

Declaration of Eric C. Wilson

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF ATASCOSA)


I, Eric C. Wilson, declare as follows under penalty of perjury:

- 1) I am over the age of eighteen, am competent to testify, and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2) I am a former member of the United States Navy. I currently reside in Jourdanton, Texas, with my wife, Misty, and our two sons, Garrett and Ryan.
- 3) I joined the Navy after graduating from Pleasanton High School in Pleasanton, Texas in 1995. I was active in scouting while growing up, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 4) After completing basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois, I was assigned to the U.S.S. Shreveport which was based in Norfolk, Virginia. I began my duty on the U.S.S. Shreveport in the spring of 1996 after completing the necessary training courses.
- 5) I was extremely proud to be serving my country in the Navy. I was awaiting promotion to Boatswain's Mate Third Class when my naval career abruptly ended as a result of the events described in this Declaration.
- 6) Prior to April 8, 1998, I had never been arrested or questioned by the police.
- 7) I served on the U.S.S. Shreveport until April 1998.
- 8) During the summer of 1997, I met a fellow sailor named Danial Williams ("Mr. Williams"), and the woman who would become his wife, Nicole Williams. At about the same time, I met another sailor named Joe Dick ("Mr. Dick"). I got to know Nicole Williams fairly well and regarded her as a friend. I did not know Mr. Williams or Mr. Dick as well as I knew Nicole.
- 9) At some point in 1997, I learned that Mr. Williams had been accused of the rape and murder of a woman named Michelle Moore-Bosko ("Ms. Moore-Bosko"). I never met Ms. Moore-Bosko or her husband, Billy Bosko, and was never inside their apartment.

- 10) On the morning of April 8, 1998, after coming off watch (for which I had awoken at 3 a.m.), my Executive Officer on the U.S.S. Shreveport instructed me to accompany a Naval Investigative Services officer from the ship to the Norfolk Police Department. When I arrived, I met Detectives Robert Glenn Ford and Steve Hoggard, who took me into a small room and proceeded to question me about the rape and murder of Ms. Moore-Bosko. The session with Detectives Ford and Hoggard lasted almost 10 hours.
- 11) I repeatedly denied any involvement in the crimes against Ms. Moore-Bosko, explaining that I did not even know her and had never met her. Detectives Ford and Hoggard refused to believe me. They stated that they knew I had participated with Mr. Williams and Mr. Dick in the assault of Ms. Moore-Bosko. They told me they did not believe I had participated in the murder, but insisted I had participated in the rape.
- 12) During the questioning, the detectives yelled at me and called me a liar. On one occasion, Detective Ford pinned my arms to the chair I was sitting in and yelled at me with his face just inches from mine. On another occasion, Detective Ford grabbed my wrists, pinned my hands to the chair, and yelled that I was a liar, that I had raped the woman, and that I had better tell them what they wanted to hear or they would just use what Mr. Dick had to say about the incident. Detective Ford then started hitting me in the forehead with his fingers, eventually stopping when he hit me in the eye with one of his fingers.
- 13) At one point, I agreed to take a polygraph examination, assuming that the results would prove that I was telling the truth that I had nothing to do with what happened to Ms. Moore-Bosko. After the examination, the detectives told me I had failed the test, thereby proving that I was not telling the truth.
- 14) During the questioning, Detectives Ford and Hoggard gave me many of the details of the crime and showed me crime scene photographs, including photos of the body of Ms. Moore-Bosko. I continued to deny any involvement in the crimes.
- 15) Finally, after many hours had passed, and Detective Ford was out of the room, Detective Hoggard told me to close my eyes and tell him what I saw. In an effort to stop the questioning I closed my eyes and told him about a dream containing images of a woman shaking her head back and forth. Detective Ford then returned to the room and kept trying to get me to say that the dream included violence against the woman. Eventually, I told them that the woman in my dream was Ms. Moore-Bosko and then began telling them that I had been with Mr. Williams and Mr. Dick during the rape of Ms. Moore-Bosko.
- 16) Towards the end of the session, the Detectives turned on a recorder and recorded their questions and my answers based on what I told them during the dream sequence. The recording was then typed up and I initialed the pages and signed the last page of the document.

- 17) After I signed the statement, I was taken to the Norfolk City Jail. I telephoned my parents the next day and told them I was in trouble and needed a lawyer. Shortly thereafter I met with a lawyer from Greg McCormack's office and then with Mr. McCormack himself.
- 18) I had no involvement in the crime committed against Michelle Moore-Bosko, and I had no idea who committed the crime until the detectives found that Omar Ballard's DNA matched the DNA of the killer.
- 19) I had no involvement in the rape and murder of Ms. Moore-Bosko. My statement to Detectives Ford and Hoggard on April 8, 1998 is completely untrue.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.



Eric C. Wilson

Dated: 28 July 10

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