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Kenneth Roth
Roscoe Productions
"Deadwood"

HAND DELIVERED ON SET

Date: August 3, 2004

Dear Kenny:

I want to thank you for trying to keep me last week, however I have decided that Deadwood may not be the place for me. I am an inactive attorney in the State of California. Most of the girls already know this, and one girl's husband who is a lawyer even ran a background check on me last year. I typically do not tell everyone I meet because I currently can not represent anyone, except myself, and I have had people on sets attempt to use me for legal advice. My life as a lawyer is my past and I want to keep it that way.

Despite my educational background I am not certain how to handle my current situation. At least one of the girls on the set has been misrepresenting me and defaming my character. Last year one girl left messages on my machine accusing me of slander when she was the one spreading a rumor, despite the fact that I am pretty certain she knew I was an attorney since this was after the background check by one of her friends. I do not want to cause problems on any set and I have been working in Background for almost a year with Central without incident. I do not want to get anyone in trouble or get anyone fired. I also do not want to get fired myself, however I feel compelled to inform you of my current decision. As you know I have been made a regular on another show with HBO. Per our discussion, I have been informed that there will be no conflicts with me working both shows. I feel much more comfortable on that set and I feel more obligated to work that show. I was a replacement this week for one of the girls. This show has 13 to choose from for the Gems. My other obligation only has about 7 girls to work who are considered regulars, 4 of whom are non-union. ~~I also am not playing a~~ ~~whatsoever on the show,~~ and I do not have to deal with any melodrama or caddy behavior. Despite any problems I may have had with the girls or any guys last year, I never once discussed any issues with Joe May or Mike McGrath. I do not bring melodrama to set.

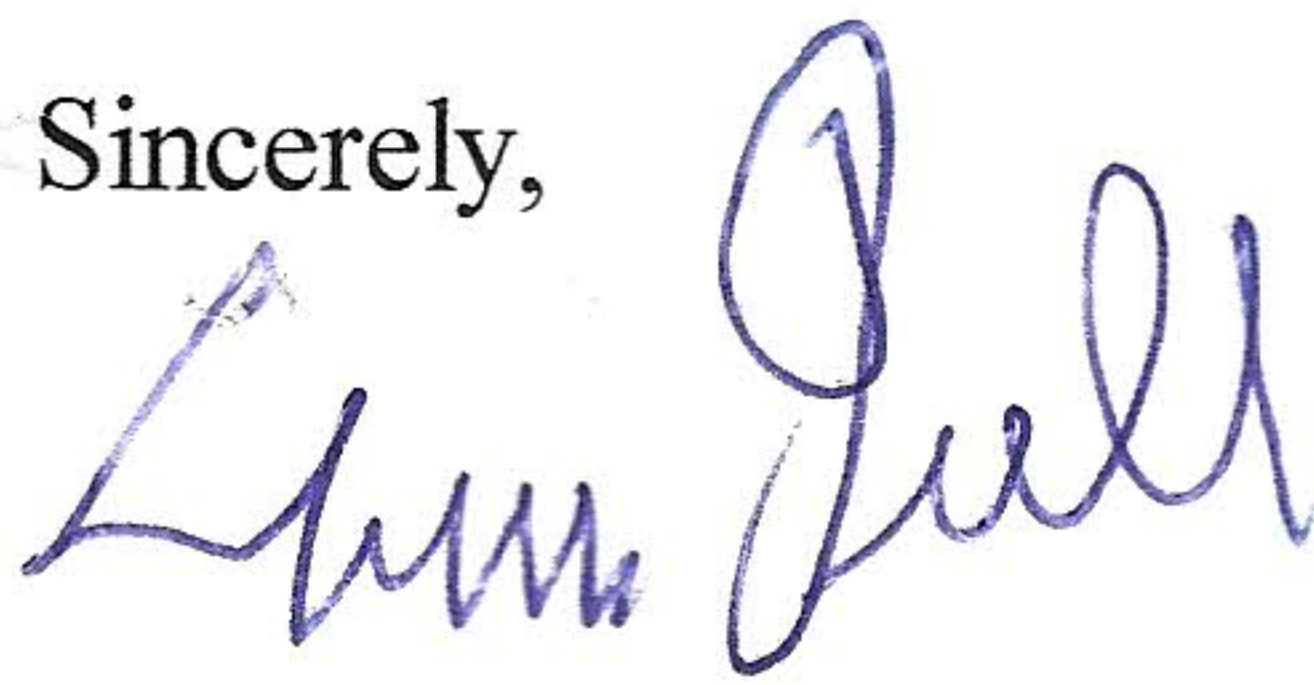
I would quit Deadwood completely, however, this show may be the only work for me in December and January when things get slow. I make a living as a background person and I am happy for the first time in my life working on sets. However certain past actions by the other girls has made working on Deadwood un-fun for me. I love the show and respect the quality of the work. If you need me and I am available I will work,

however my other show takes priority and precedent. David Milch last year offered me a line, however I feel that this will probably not come to fruition and I do not want to focus on a position that will not allow me grow as an actress which is my future and my current career choice. If the girls have issues because I will not be friendly to them, I do not have to be their buddy on set to do my job. I will not put up pretenses.

Thank you for your time; please see attached postscript in regards to Bill Dance Casting.

Peace and good will.

Sincerely,



Laura Tull

P.S. I wanted to inform you that last week when I was scheduled to work on Tuesday, I had told Bill Dance's office that I would be unavailable on Friday (i.e. Bill Dance knew I was not going to work Deadwood on Friday as of Monday). In addition, I got a call on Thursday to call Bill Dance. When I called the office I was informed that they were calling about my availability but the girls had been cancelled for Friday. (I had already informed Bill Dance's office I could not work Friday.)

In addition, there exists a call time change box. I requested this number, but Bill Dance's office will not give it to me. Without this number, unless Bill Dance called me directly, I would have no way of knowing this information. It would not be my fault if I were late or too early to set. If I show up two hours early because of this issue, I would request payment for the additional time period. I do not know if I am the only one with this problem. In the future you may have disgruntled employees who could possibly demand compensation for showing up early to set without being informed of call time changes if they do not have the number.