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In re: STATE V DAMIAN INMAN
CASE NUMBER 2009 GS 17 1210, 1212
JUNE 8 – 11, 2015
DILLON COUNTY

Dear Ms. French:

With regard to the transcript of the above-entitled case which convened June 8 through June 11, 2015.

The days of June 11th 2015 and October 29th 2015 have been transcribed. The sentencing portion which was held on 10/29/15 was delivered on April 4, 2016. Francis Bakas Ray typed and delivered the last day of the trial which was the June 11th portion of the transcript. I do not know the date in which she delivered it.

The days of June 9 and 10 cannot be transcribed. I apologize for this, and I will attempt to explain the unfortunate circumstances.

Monday, June 8 we held court at the Dillon County Courthouse where we completed voir dire, jury selection and a hearing. I was working on that portion of the transcript and was assigned out of town. I took all of my equipment with me and set it up in a hotel. Upon arriving back home I discovered that the flash drive that I was using to work on the transcript was gone and could not be found. This flash drive contained a copy of the transcript for that day and the audio. I then had the transcript turned over to another court reporter who was unable to complete it.

I was told Monday afternoon that we were relocating to the new Dillon County Judicial Center from the courthouse. I was asked by Assistant Solicitor Shipp Daniel to go over to the Judicial Center at lunch time and check the sound system. I was unable to do that.

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015 upon arrival to the Judicial Center we discovered that the audio system was not working and was not compatible to my digital recorder. This was the first day of work at the Judicial Center. When the judge came onto the bench and the jury had entered the courtroom, I explained that I was having equipment problems. I then attempted to hook up my personal microphones to my digital recorder. The way this courtroom is designed it was not possible for me to run my microphone wires around the courtroom. So the only thing I could do was to put them on the rail around my desk which is below the judge's bench and across from the witness stand.

When we started the trial I advised the judge that my microphones were not picking up the sound very well. I also let him listen to my recorder. I was told to work with what I have. Each day I would inquire as to the status of the audio system and was told that an email was sent and no response was received yet.

To date testimony for June 9th and June 10th have not been produced. If you require any further information please feel free to contact me.

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