

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF the RELEASE OF DORIAN MORRIS FROM INCARCERATION
AT THE UNION PARISH DETENTION CENTER IN FARMERVILLE, LA
CASE #44,184 INMATE #12963**

I, Regina Chatman, mother of Donzelharris Woods, aged 16 at the time of his death, do hereby request and pray that Dorian Morris, accused in the death of my son at the tender age of 15, be released from his incarceration immediately.

I

After reviewing information concerning events surrounding the death of my son, I **DO NOT BELIEVE** that Dorian Morris is the perpetrator of the crime against my son, Donzelharris Woods. *If* Dorian actually stabbed my son, it was strictly to defend himself from an attack by several older boys and young men – **not** for the purpose of harming or killing anyone, but for the purpose of **preserving** his own person from great bodily harm where the loss of his life was a foreseeable result of that harm.

II

It was my wish to make a statement on behalf of Dorian Morris on October 24, 2011, asking for leniency and his immediate release, but I was discouraged by others from voicing my wishes on that day.

III

Dorian Morris **does not** have the character of a child who is guilty of committing second degree murder or even manslaughter, nor is he guilty of such.

IV

Dorian Morris' continued incarceration for a crime of which he is not guilty does not constitute the service of justice. It is a waste of another precious life, and it gives me no closure for my son's death.

V

It is also my belief that this young man was coerced into pleading guilty, and that he also was not represented, during his 4 and ½ year incarceration while awaiting trial or upon the day of October 24, 2011, to the fullest extent. He did not want to plead guilty, but undue influence from an Assistant District Attorney from another parish after he had decided NOT to accept the offered plea and immediately before he went into the court room, coupled with his being assured that if he decided to go to trial that the DA would “shoot for life,” changed his decision. It is also my belief that his due process rights were violated, through his failure to be brought to trial in a 4 and ½ year time period (he was told that there was no DA to prosecute his case), and that he sustained cruel and unusual punishment through his non-disciplinary solitary confinement for the first 2 and ½ years of that incarceration, after which he received no valid psychological evaluation.

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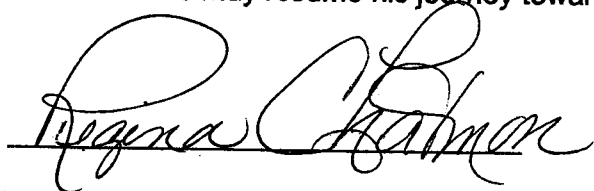
It is my wish that a review of evidence used against, as well as any used on behalf of, Dorian Morris be performed, including:

- The written statement given to police by Denarious Loyd that the attack upon Dorian Morris on the evening of March 24, 2007, was planned at least one week in advance to its occurrence by at least one of those whose statement was used to indict Dorian Morris for 2nd degree murder
- DNA evidence concerning the knife that was allegedly used in the attack – Dorian was continually told that DNA evidence was not important to his case, and his family was told by his lawyer that the results were in his lawyer’s office. We have since discovered that the DNA evidence was never tested and that facts were misrepresented
- The existing witness statements supporting his innocence, specifically that he was attacked by a large group of 15 or more young men and boys between the ages of 16 and 22, and that he attempted to flee his attackers several times

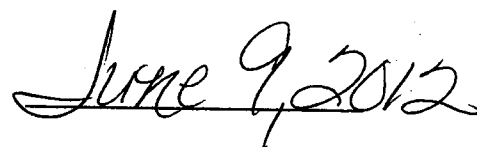
- Patrick Mitchell's 2008 deposition statements that the information he gave to police in 2007, that was subsequently used to indict Dorian Morris, was only hearsay – he had not actually seen the events, he only repeated to police what he had been told (this is not the only deposition that contradicts the indictment statement)
- Dorian's height and weight in relation to my son's height and weight [5'5" and 154 lbs. vs. at least 6' and 210 lbs., respectively]
- Juvenile Dorian Morris' name was also released to The News Star World on March 29, 2007, prior to his first arraignment date of April 3, 2007, while still in Juvenile custody




I know that the above-listed information, had it been presented at the time of his plea, would have shown that there were numerous reasonable doubts as to Dorian Morris' factual guilt and that his plea could not be accepted, as his plea was also not made knowingly or without duress and coercion. Dorian Morris plead guilty not only because he was given no other alternative, but also because he had no money to pay someone to fight for his innocence and freedom. His case should be reviewed, his plea should be dismissed, and he should regain his freedom so that he may resume his journey toward being a productive citizen of this country.



Signature



Date


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AFFIDAVIT

I, Jessie Mae Glosson, domiciled at 117 Church Street in Bernice, La., born on December 25, 1933, and paternal grandmother of Donzelharrious Woods, whom I loved very dearly and reared as my own son for a great majority of his young life, do not believe that Dorian Morris is the one who killed my grandson.

As I understand, a bunch of boys had beaten Dorian down (they had planned to do this), and that when he got up, he got up striking – if he got up striking, it was quite natural for him to fight back to defend his life with the way they were beating him down. However, I honestly have no reason to believe that Dorian is the one who caused the injury that killed my grandson, and I do not believe that he should be punished for something that he **did not do**. My grandson did not know Dorian, and Dorian did not know him. Someone else at that party killed my grandson, someone he knew and thought was his friend. I have no hard feelings against Dorian, and do not believe that he should suffer any longer for something that someone else did. I, along with my son, Donzelharrious' father, had given this same recorded statement to Dorian's stepmother and stepbrother in my living room, years ago, and we were assured by them that our statements would be delivered to the courts to help free Dorian Morris. My family and I, including Donzelharrious' mother and his father, stand behind the belief that Dorian Morris is innocent of the crime of which he has been accused, and his continued imprisonment is serving no purpose for us and does not provide any closure.

Even if Dorian Morris did possess the knife that killed Donzelharrious Woods, it is my feeling that Dorian acted in self defense and should be released from any other imprisonment because he was a fifteen year old child at the time who was being beaten by a large group of people.

It is my wish that you take my statement into consideration and release Dorian Morris and clear his name, so that he may go on to lead a productive life. I would not give this statement if I did not believe it 100%.

I make this statement of my own free will and without undue pressure or duress from anyone.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 10th day of June, 2013 in the presence of the undersigned Notary Public.


JESSIE MAE GLOSSEN


NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT

I, Donzell Hicks, father of Donzelharrious Woods and son of Jessie Mae Glosson, do not believe that Dorian Morris is the one who caused my son's death, and wish for him to be released and his name cleared. I submit this statement voluntarily and hope that my prayers for Dorian's release are answered.

Even if Dorian possessed the knife that killed my son, I do not believe he should be punished any further. Dorian was a fifteen year old child who should have been able to defend himself against a large number of people who were attacking him.

I make this statement of my own free will and without undue pressure or duress from anyone.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 20 day of June, 2013 in the presence of the undersigned Notary Public.



DONZELL HICKS



NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT

I, Laura Glosson, am the aunt of Donzelharrious Woods and the daughter of Jessie Mae Glosson. I worked at the Union Parish Detention Center where Dorian Morris is incarcerated. Dorian's stepmother and stepbrother spoke with me on several occasions concerning my nephew's death, and I even wrote a statement for them in support of Dorian's innocence and release. I have no reason to believe that Dorian Morris is the person who caused the injury to my nephew, and he should be released. Had I still been working when Dorian was presented with his plea offer, I would have told him **NOT** to accept it because he did not commit that crime. I tried to do everything that I could to help Dorian while I worked there because, as stated above, he did not cause my nephew's death. I do know that some of the people who gave statements against Dorian were the same ones who jumped on him that night. Dorian's incarceration is serving no purpose because the person who killed my nephew walks free today.

My opinion as to Dorian would be no different even if Dorian possessed the knife that caused my nephew's death. Given the circumstances I feel it would have been appropriate for a 15 year old child to defend himself against a mob of attackers.

I make this statement of my own free will and without undue pressure or duress from anyone.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this 6th day of June, 2013 in the presence of the undersigned Notary Public.


LAURA GLOSSEN


NOTARY PUBLIC
