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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO

PEOPLE OF THE STATE )  
OF ILLINOIS, )  
 )  
vs. ) NO. 2001-CF-2701  
 )  
CLARENCE VANCE, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS at the hearing  
of the above-entitled cause before the Honorable  
RICHARD W. VIDAL, Judge of said Court, at Rockford,  
Winnebago County, Illinois, and heard on the 28th day  
of April A. D., 2004.

APPEARANCES:

ATTORNEY WENDY LARSON appeared on  
behalf of the People.

The Defendant appeared pro se.

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EXA

1 property. The issue is to whether these deeds she  
2 refers to -- she refers to them, whether they are valid  
3 or whether they are invalid, and I guess if it would  
4 help the Court, I would be willing to submit an  
5 additional documentation that I've recently become  
6 aware of. It's not that it wasn't there. It's been  
7 there for five years. I've just become aware of it,  
8 that this whole matter, the Bankruptcy Court by law had  
9 no jurisdiction to do what it did, and I would be  
10 willing to address that in a supplemental argument or  
11 whatever if need be, if the Court --

12 MS. LARSON: And that's my point exactly,  
13 Judge. There is --

14 THE DEFENDANT: The case is still open.  
15 It's not closed, so it's not a done deal.

16 THE COURT: You say it's still open.

17 THE DEFENDANT: Bankruptcy case is still  
18 open. It's never been closed.

19 THE COURT: It's not on appeal. It's still  
20 open.

21 THE DEFENDANT: It's still open.

22 MS. LARSON: Actually, Judge, it's my  
23 understanding that this stems from a proceeding from  
24 20 years ago started by the bank trying to obtain title

1 to property.

2 THE DEFENDANT: Excuse me. 23 years ago, if  
3 you want to be correct.

4 MS. LARSON: The fact of the matter is, this  
5 goes to the heart of the problem. This is, I believe,  
6 another court is litigating this. There is a valid  
7 trustee's deed. I will bring Tom Lester in to testify  
8 to that.

9 THE DEFENDANT: I think that would be a good  
10 idea.

11 MS. LARSON: But the real issue here is  
12 whether or not this defendant destroyed crops on a  
13 piece of land that he no longer had title.

14 THE DEFENDANT: I didn't have -- I haven't  
15 had title to that property since 1983.

16 MS. LARSON: That's correct.

17 THE DEFENDANT: So, like I say, it's not  
18 property --

19 THE COURT: Let's take turns, please. Let  
20 her finish, and you can speak.

21 MS. LARSON: We're getting into a situation,  
22 Judge, of now litigating what a court of parallel  
23 jurisdiction, the Bankruptcy Court, has done. This  
24 strictly is, I think, beyond the scope of this case. I

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I, Carrie L. Williams, Official Court Reporter,  
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois, do  
hereby certify that I reported in stenograph the  
testimony given in the hearing of said cause to the best  
of my ability, and that the foregoing transcript is a  
true and correct transcription of my stenographic notes  
so taken as aforesaid, and contains all the  
testimony given at the hearing of the said cause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand  
this 27th day of May, 2004.

Carrie Williams  
Official Court Reporter

I hereby certify that this document is  
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the original on file in my office.

Man. A. Gasparini  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Winnebago County, Illinois

By [Signature]  
Deputy Clerk

Date 9-10-04