want to  
12 consume him with any issues that I had. I'd help him with  
13 bills, financially, so he won't be stressed. And I tried to  
14 give him moral support and a lot of love.

15 Q Did you try to be there for him emotionally?

16 A Yes.

17 Q We've heard some testimony about your interview with  
18 Doctor Robins, where you used the term embarrassed.

19 You were embarrassed after being fired from G.E.B.?  
20 Can you tell us what you meant by that?

21 A I was embarrassed because I never had one single  
22 complaint. G.E.B. never complained about me in the beginning  
23 before my pregnancy, before they knew about my pregnancy. Or  
24 even after the Christmas party before -- right during the  
25 Christmas party there was no complaint. As I stated, I took my

1 Christmas bonus, and I purchased Dora Toys for my daughter. I  
2 bragged to my family, hey, listen, look what they gave me. I  
3 got a bonus. They love my work. They told me that there -- my  
4 job would be there for me after I give birth. I worked  
5 overtime. They give me, they extended overtime for me, and I  
6 would miss out on my daughter, have my mom or my husband watch my  
7 daughter while I'm doing my thing working hard, and I felt  
8 embarrassed. I felt embarrassed when they fired me for my  
9 pregnancy.

10 Q Were you ashamed to tell your husband about what  
11 happened?

12 A Of course. I mean, yes. I, I went and if I was to go  
13 and tell my husband after all that bragging after telling him  
14 how much of a great job, how much everyone loved me. For me, I  
15 couldn't go to him. I couldn't tell him, hey, I got fired out  
16 of nowhere. He's going to look at me and say what happened, you  
17 know. I just couldn't. I was too embarrassed to go to him  
18 and tell him that. I hid it inside. I kept it inside of me.

19 Q When did you finally tell him?

20 A Wasn't --

21 Q When did you finally tell your husband what happened?

22 A I told him probably a year later the truth. I told  
23 him that I was terminated because of my pregnancy about a year  
24 later, after I received counselling.

25 Q At the time you were terminated from G.E.B., did you

1 feel like your relationship with your husband was on reasonably  
2 solid grounds?

3 A I'm sorry, could you repeat that?

4 Q Tell us how would you describe your relationship with  
5 your husband, as of the day that you were fired from G.E.B.?

6 A Our relationship there was no communication on my part.  
7 I isolated myself. I didn't want to talk to nobody. I was  
8 falling into a whirlwind. I felt like a dagga, you know, a  
9 dagga went into my heart. It was -- I didn't want to  
10 communicate with nobody. I didn't want to talk to my husband.  
11 I didn't want to tell him what happened. I didn't want to  
12 communicate with my mother. I didn't want to communicate with  
13 nobody. I was just isolated. Our relationship started  
14 deteriorating little by little, little by little, piece by  
15 piece. Just breaking, my broken mirror just kept on falling,  
16 chipping away.

17 Q How was the relationship with your husband before you  
18 were fired from G.E.B.?

19 A Well, I didn't have to worry about me not being able to  
20 support, you know, to not having a job. I had a job. I was  
21 helping him support. I was happy, he was happy. I could  
22 attend to his needs, to whatever depressions he had. To try to  
23 keep it light for him. It was good.

24 Q After being fired by G.E.B., were you able to attend to  
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25 your husband's emotional needs in the same way?

1           A     No, no.

2           Q     Why not?

3           A     Because I was depressed myself.     I didn't want to  
4 communicate with nobody.     I would wake up each and everyday,  
5 each and everyday crying.     Each and every day hating what they  
6 did to me.     Wishing that I can talk back, that I should of stood  
7 up for myself.     Living a life of regret.     When they spoke  
8 derogatory comments to me -- the only time that a woman should,  
9 should even have to worry about anything in life is their  
10 weight, how they look, how they dress when you're pregnant.     The  
11 happiest moment, the happiest moment in my life and they took  
12 that away from me.     Peter and Paswell took that away from me.

13           Q     Did you feel like you were -- strike that.

14                     After you were fired from G.E.B., what kind of mother  
15 did you feel like you were?

16           A     I felt like a horrible mother.     I was waking up  
17 everyday crying.     I didn't want to talk to no one.     I was bottling  
18 all my emotions inside that was manifesting within me.     I didn't  
19 want to talk to my husband.     I was hiding the secret that I was  
20 fired.     I felt ashamed, embarrassed, angry.     And I should have  
21 been happy.     I should have been happy.     It was my second child  
22 that I was birthing.     I lost one.     It was going to be my second  
23 child that was coming, that was, you know, that I was raising.  
24 I was happy I did.     It should have been the happiest moment in  
25 my life with my husband, that we lost one child and then another

1 one was coming soon. And they took that away from me. I cried  
2 everyday, everyday, everyday. And it was robbed from me. That  
3 pregnancy was robbed from me. The moment I was suppose to be  
4 happy, the moment where I was suppose to be just excited. I --  
5 how was I going to be excited? How was I going to pay the  
6 bills. How was I going to talk to my husband?

7 THE COURT: You sure, ma'am, you don't want a  
8 minute?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, I want a minute.

10 THE COURT OFFICER: All rise. Jury exiting.

11 (Whereupon, the sworn jurors exit the courtroom.)

12 (Whereupon, there is a pause in the proceedings.).

13 THE COURT: Miss --

14 THE COURT OFFICER: All rise.

15 THE COURT: Mission Rodriguez.

16 (Witness resumes the witness stand.)

17 THE COURT OFFICER: Jury entering.

18 (Whereupon, the sworn jurors enter the courtroom  
19 and take their respective seat.)

20 THE COURT: Please be seated.

21 Okay, Mr. Lucas, you want to continue on with Miss  
22 Rodriguez?

23 MR. LUCAS: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. LUCAS: