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1 ANGELA TRUITT,

2 being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. SZARMACH:

5 Q State your name.

6 A Angela A. Truitt.

7 Q Where do you live?

8 A 116 West Washington, Madison, Wisconsin.

9 Q And the zip?

10 A 53703.

11 Q Okay. And you're here to give a statement with
12 regard to Vernon Bateman's case?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And you're under oath?

15 A Yes.

16 Q So that means you have to tell the truth?

17 A (No response).

18 Q You have to answer out loud.

19 A What?

20 Q You have to answer out loud.

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. Now, let's see, you have a mother in the
23 area?

24 A Yeah -- yes.

25 Q And what is her name?

1 A Aneesa.
2 Q Moore?
3 A Moore.
4 Q And how do you spell her name?
5 A A-n-e-e-s-a, M-o-o-r-e.
6 Q And where does she live?
7 A East Chicago.
8 Q Do you have an address where I could --
9 A No.
10 Q No?
11 A She moved.
12 Q Does she have a phone?
13 A Yes.
14 Q Can I contact you through her?
15 A Yes.
16 Q And did you give me the phone?
17 A Yes.
18 Q What is that again?
19 A 219-797-2765.
20 Q Do you have a phone up in Madison where I can
21 call you?
22 A No.
23 Q No cell phone?
24 A No.
25 Q But you get mail at that address?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Going back to 1998, there was a jury trial held
3 here in Crown Point?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And at that time you testified in that trial;
6 is that correct?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And that's where Vernon Bateman was a
9 defendant?

10 A Yes.

11 Q That was a criminal charge of rape?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Is that correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And where did that rape occur?

16 A In Gary, Indiana, Miller. The Miller part.

17 Q And how many people were involved in that rape?

18 A Three.

19 Q And one of those men had braids?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you in court identify that man as Vernon
22 Bateman?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Was, in fact, Vernon Bateman at the rape, or
25 was Vernon Bateman in that rape?

1 A I'm not sure. I told you that they told me
2 that's who that was. I didn't know who none of them guys
3 were. The police told me that he was the suspect.

4 Q Okay. So after the rape, did you ever see the
5 man with the braids?

6 A You say after?

7 Q Yeah. After the rape, did you ever see the man
8 with the braids?

9 A No.

10 Q Do you know who the man with the braids was?

11 A No.

12 Q Now, who told you that the man with the braids
13 was Vernon Bateman?

14 A Mary Banks.

15 Q And she was a detective in Gary, Indiana?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And again, why did you identify him in court?

18 A Once again, because for one, they said that's
19 who it was, and the braids.

20 Q But in fact, you could not identify him as the
21 man with the braids?

22 A What.

23 Q Okay. Are you telling us today that when you
24 identified him in court, you couldn't tell if that was
25 actually the man with the braids that raped you?

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A No, I just went on what they told me. -

Q If Vernon Bateman walked in the room today,
could you recognize him?

A I'm not sure.

Q And why are you giving us a statement today?

A Because I have reasonable doubt that he's
innocent.

Q And you want to help him be released?

A Yes.

MR. SZARMACH: That's all I have.

(AND FURTHER DEPONENT SAITH NOT).

1 STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
2 COUNTY OF LAKE)
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4 I, MARY L. SLAFINDOR, Court Reporter and Notary
5 Public in and for the County of Lake, State of Indiana,
6 do hereby certify:

7 That prior to being examined, the witness named in
8 the forgoing deposition, ANGELA TRUITT, was by me duly
9 sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
10 but the truth.

11 That said deposition was taken before me at the time
12 and place set forth and was taken down by me in shorthand
13 and thereafter reduced to computerized transcription
14 under my direction and supervision, and I hereby certify
15 the foregoing deposition is a full, true and correct
16 transcript of my shorthand notes so taken.

17 I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor
18 related to any party to said action nor in anywise
19 interested in the outcome thereof.

20 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my
21 name this 18 day of May, 2004.

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24 MARY L. SLAFINDOR
25 Court Reporter and Notary Public