

AFFIDAVIT OF DARNELL THOMPSON

- 1) My name is Darnell Thompson. On July 3, 2003 while at G. Robert Cotton Corr. Fac., walking across the prison yard, I saw Lacino Hamilton.
- 2) That same night, sitting in my cell, I could not stop thinking about him on how I possibly contributed to him, from what I know an innocent man, being sent to prison. I had to get this off my chest, tell the truth and do what I could to help him.
- 3) July 7, 1994 I was arrested for Armed Robbery-UDAA. After being took to police headquarters, I was questioned by homicide detectives about a murder on the Eastside. I knew nothing about it. They asked me if I knew a guy named Lacino Hamilton, I told them, "Yes". They questioned me about his whereabouts.
- 4) Homicide Detectives questioned me about a murder in the 7 Mile/Hoover area, Lacino's childhood neighborhood. They said they wanted to question him about a murder.
- 5) Then the police changed. They begin yelling at me saying I knew where Lacino was at. They told me if I did not tell them, they would see to it that I get "Life" in prison for the Armed Robbery. They then began telling me how Lacino and I looked a like and they would charge me with murder.
- 6) More homicide officers kept coming in and out. Some yelling, others all in my face, saying things like how cars will be flying when I get out of prison. How I was cute and I was going to be someone's woman.
- 7) When I started crying all the police left out but one. He was talking about how young I was and had my whole life ahead of me. He said if I said Lacino committed a murder and told me about it, he would see to it I got probation.
- 8) He assured me he knew all the judges and prosecutors. So I said, "Yeah." The police asked me a few questions about who Lacino hangs with, have I ever been to his foster Mothers' house, and a bunch of other questions; how long I knew him, what kind of car he drove, etc.
- 9) The officers left and came back about 40 minutes later and told me to sign the statement. I did without even reading it.
- 10) I was sent back upstairs and was waiting to go to court so I could go home. I never saw Lacino or spoke with him while I was up there.

- 11) A week or so later after I was in the county homicide detectives saw me and told me I had to testify at Lacino's court hearing if I wanted to go home. I told him he said nothing about testifying. He then threatened me with the statement I wrote saying I could go to jail for that. So I agreed and was told to rehearse the statement I signed.
- * 12) At Lacino's court case I refused to testify. I could not lie on Lacino. When the prosecutor came in the back to get me to come out I told her Lacino hadn't told me anything and that I couldn't lie on him.
- 13) From what I've learned about the law, it was my statement, the one I signed that allowed police to lock Lacino up. I'm sorry I wrote saying I could go to jail for that. So I agreed and was told to rehearse the statement I signed.
- 14) I swear under the penalty of perjury that what I have wrote is all true and I am willing to testify to the same.

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