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# **Confidential Report**

**Polygraph test of Roy W. Minton**

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I am a certified polygraph examiner and President of Rovner & Associates. I am a nationally known expert on polygraph testing. I hold three degrees in Psychology, a Bachelors degree (B. A., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1974), a Masters degree (M.A., University of British Columbia, 1976), and a Doctorate (Ph.D., University of Utah, 1979). My Masters degree was awarded in the area of Biopsychology, and my Ph.D. in the area of Psychophysiology. Psychophysiology is the only field of specialization in Psychology and Psychiatry that relates directly to the use of the polygraph in a lie detection setting. I also completed the course of instruction at the Los Angeles Institute of Polygraph in 1986.

I am currently an instructor in the areas of Psychology, Physiology, and Psychophysiology at the Los Angeles Institute of Polygraph and the Marston Polygraph Academy. In addition, I have taught and spoken at numerous seminars and workshops designed to serve the needs and interests of professional polygraph examiners. I have also taught a variety of Psychology and Statistics courses at three universities, the University of Utah, Westminster College, and California Lutheran University.

I have conducted polygraph research which has been published in scientific and professional journals, and have written numerous articles about polygraph-related issues for other professional publications.

I am on the Panel of Experts of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Criminal Division. In addition to being recognized by the L.A. Superior Court as an expert in polygraph testing, I have testified as an expert about polygraph test results in criminal, civil and child custody cases. I am a Full Member of the American Psychological Association (APA), the Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR), and the American Polygraph Association (APA). I was recently elected Vice President of the California Association of Polygraph Examiners (CAPE). In addition, I serve on

the Forensic Psychophysiology Committee (E52) of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

On April 17, 2006 I conducted a polygraph examination of Roy Minton at the Columbia Correctional Institution (CCI), a prison in Lake City, Florida. The examination was conducted using published methods which were developed and validated at the University of Utah and the United States Department of Defense Polygraph Institute. A Lafayette LX4000 computerized polygraph monitored and recorded Mr. Minton's physiological activity, which consisted of cardiovascular, respiratory, and electrodermal measures. The testing session was digitally recorded, both audio and video. Mr. Minton was given a Comparison Question Test (CQT), a technique that research has shown to produce results that are extraordinarily accurate.

Mr. Minton is serving a lengthy prison sentence at CCI, having been tried and convicted of multiple counts of child abuse in 1992. I was contacted several months ago by John Bradley, the Director of a private innocence project. Mr. Bradley felt that Mr. Minton had been unfairly convicted of the crimes, and Mr. Minton himself had always said that he had not committed them. After several telephone conversations, Mr. Minton's family retained me to travel to Florida and conduct the test. CCI's officials and personnel were extremely helpful and accommodating throughout the entire process.

The polygraph examination session commenced at 8:30 AM and lasted approximately two and one-half hours. The session began with a pre-test interview. Mr. Minton informed me that he was in reasonably good health, was not under the influence of any legal or illegal drugs or alcohol, and had sufficient sleep the night before. I then discussed the issues with him and made certain that terminology and understanding between us was consistent. Throughout the pre-test interview Mr. Minton maintained that he was innocent of the crimes for which he had been convicted and imprisoned.

Based on our discussion, I formulated Mr. Minton's test questions and reviewed each of them with him, assuring him that those questions would be the same questions asked during the test.

The examination included the following relevant questions (The "Angela" referred to in the relevant questions is the 9-year-old [at the time of the alleged crimes] daughter of Mr. Minton's second wife):

***Did you ever put your penis in Angela's anus?***

(Mr. Minton's answer: No)

***Did you ever touch Angela's anus with your penis?***

(Mr. Minton's answer: No)

***Did you ever put your penis in Angela's mouth?***

(Mr. Minton's answer: No)

***Did you ever touch Angela's mouth with your penis?***

(Mr. Minton's answer: No)

I made it clear to Mr. Minton, and he understood, that whenever the name "Angela" appeared in a test question, it referred to his wife's 9-year-old daughter.

In addition to the relevant questions, appropriate comparison and neutral questions were included in the test question sequence.

After reviewing the questions, I explained the psychological and physiological bases of the test. I described the function of each polygraph component as it was attached to Mr. Minton. In order to determine his level of physiological responsivity, I conducted a "stim" test on Mr. Minton in which I instructed him to tell a lie about a number that was written on a piece of paper in plain view of both of us. Upon verifying that his physiological recordings were adequate, I conducted the examination. Four charts (four times through the question sequence) were run.

## **Results**

Mr. Minton passed his polygraph test. My evaluation of the polygraph charts indicates that there was no deception indicated when he responded to each of the relevant questions. It is my professional opinion that Mr. Minton was telling the truth when he answered the relevant questions above.

Louis Rovner, Ph.D.