

MARK CRAWFORD 76603-079
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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MARK CRAWFORD,

Defendant,

CASE No. _____

AFFIDAVIT OF
MARK CRAWFORD.

COMES NOW, Mark Crawford to state the following facts under penalty of perjury:

1. I am over Eighteen years of age and am of sound mind.
2. I did not kill Nick Brueggen. Nor, for that matter did I have any knowledge whatsoever of the murder of Nick Brueggen prior to the discovery of his body on my property in 1996.
3. I met Mike Beckcom in 1994.
4. During the course of our friendship I only met Beckcom's girlfriend Susan once for a brief moment. I never had any type of sexual relationship with Susan and hardly even knew her. Nevertheless, during the years of our acquaintance Beckcom repeatedly questioned me about Susan and on more than one occasion outright asked me if I had slept with her. Of course I said no. Beckcom's repeated false accusations often strained our friendship.
5. During a business meeting at a restaurant in Houston in 1995, Beckcom stated to me that if he were ever going to kill someone he would inject them with insulin and leave them in their automobile in a closed garage. I though this was a strange topic and wondered why Beckcom would say such a thing.

6. After my arrest in 1996 I was approached at the county jail by Bill May. Mr. May informed me that he was interested in taking my case.
7. When the body of Brueggen was first discovered and Beckcom was arrested I learned that the cause of death was affixation by carbon monoxide. Remembering the prior statements made by Beckcom, I notified my attorney Bill May of this fact.
8. When Mr. May raised the issue of money I told him I could not afford to retain him. At that time he advised that I get a "loan". I informed Mr. May that I had no way to repay the loan due to the fact that my company was closed down and I had no income. Mr. May told me that he could go to Les Tatum and "make the loan happen" because Tatum owed him favors.
9. I was surprised that Mr. May knew Tatum but, desperate for an attorney, I did not question the connection at that time.
10. I eventually signed (or had my family sign) for three loans from Mr. Tatum to pay for May's legal representation. These loans totaled \$210,000.00. Other than that I have no involvement with any loans written by Mr. Tatum to me or any business controlled by me after October 1995.
11. After my conviction I repeatedly asked Mr. May for my trial transcripts and other documents to prepare my §2255 and he continuously represented to me that he intended to personally prepare my §2255 at which time he intended to "fall on his sword".
12. These representations continued until I had less than two months remaining on the one year to file my §2255. At that time Mr. May quit taking my calls.

FURTHER this affiant Sayeth Naught.

Date

Mark Crawford

Signed to and Sworn before me on this ____ day of _____,

2013.

Notary

My Commission Expires