## **AFFIDAVIT**

## STATE OF ALABAMA

## COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

My name is **Melvin Cook** and I do solemnly swear the following is true and correct in every particular:

- 1. I am a 36 year old male of African-American descent. I currently have a residence address of 1301 Adams Ave Apt. 302 Montgomery, AL 36104, which is where my grandmother resides. My cell phone number is 706-530-6174.
- 2. I was locked up on January 9, 2015 around 9:12 a.m. They brought me upstairs at the jail around 12:20 p.m. and I was put in cell 6A.
- 3. While I was getting processed in my cell, another inmate was being brought in. The inmate was around 6 feet tall, African-American male, who was bald and had many tattoos. He had on blue Air Jordans, black sweatpants, and a blue shirt and blue hat. I saw Officer Addy searched him.
- 4. I then saw Officer Addy take him into a room to process him. A little while later, there was a rumor that the 6 feet tall inmate brought drugs into the jail and snuck them to another inmate.
- 5. On Monday January 12, 2015, around 6:30 to 7:00 that night, I was talking to Tony Lewis while I was at the table eating. Tony came up to me and showed me a small white brick. I looked but did not respond and continued eating. A few minutes later, Tony went to the commode and acted like he was using the bathroom. He stayed on the toilet for around two or three minutes, then walked back to the table to continue playing dominos.
- 6. After I finished eating, I got up and went to the phone to call someone about my court situation. At that time, Tony came up to me and said that he had swallowed the substance he showed me earlier. I said "man you need to get yourself check and let the police know what is going on." Tony replied that he was all right.
- 7. Five to ten minutes later, I saw Tony start to sweat really bad. Tony then jumped into the shower. He was also sticking his hands in his mouth trying to make himself throw up. I noticed that he threw up a little, which the jail made me have to clean up the next day.
- 8. I noticed Tony breathing heavily while he was in the shower. I then ran back to the phone telling the person I was talking to that I think he was dying. I then saw Tony collapse and his whole body was shaking really bad.

- 9. Myself and other inmates started yelling for the officers. It took them around seven minutes to get to him. When the officers finally got there, they laid Tony on his chest. I told them they shouldn't put him on his chest because he was having trouble breathing, and finally around one minute later they flipped him over. He was still alive and talking then.
- 10. Another inmate told the officers that he swallowed a drug, and for them to try and get him some help, but it took the nurse around 15 to 20 minutes to come to his aid.
- 11. When the nurse finally got there, we all told her he took drugs and he was not having a seizure, but she acted as if she did not care, and would not listen to us.
- 12. I believe that Tony Lewis would be alive today if he had received better care from the officers and nurse. I also believe that the nurse and officers did not take us seriously because they believed we did not know what was going on, even though we well knew that Tony had swallowed the drugs.

Melvin Cook

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, appeared **Melvin Cook**, who is known to me and who signs his name above, and did state that the foregoing is true and correct in every particular, on this the <u>ish</u> day of Jahuary 2015.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

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