

## Conflict situation short story

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Charged with wrongful termination and physical assault, Paul Basiley is called to testify by prosecution on October 15th in Florida.

The state attorney: "You allegedly fired Nina Walker 2 months ago for being 'constantly late'. However there is video footage of her entering the building on time. The question is why you actually fired her that day?" questioned

Paul Basiley: "I did fire Miss Walker for being late. More specifically it was for constantly wasting time at work. That's the true reason I fired her!"

State attorney: "Are you aware that later that day Miss Walker was attacked, With multiple bruising on her face and legs, and eleven open wounds?"

Paul was seemingly uncomfortable, with a shaky voice replied "Yes."

State attorney: "Is it true that you have a history of anger management issues?"

Paul looked at his attorney as if he were expecting him to say something. But the room stayed dead silent with all eyes on him. He took a deep breath and with a sigh said "Yes."

"Is it true that you got quite frustrated with Miss Walker when she threatened to sue you for wrongful termination?"

Paul Basiley: "I was a bit annoyed, but I didn't really care. I had a valid reason to fire her so I had no reason to worry!"

State attorney: "We have sworn statements from your employees that you were furious."

Silence.

State attorney "Were you or were you not involved in this assault?"

Paul looked up at the courtroom with beads of sweat rolling down his face and a vein visibly about to pop in his forehead. He slowly replied, "I was."

