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Suzanna Brown Simpson (Anna), #368727

Case #220-CP-39-00617

Regarding: Order Denying Post Conviction Relief

There are several errors and misinterpretations in the Summary of Facts from Trial, which appear near the beginning of the Order Denying Post Conviction Relief, and some have appeared in her previous appeals. Collectively, these give a false impression of what happened and the kind of person Anna Simpson is. These could influence a judge's decision. Her next appeal will be with the State Supreme Court.

Should you not be the person to make corrections, please let me know who is the individual in the court system who can make the changes based on facts in the trial record.

Please send me an email so that I will know this material has been received, and is being considered.

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Summary of Facts from Trial, Order Denying Post-Conviction Relief

Summary of Facts. Page 5 or first page of Summary, First Paragraph. "According to the neighbor, Simpson was coherent, and he had no trouble communicating with her."

The 911 calls by the neighbor paint an opposite picture than the testimony he gave in court of a person having been in a car accident speaking somewhat normally. In the first call the neighbor said: "she don't know who she is, she don't know where she is. She's been knocked unconscious." Second 911 call: "something's not right and she can't tell me, cause she don't know. She's talking away. She don't know what's going on, but we need somebody here to check this house." (Talking at a fast speed is a sign related to mental illness.)

After the defense was informed at a later time during the trial of the neighbor's incorrect testimony, the testimony was discussed in closing arguments. Trial record, page 708, begin line 25 and end page 709, line 13.

The forensic psychiatrist who was originally selected for the State, Dr. Richard Frierson, personally listened to the 911 tapes. These are part of the records and interviews that he used to make his determination that Anna Simpson was not criminally responsible for her actions. Trial records. Bottom of page 525, line 21, and ending on page 526, line 15.

Summary of Facts. Page 5, Second paragraph. "When the nurse asked Simpson why she did not kill herself instead, she replied, "I thought about it and tried, but I couldn't do it"

The above statement is incomplete and gives an unfavorable impression of the defendant as a coward, or at least as someone who changed her mind after shooting her family. Her intended meaning is stated several lines later on Trial Page 212, Line 16 of the trial transcript, where Anna also said to the nurse, "Well, I tried but then it wouldn't shoot" (She does not know how to load a weapon; that was the responsibility of her husband).

Summary of Facts. Page 6, last paragraph and continuing on Page 7. "When the parent suggested Simpson's daughter was likely collecting her backpack, Simpson replied: Where she's going to go, she don't need no backpack. Simpson also appeared angry and snapped at the parent as she left the building"

Trial Page 347, line 20. The defense attorney, quoting from a statement to law enforcement that the parent made on May 22, 2013, about a week after the tragedy: Regarding the book bag, you said Anna Simpson said to you: "Well, She doesn't need her book bag. We just need to go." They exited the building to

the parking lot at the same time. Page 343, line 4 .

Summary of Facts. Page 10, Second Paragraph

Dr. Smith noted the hospital records from the treating emergency room psychiatrist, who saw Simpson directly after the shootings, did not indicate Simpson wanted to kill herself or hear any voices. Further, emergency room psychiatrist's description of Simpson's psychosis was not nearly as severe as the forensic psychiatrists' reports.

"did not indicate Simpson wanted to kill herself" is not found in Dr. Smith's testimony from the trial or PCR. The ER psychiatrist wrote "She did say she tried to shoot herself but said the gun would not go off".

Dr Harris, the ER psychiatrist: "She says her thoughts are somewhat jumbled and very disturbing. She does not quite say these are voices, when I asked are they perhaps thoughts that she thinks are put there by others, she says maybe" (Isn't thoughts put in Suzanna's mind by others the same as, or close to, hearing "voices").

The ER psychiatrist used words **psychotic** and **delusional**, and he wrote certainly I would say this patient needs to go to a psychiatric hospital. "I would **definitely be committing her** to make her go to a psychiatric hospital and so that would be my plan but she is here, she has police with her."

(The ER record is the same medical record sent to Dr. Smith on May 14, 2013. I am not saying Dr Smith did not tell the truth as he remembered or from the notes he used. My opinion is that he testified at trial in such a way as to avoid a medical malpractice suit.

The forensic psychiatrist selected by the State testified at trial that the Greenville Hospital records was among those used in forming his opinion that Anna was not legally or morally guilty. He interviewed Dr. Wade Harris of the E. R. because he was the first psychiatrist who saw Anna in the emergency room at Greenville Memorial. Trial page 424, line 9-11.

Anna's ER medical records were talked about in a number of places in the trial records. Should you not have a copy of the medical records, and require one, I can send a copy. You may prefer to get the record directly from the Greenville Health System which is now Prisma Health in Greenville SC.

The testimony of the neighbor and the parent at school are from nonprofessional people who could not correctly remember what happened three years earlier. Compare their assessment to the paramedic, who rode about thirty-five minutes to an hour with Anna in the ambulance to the hospital. He is a professionally trained person, and his job was to evaluate her mentally and physically. The accuracy of his testimony has not been questioned. My suggestion is to use a summary of his trial testimony.

The paramedic in the ambulance evaluated Anna and testified at trial that Anna said she shot her family *because* they told her to do it. She said she didn't do anything wrong. I did what my family told me to do. When the paramedic looked at her, it looked like something had broken. She has lost a little of reality. He said she was confused, that she knew what she did, but she didn't understand what really happened. She just wasn't there at all. Something about her just wasn't right. Trial page 423, begin line 15, and page 424.

When one adds the paramedic's trial testimony to the ER psychiatrist's medical record, a true picture of my daughter's mental illness and delusions are revealed. That would be fair **to** Suzanna, a person who had never committed a crime, had a history of serious mental illness, and did nothing to cause her illness and delusions. She majored in finance in college and after becoming a mother, she gave up her job at a bank because she wanted to stay home with her children. She volunteered at her children's elementary school as a room mom, and was well-liked by teachers and students.

End of mail from Michael Brown, Dad of Anna Simpson.

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