

Guide to the Bedford Videos Private Collection

I can send you these items if you e-mail me.
terrijeanbedford@gmail.com

I, Terri-Jean Bedford, rose to national prominence in Canada for a number of reasons and at a number of times. In 1994 a large house in an affluent area just north of Toronto was raided and a press conference by police marked the beginning of the so-called Bondage Bungalow trials and appeals of the 1990's.

Even while these proceedings were in progress, I operated a nearly identical facility from 1998 to 2002. It was operated very openly, with media visiting, in Toronto, and with no intervention from authorities.

From 2007 to 2013, I was one of 3 plaintiffs in Bedford Versus Canada, challenging 3 key provisions in the criminal code meant to deter the sex trade. There were hearings not open to the public. In late 2009 there were nine days of hearings open to press and public. This was covered nationally. After one year of deliberation by the judge the provisions challenged were struck down in late 2010. There was much controversy and vigorous debate following the decision. The governments of Canada and Ontario appealed.

The Ontario Court of Appeal hearings were again a source of national coverage in 2011, as was the Court's decision in 2012. Finally, the hearings at the Supreme Court of Canada, in June 2013, and its unanimous decision in favour of our side, in December 2013, were covered nationally.

Over the years I was recorded at courthouses, interviews and other situations. Many of the records of these appearances are on the Internet, mainly YouTube. The following guide lists videos I have retained. Some are not on the Internet, or had been but were removed. Others are still on the Internet, but have been retained in my private collection as a contingency against their possible future removal.

I suggest reading my book *Dominatrix on Trial* to give the best perspective from which to examine the videos. Information is also on my Web site (terrijeanbedford.com). Public access is available to my papers, archived at the University of Windsor.

LISTINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS

BEDFORD VIDEOS

PRIVATE COLLECTION

I can send you these items if you e-mail me.

terrijeanbedford@gmail.com

My private collection presently consists of about 30 videos housed in folders based on the events they involve. The collection is growing and this will be reflected in updates to this guide. There are reports, interviews, speeches and other footage. Sometimes reports and interviews overlap. The makers of the videos vary, but most are from mainstream Canadian television networks or stations. Some have never been on the Internet.

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.REPORTS

CBC.2010.09.28.A.2M34S.2010 DECISION.REPORTS

PROSTITUTION LAWS STRUCK DOWN BY ONTARIO JUDGE HIMEL

This video is the full report that appeared on the CBC's national nightly newscast, the day of the decision. The report summarized the main points at issue and some of the potential implications of the decision. Val Scott, a fellow plaintiff with Bedford, comments a few times during the report. Bedford is seen for a total of about 30 seconds. She is seen and heard celebrating the victory in scenes and comments widely reproduced in the media since. Wearing her signature leather suit and carrying her riding crop, she raises her arm in a cheer to the cheers of supporters, and slaps her gloved hand with a riding crop and says she is going to celebrate by spanking some ass, legally.

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.REPORTS

CBC.2010.09.29.A.1M56S.2010 DECISION.REPORTS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO APPEAL HIMEL DECISION

The day after the decision the government announced it would appeal and gave some reasons. This video captures the breaking news of the appeal and a reporter gave details on what was said. No one other than the anchor and in-studio reporter appear in the video.

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.REPORTS

CDN PRESS.2010.09.28.A.1M58S.2010 DECISION.REPORTS

BEDFORD AND SCOTT SPEAK AT PRESS CONFERENCE

For about the first minute Bedford is shown celebrating then reading a statement lauding the Himel decision and stating that the onus was on the government to tell consenting adults what is legal in private for money or not. Val Scott comments similarly in the remainder of the video.

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.REPORTS

GLOBAL.2010.09.28.A.4M24S.2010 DECISION.REPORTS

LAWYER COMMENTS ON IMPLICATIONS OF THE HIMEL DECISION

On the evening newscast the report summarized the key points of the decision. Following the report, brief comments are given by: Val Scott, a cabinet minister and a member of a group opposed to the decision. Then there is a 90 second interview with prominent criminal lawyer Paul Burstein, who saw the decision in a favourable light.

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.REPORTS

GLOBAL.2010.09.28.B.1M41S.2010 DECISION.REPORTS

SUPPORTERS OF HIMEL DECISION LAUD THE DECISION

A reporter gathered comments about some possible implications of the Himel decision from: a city alderman, my fellow plaintiff Val Scott and University of Toronto Law Professor Brenda Cossman. In the last few seconds a clip is shown of Val and Bedford walking outside the courthouse during the hearings leading up to the decision.

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS

CBC.2010.09.28.A.7M32S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS

MYTHS DISPELLED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF HIMEL'S DECISION

The news anchor on CBC's news network summarized the Himel decision and background to it. Then she cut to Rona Ambrose, federal minister responsible for the status of women. The minister simply said that the government is reviewing the decision and considering an appeal. Most of the video is an interview with Mariana Valverde, director for the Centre of Criminology at the University of Toronto. The interview mainly addressed the concerns of those opposed to Himel's decision.

<p>FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS CBC.2010.09.28.B.7M48S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS <i>REP. OF OPPONENT GROUP TO DECISION EXPLAINS POSITION</i> Interview with Diane Watts, spokesperson for “Real Women of Canada”, who intervened in the case against the plaintiffs. She explained in detail in answer to many questions the reasons for her group’s dissatisfaction with Himel’s decision.</p>
<p>FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS CBC.2010.09.28.C.13M16S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS <i>THREE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT DISCUSS THE HIMEL DECISION</i> After a two minute summary of the existing laws and the Himel decision the host of the show interviews the parliamentary secretary to the minister of justice and two other members. The point was made that such a major ruling should be reviewed by higher courts. Various arguments for and against the Himel decision and about what to do if it stands up were put forward. The last two minutes of the video were obliterated.</p>
<p>FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS CTV.2010.09.28.A.3M50S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS <i>TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT DISCUSS THE HIMEL DECISION</i> Each member speaks for about a minute or so and the host asks a few brief questions.</p>
<p>FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS CTV.2010.09.28.B.4M34S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS <i>LAWYER COMMENTS ON DECISION AND RELATED ISSUES</i> Ron Marzel, who was co-counsel with Professor Alan Young for the Bedford side, is interviewed.</p>
<p>FOLDER: 2010.DECISION:INTERVIEWS CTV.2010.09.28.C.3M45S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS <i>ALAN YOUNG LEAD COUNCIL FOR BEDFORD ET. AL. INTERVIEW</i> Professor Young on the Himel decision and what court activity is likely to follow.</p>
<p>FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS CTV.2010.09.28.D.3M56S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS <i>BEDFORD SOLO INTERVIEW ON NATIONAL TELEVISION</i> Bedford interviewed on implications of Himel decision. She also called out prime minister Harper and recounted the Bondage Bungalow raid and trials from the 1990s.</p>

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS

GLOBAL.2010.09.28.A.3M25S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS

STATEMENTS BY BEDFORD AND SCOTT

Bedford gave a one minute statement. She lauded Himel's decision and called out the prime minister to state clear ground rules for the welfare of sex trade workers. Scott called it an amazing victory and said why. She pointed out that "Justice Himel has seen through all the hypocrisy."

FOLDER: 2010.DECISION.INTERVIEWS

GLOBAL.2010.09.28.B.5M13S.2010 DECISION.INTERVIEWS

ALAN YOUNG ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECISION

In an eloquent yet clear presentation Professor Young spoke of the process and nature of a constitutional challenge and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as they applied to this case. He spoke of the respective roles of the courts and parliament. He also spoke of how Justice Himel dealt with the case through its inception.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.REPORTS

CDN PRESS.2010.11.24.A.1M14S.2010 STAY.REPORTS

GOVERNMENTS REQUEST EXTENSION OF STAY

Judge Himel put a 30 day stay on the decision striking down the prostitution laws. The governments of Canada and Ontario went to court a few days before the 30 days ended to seek an extension of the stay until the appeal of the decision was ruled on. The judge granted an extension of the stay until he ruled on the request. Towards the end of the video the reporter refers to Bedford's decades long fight against the laws and then Bedford is shown making a defiant comment outside the courthouse while smacking her riding crop into her leather glove.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.REPORTS

CDN PRESS.2010.11.24.B.1M21S.2010 STAY.REPORTS

BEDFORD READS REPORTERS A MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

For the first forty seconds Bedford reads a statement to reporters outside the courthouse about how Prime Minister Harper is mishandling the case, and about the need for the decision to stand. (Later that day reporters would ask him to comment on Bedford's statement). Alan Young makes a brief comment refuting accusations about what he and his clients are trying to do. Justice Minister Nicholson briefly spoke some platitudes to the media outside the House of Commons.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.REPORTS

CTV.2010.11.24.A.1M48S.2010 STAY.REPORTS

STRUCK DOWN LAWS MAY REMAIN INTACT UNTIL APPEAL

The report gives the context for the arguments for and against an extension of the stay. Bedford and Scott are seen coming down the courthouse steps. Nikki Thomas, then executive director of the Sex Professionals of Canada, makes a brief comment, as does Alan Young.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.REPORTS

CTV.2010.11.24.B.1M48S.2010.STAY.REPORTS

PRIME MINISTER RESPONDS TO BEDFORD

Bedford is seen descending the court steps and tells reporters the prime minister is hiding. The prime minister, in a famous clip, tells reporters he has never responded to a dominatrix before and does not know who Bedford is.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.INTERVIEWS

CBC.2010.11.24.A.3M31S.2010 STAY.INTERVIEWS

BEDFORD DOES DETAILED PHONE INTERVIEW ON NATIONAL TV

She discusses the hearing about possible extension of the stay and then discusses many aspects of the decision and refutes points made in opposition to the decision. She again calls out the prime minister for not acting. During the almost three minute interview a picture of her with the caption Terri-Jean Bedford Dominatrix is shown alternatively with footage of street sex workers.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.INTERVIEWS

CDN PRESS.2010.11.24.A.1M29S.2010 STAY.INTERVIEWS

BEDFORD WITH MANY REPORTERS OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE

Bedford is shown exclusively, answering a number of questions. She again called out the prime minister for hiding from the issue. She is very articulate and clear during this impromptu press conference.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.INTERVIEWS

CTV.2010.11.24.A.3M31S.2010 STAY.INTERVIEWS

LEGAL ANALYST EXPLAINS STAY CONTROVERSY AND CASE

A lawyer who regularly appears as the network's legal analyst explained the process and arguments concerning the proposed stay, as well as the main points of concern in the case.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.INTERVIEWS

CTV.2010.11.24.B.6M47S.2010 STAY.INTERVIEWS

BEDFORD SURROUNDED BY REPORTERS OUTSIDE COURT

Reporters surrounded Bedford and Professor Young as they emerged from the Ontario Court of Appeal where a judge agreed to the government's request for an extension of the stay on the Himel decision striking down the prostitution laws. Bedford read a statement, within which she asked reporters to ask the prime minister if he has read the decision (one of them did and he responded). She answered a variety of questions, and recalled her legal tribulations from the 1990s. Professor Young, towards the end of the video, discussed the decision to extend the stay, along with a few other legal points.

FOLDER: 2010.STAY.INTERVIEWS

CTV.2011.24.C.6M06S.2011.STAY. INTERVIEWS

JUSTICE MINISTER ON THE CASE AFTER STAY EXTENDED

Justice Minister Nicholson answers questions about the federal government's position on the case after the stay is extended until the case is heard by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

FOLDER: 2011.APPEAL.REPORTS

NO VIDEOS AS YET IN THIS FOLDER – ONE OR MORE EXPECTED

FOLDER: 2011.APPEAL.INTERVIEWS

NO VIDEOS AS YET IN THIS FOLDER – ONE OR MORE EXPECTED

FOLDER: 2012.DECISION.REPORTS

GLOBAL.2012.03.26.A.2M31S.2012 DECISION.REPORTS

ONTARIO COURT OF APPEAL UPHOLDS JUDGE HIMEL

Report terms it a major victory for sex trade workers who wanted laws struck. The report discusses the court's findings and presents brief comments for and against the decision. Bedford is seen at various times in various situations but does not speak.

FOLDER: 2012.DECISION.INTERVIEWS

CBC.2012.03.26.A.7M13S.2012 DECISION.INTERVIEWS

BEDFORD INTERVIEWED ON NATIONAL TV ON APPEAL VICTORY

Bedford is interviewed at length on national television. All the usual questions. She accuses the prime minister of hiding behind judges and calls the justice minister senile. At the end she remarks to the effect that she has the prime minister by the balls, which was much appreciated by many members of the sex worker community.

FOLDER: 2012.DECISION.INTERVIEWS

CTV.2012.03.26.B.6M06S.2012 DECISION. INTERVIEWS

ONTARIO COURT OF APPEAL UPHOLDS JUDGE HIMEL

Details...