

STATE OF ILLINOIS
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF McHENRY

PAUL DULBERG,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 12 LA 178

vs.

DAVID GAGNON, Individually, and as
Agent of CAROLINE MCGUIRE and BILL
MCGUIRE, and CAROLINE MCGUIRE
and BILL MCGUIRE, Individually,

Defendants.

ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S INTERROGATORIES TO
DEFENDANTS BILL MCGUIRE AND CAROLYN MCGUIRE

TO: Paul Dulberg
c/o Attorney Hans A. Mast
Law Offices of Thomas J. Popovich
3416 West Elm Street
McHenry, IL 60050

Defendants, BILL MCGUIRE AND CAROLYN MCGUIRE (improperly named Caroline),
by and through their attorneys, Cicero, France, Barch & Alexander, PC, and for their Answer to
Plaintiff's Interrogatories, state as follows:

1. State the full name of the defendant(s) answering, as well as your current residence address, date of birth, marital status, and social security number, and, if different, give the full name, as well as the current residence address, date of birth, marital status, and social security number of the individual(s) signing these Answers.

ANSWER: William "Bill" McGuire
1016 W. Elder Avenue
McHenry, IL 60051
Married: Carolyn
DOB: July 29, 1952

Carolyn McGuire
1016 W. Elder Avenue
McHenry, IL 60051
Married: Bill
November 26, 1946

Defendants object to providing Social Security Numbers. Such information is highly sensitive and private and is furthermore irrelevant to any issues in the pending lawsuit.

2. State the full name and current residence address of each person who witnessed or claims to have witnessed the accident to the Plaintiff on the premises as described in the complaint.

ANSWER: David Gagnon
39010 90th Place
Genoa City, WI 53128

Paul Dulberg
4606 Hayden
McHenry, IL 60051

3. State the full name and current residence address of each person who witnessed or claims to have witnessed the work and/or conditions existing as described in the complaint at the location of the accident on the date of the accident described.

ANSWER: See answer to Interrogatory No. 2.

4. State the name and address of the person(s) or entity that owned the property premises whereat the accident occurred as alleged, as of the date in question.

ANSWER: Bill and Carolyn McGuire
1016 W. Elder Avenue
McHenry, IL 60051

5. State the name and address of the person(s) or entity that was involved in the work and/or maintenance of the exterior of the premises as alleged on the date in question.

ANSWER: See response to Interrogatory No. 2.

6. State the name and address of the person(s) or entity that decided or chose to undertake the work and/or maintenance of the exterior of the premises as alleged on the date in question, including chain saw use and activity.

ANSWER: See response to Interrogatory No. 2.

7. State the name and address of the person(s) or entity that was to supervise or oversee the work and/or maintenance at the exterior of the premises as alleged on the date in question including chain saw use and activity.

ANSWER: See response to Interrogatory No. 2.

8. State the full name and current residence address of each person, who was present and/or claims to have been present at the scene immediately before, at the time of, and/or immediately after said occurrence.

ANSWER:

Before:

William "Bill" McGuire
1016 W. Elder Avenue
McHenry, IL 60051

Carolyn McGuire
1016 W. Elder Avenue
McHenry, IL 60051

David Gagnon
39010 90th Place
Genoa City, WI 53128

Paul Dulberg
4606 Hayden
McHenry, IL 60051

At Time Of

Occurrence:

David Gagnon
39010 90th Place
Genoa City, WI 53128

Paul Dulberg
4606 Hayden
McHenry, IL 60051

After:

William "Bill" McGuire
1016 W. Elder Avenue
McHenry, IL 60051

Carolyn McGuire
1016 W. Elder Avenue
McHenry, IL 60051

David Gagnon
39010 90th Place
Genoa City, WI 53128

Paul Dulberg
4606 Hayden
McHenry, IL 60051

9. State the name and address of each witness that knows or claims to know the circumstances of the alleged accident, how it occurred or how the Plaintiff became injured – as alleged in the Complaint.

ANSWER:

On information and belief, David Gagnon and Paul Dulberg were present at the time of the alleged occurrence and therefore know the circumstances surrounding the occurrence. Answering further, Defendants Bill McGuire and Carolyn McGuire were not present at the time of the occurrence but knew that David Gagnon and Paul Dulberg were present on the date of the occurrence. From conversations with David Gagnon, the answering Defendants believe that Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Dulberg had been cutting logs and tree branches into smaller sections without incident. While in the process of cutting tree branches Paul Dulberg unexpectedly and without warning moved his right arm directly in the path of the running chain saw. Investigation continues.

10. With respect to the chain saw that was being operated on the premises at the time of the alleged injury, state as follows:
- Who was operating the chain saw at the time of the Plaintiff's alleged injury;
 - Who owned the chain saw at the time of Plaintiff's alleged injury;
 - who requested that the chain saw be used to perform work at the time of Plaintiff's injury.

ANSWER:

- On information and belief, David Gagnon was operating the chain saw at the time Mr. Dulberg was injured.
- Bill McGuire was the owner of the chain saw on the date of the occurrence.
- David Gagnon had Bill McGuire's permission to use the chain saw.

11. With respect to David Gagnon's experience in use of a chain saw prior to the date of the alleged accident, state as follows:

- How many times had David Gagnon operated the same or similar chain saw prior to the date of alleged accident;
- What formal training did David Gagnon receive in use or operation of a chain saw prior to the occurrence alleged;
- Who, if any, (names and addresses) trained David Gagnon in use or operation of a chain saw prior to the occurrence.

ANSWER:

- Objection. This interrogatory is better directed to David Gagnon. Answering subject to objection, and to the best of the answering parties' knowledge, David Gagnon has used chain saws in the past but the answering parties do not know how often he has used chain saws in the past.
- Objection. This interrogatory is better directed to David Gagnon. Answering subject to objection, the answering parties do not know whether David Gagnon has been formally trained the use or operation of a chain saw. Answering further, the answering parties are aware that Mr. Gagnon has used chain saws many times in the past and he appears/appeared to know what he is doing.

#12 - Paul ^{volunteered to} ~~take~~ do. Had for an expert & Mr. Quinn
approved because they didn't have to do
it with it.

Mr. Quibbey was not helping Doc & take down
many times. Mr. Quibbey was a ~~particular~~ in
one log cutting. The only reason Mr. Quibbey
made was to ~~stay~~ move away to avoid the
chain saw.

#13 - True but a lie as to why they stop this answer
for explanation.

- c. Objection. This interrogatory is better directed to David Gagnon. Answering subject to objection, the answering party do now know whether or by whom David Gagnon was trained in the use of chain saws. Answering further, the answering parties are aware that Mr. Gagnon has used chain saws many times in the past and he appears/appeared to know what he is doing.

12. What was the scope of work or task David Gagnon was engaged in with use of the chain saw at or about the time of the alleged accident.

ANSWER:

To the extent "scope of work" or "engaged" constitute legal conclusions, the answering Defendants object to Interrogatory No. 12. Answering subject to objection, at the time of the alleged occurrence, the answering Defendants were in the process of replacing an old shed on their property. Paul Dulberg helped David Gagnon tear down the old shed. The answering Defendants further believe that Mr. Dulberg took the components of the old shed to his property for eventual reassembly. On the date of the occurrence, Mr. Dulberg was helping David Gagnon take down several trees to make room for a new shed. On information and belief, prior to the occurrence Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Dulberg had been cutting logs and tree branches into smaller sections without incident. While in the process of cutting tree branches Paul Dulberg unexpectedly and without warning moved his right arm directly in the path of the running chain saw. Answering further, the answering Defendants did not engage, hire or pay either individual for their activities on site. Nor did either answering Defendant dictate, control or otherwise supervise the methods and means by which Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Dulberg performed the tree and branch cutting at issue.

13. Who (names and addresses) requested or chose to engage Gagnon in the "task" of use and operation of the chain saw at or about the time of the alleged accident.

ANSWER:

To the extent the words "chose" and "engage" constitute legal conclusions, the answering Defendants object to Interrogatory No. 13. Answering subject to objection, David Gagnon undertook the tree cutting and trimming in question as a favor to his parents. He was not engaged, hired or paid for the activities in question.

14. What instructions or guidance, if any, was given to Gagnon prior to Plaintiff's alleged injury/accident with regard to how he was to perform the chain saw work at the premises.

ANSWER: See response to Interrogatory No. 11.