



5. During our meeting, Scheel was very emotional. He cried several times, and his entire body was shaking. He looked very upset.

6. He told me that he felt guilty because he knew that he was part of the reason that Jamie Snow has been serving all this time in prison for a crime of which he was innocent. Scheel told me that the testimony he gave in Mr. Snow's criminal trial was false. He said that he gave that testimony because the Bloomington Police and the McLean County State's Attorney pressured him to cooperate and he was afraid what would happen if he did not say what they wanted him to say. He told me that this had been weighing on him all the years since the trial. He said that over the years he had thought about this many times. Scheel said he didn't believe that Jamie had anything to do with this crime.

7. Scheel said that in 1990 or 1991, he saw Jamie Snow at a party in Bloomington on Lee Street. The party was at his niece Molly Eash's (or Feaster) house. He said that he talked to him a little bit at the party, but that Jamie Snow never said anything to him about a gas station shooting or Bill Little. Scheel said that Jamie never made any confession to him and never said that he was involved in Bill Little's death. Scheel said that before this party he hadn't seen Jamie since Scheel was ten years old. He said he knew Jamie from childhood because Jamie's grandmother lived down the block from him growing up.

8. Scheel described in detail to me his conversations with the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County State's Attorney's Office over the years. He said in 1995 or early 1996, Detective Charlie Crowe and another Bloomington detective came to see him at Vienna Correctional Center. He said they brought a tape recorder in to record him, and joked

with each other about smuggling in the tape recorder. He said that he did not want to talk to the detectives but had no choice.

9. Scheel said that during this interview the detectives interrogated him about the gas station. He said that the detectives told him that somebody had told them that Scheel knew that Jamie Snow "killed that boy at the gas station." Scheel said that the detectives told him that someone who was at the party overheard Jamie talking to him. Scheel told me that he told Crowe that wasn't true and that he and Jamie talked in the kitchen with no one else around.

10. Scheel told me that during that first interview with detectives, several times the detectives stopped the audio tape and rewound it, telling him that they didn't like his answers. They would then re-record.

11. Scheel said that about a month later, someone came back to visit him and gave him a polygraph, asking him tons of questions about Jamie and the Clark gas station robbery. Scheel told the interviewer that Jamie had not told him that he committed an armed robbery/murder at the Clark station. Scheel told me that this was the truth.

12. Scheel described how shortly after that first visit he started being investigated for things in prison, and he told me that although he was cleared, he spent time in segregation and believed that the Bloomington Police Department was behind this.

13. Scheel said that after he was paroled, he went to North Carolina. He said that Detective Katz and a tall, blond detective came to see him there. Scheel told me that the detectives told him that they knew he was lying and wanted him to say that Jamie had confessed to him. Scheel said that they asked him about the composite sketch of Jamie Snow, and said it

resembled Scheel. Scheel also told me that they recorded the conversation, but again stopped the tape, rewound it, and re-recorded parts.

14. Scheel said that during this conversation, the first time that he denied that Jamie had confessed to him, the detectives stopped the tape and rewound. He said that the detectives told him that his polygraph indicated deception on this question. He said he felt pressure from them, because he was alone in the room with them. He said he was on parole and knew they could revoke it. He said that he knew the detectives had messed with him in prison and had followed him to North Carolina. He said he knew he wouldn't get out of the room with them unless he cooperated.

15. Scheel told me that he "felt like they had a hole in the ground for me." Because of that, he said that he had no choice, and cooperated with them and said on the tape that Jamie had confessed to him, even though this was not true.

16. Scheel said that he knew that the police knew the Jamie had not confessed to him. He said that Detectives Katz and Crowe told him that Bill Little's mom was calling the police station every day and that they wanted to "get her off their backs." Scheel said that in North Carolina Katz told him that Crowe had lost his polygraph and their earlier interview tape with him, and they were going to solve this.

17. Scheel said that after the police came to see him in North Carolina, he moved to Arkansas. He said that in 1999 or 2000, Detective Katz and Reynard called him from his wife's parent's house – her parents lived near him – telling him that he had to meet with them. Scheel said that he told them not to interrupt his family time. Scheel said he met with them the next morning at a restaurant, Lakeview Dinette, with his father-in-law. He said that Detective Katz

was apologetic. He told me that Katz and Reynard wanted him to testify against Jamie and asked him if he would. Scheel said that his father-in-law told them "he'll only testify if you leave him alone and stop harassing him." He said that they agreed. Scheel said that he thought that if he testified and said what they wanted him to say that they would stop bothering him.

18. Scheel said that the state subpoenaed him and sent him money to come to court to testify.

19. Scheel said that before he testified, he met in a room in the courthouse with Dan Katz and Charles Reynard. He said that they went over his testimony with him. He said that he didn't remember much and that Katz and Reynard told him what clothes to say Jamie was wearing that night. He said that they wanted a description of him with long hair and shaggy clothes. He told me that he had no idea what Jamie was wearing that night.

20. Scheel told me that before Jamie's trial no lawyer or investigator for Jamie Snow ever came to speak with him. He said if they had, he probably would have told them what happened in his interviews with the police and what was really going on.

21. After this conversation, Tara Thompson and I drew up an affidavit for Mr. Scheel to sign based on the things that he had told us. Mr. Scheel read over the affidavit and made corrections to the things that he thought should be changed.

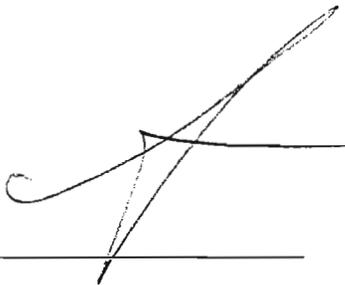
22. After reading over the affidavit, Mr. Scheel went to the back of his house. After a few minutes, his wife returned and told me that Mr. Scheel wanted to talk this over with his attorney because he was afraid he could be charged with perjury for his testimony at trial being false. During our conversation Mr. Scheel had also asked me whether he could be charged with perjury for his trial testimony being false, and expressed concern about this. Mr. Scheel said that

he is a registered sex offender in Arkansas, and that he was worried that the Bloomington police could make trouble for him down in Arkansas.

23. Mr. Scheel's wife told us that Mr. Scheel would get back in touch with us the next morning. He did not. I believe that Mr. Scheel was too scared to sign this affidavit even though he knew the affidavit to be true.

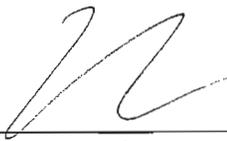
24. I am giving this statement of my own free will. No promises or threats have been made to me. If called to testify, I would testify consistent with this affidavit.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of January, 2010.



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Subscribed and sworn before me on this 26 day of January, 2010.



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Notary Public, State of Illinois

