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Affidavit

Affiant's Introduction

I, Anita S Chestnut, residing at 322 Persian Ct, Hopkins, SC, hereby declare the following facts to be true to the best of my knowledge.

Statement of Facts

1. On December 18, 2018, Lieutenant Laquanda Linder from the Denmark Police Department interviewed me about a video involving my brother. As an officer with North Town Police, I noted the video's poor quality and couldn't identify the suspect. I informed my Chief, Lin Shirer, that I could not confirm the individual's identity based on the video alone.
2. During the interview, I mentioned that I learned about the video from my mother and reiterated my inability to identify the person. Lieutenant Linder doubted it was my brother and asked me to reply to her request to speak with him, which I declined due to our strained relationship. Randy Chestnut and I did not speak before the alleged confession.
3. I want to emphasize that I never identified Randy Chestnut Jr. as the perpetrator and take pride in my integrity as a police officer. Page 22 of Lieutenant Linder's testimony supports my stance that I did not identify my brother. However, during Linder's direct examination (Page 150), Mr. Cooper's questioning created a false narrative suggesting I had identified him, contradicting her previous statements.
4. The misrepresentation during the trial falsely suggested I implicated my brother, which is untrue. Such inaccuracies in closing arguments could have affected the jury's decision. Addressing these misrepresentations is essential to upholding the integrity of the judicial process and ensuring true justice.

Oath

I swear that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

Affiant Signature

Anita Chestnut 2/5/2025

Notary Section

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 5th day of February 2025.

Notary's Signature

Yamilet Rangel Garcia
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