- 1 A. I asked to see David Banks. I was told no by two
- 2 security guards and escorted from the building.
- 3 Q. After the security guards escorted you from the
- 4 building, did Mr. Banks ever call you back?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Did you continue in your attempts to call him?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Were you successful?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Did IRP ever pay Spherion on these invoices?
- 11 A. No, we were never paid.
- MS. HAZRA: If I could have one moment, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: You may.
- MS. HAZRA: I have nothing further. Thank you.
- 15 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.
- Mr. Banks?
- MR. BANKS: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 19 BY MR. BANKS:
- Q. Ms. Stephens, how big is Spherion?
- 21 A. It is a large corporation. I'm not sure of its
- 22 annual revenue.
- Q. Would you be able to estimate; millions, billions?
- 24 A. I would imagine it is in the millions.
- 25 Q. Okay. What is Spherion's credit policy before they

- enter into an agreement with a new client?
- A. Generally, we rely heavily upon a Dun & Bradstreet
- 3 report.
- Q. So if the Dun & Bradstreet had came back outside of
- 5 the criteria, or lower than the criteria, Spherion does
- 6 not do business; is that correct?
- 7 A. That was a decision that was left up to each manager.
- 8 But we strongly relied upon that.
- 9 Q. Okay. Now, in your testimony a minute ago, you
- 10 mentioned that Mr. Banks said that this could be a
- 11 lucrative opportunity for Spherion; is that correct?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. You also said -- and I will ask you, lucrative if the
- 14 development of the software was successful; is that
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. I was under the impression in the meeting that the
- 17 software was developed, and it was just a matter of things
- 18 being signed.
- 19 Q. A minute ago you testified lucrative if the
- 20 development of the software was successful. Do you recall
- 21 that?
- 22 A. I don't recall saying if the software was successful.
- 23 Q. Okay. I would like to take you to an interview done
- and conducted by the FBI on January 25th of 2005. Do you
- 25 recall that interview or having that interview?

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- 1 THE WITNESS: I have.
- 2 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Would you say that this accurately --
- 3 that this report states that IRP --
- 4 THE COURT: Ask her your question.
- 5 MR. BANKS: All right.
- THE COURT: You asked her if she remembered. She
- 7 said she didn't recall. Ask her if she recalls.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. BANKS) Do you recall your testimony now that
- 9 you provided to the FBI?
- 10 A. It says that here.
- 11 Q. It says what?
- 12 A. That IRP is trying to secure a large contract with
- 13 the NYPD.
- 14 Q. Okay. Now, do you consider Spherion an
- 15 autonomous-type of organization? They are responsible for
- 16 making their own decisions; correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Mr. Banks, IRP, or any other company cannot force
- 19 Spherion to do anything they don't want to do; is that
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. That would be correct.
- 22 Q. And based on that, Spherion, as a large corporation,
- 23 has put in policies and procedures that guides its
- 24 decision making with new clients; is that correct?
- 25 A. That would be correct, yes.