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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: On Trial]

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: On trial, the first witnesses called in the gun case against Hunter Biden. Prosecutors using his own words as evidence.

HUNTER BIDEN [on *Beautiful Things* audiobook]: I had no plan beyond the moment to moment demands of the crack pipe.

GUTHRIE: His ex-wife expected to take the stand today. We are there live.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Hunter Biden on Trial]

CRAIG MELVIN: Good morning to you as well. A second day of witness testimony getting underway this morning at the trial of President Biden's son Hunter after opening statements that saw prosecutors and the defense, battle over the key issue in this case. Did Hunter Biden knowingly lie on a form to buy a gun? NBC's Ryan Nobles is at the courthouse in Delaware for us. Ryan, good morning.

RYAN NOBLES: Craig, good morning to you. And it could be another difficult day for the Biden family in the courtroom as Hunter Biden's ex-wife is expected to be called to the witness stand. Her testimony comes after yesterday when the defendant's own voice served as a star witness for the prosecution. On day two of his criminal gun trial, prosecutors pitted Hunter Biden against himself.

HUNTER BIDEN: By now I possessed a new superpower, the ability to find crack in any town, at any time, no matter how unfamiliar the terrain.

NOBLES: They pulled excerpts of the audio version of Biden's memoir *Beautiful Things* where the President's Son details his painful battle with addiction.

BIDEN: I had no plan beyond the moment to moment demands of the crack pipe.

NOBLES: They argue that in the book Biden describes a four year period of his life where he was plagued by addiction despite numerous attempts of getting clean. It is in that time he's accused of lying on a government form, claiming he wasn't an active drug user before purchasing

a weapon. Biden has pleaded not guilty to the charges. Prosecutor Derek Hines telling the jury, "We would not be here today if he were just a drug addict. He crossed the line." But defense attorney Abbe Lowell warned the jury to look beyond the salacious details from Hunter's Bidens book and instead zero in on the moment he checked that box. Lowell listing off all the things Biden was involved in at the time, arguing that it doesn't look like, "someone who was smoking crack every 20 minutes." The prosecution also introducing as evidence the controversial laptop Hunter left at a repair shop in Delaware. It is filled with texts and Whatsapp messages as well as pictures that prosecutors used to demonstrate the defendant's pattern of addiction. Hunter's painful past will continue to be a theme throughout the trial. Expected on the witness stand Wednesday, Kathleen Buhle, Hunter's ex-wife, who will detail how his addictions impacted their family life. And Hallie Biden, the widow of Hunter's late brother Beau, with whom he had a romantic relationship. And as an example of just how tense things are here in Wilmington, yesterday Hunter's current wife Melissa Cohen Biden confronting a Trump aide who was in the courtroom. She asked what he was doing here, and accusing him of being a Nazi. Craig.

MELVIN: Ryan Nobles for us there in Delaware at the Courthouse, Ryan thank you.