

STATE OF MAINE

KNOX, ss.

Superior Court
Criminal Action
Docket No. KNO-CR-89-126

STATE OF MAINE,

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vs.

AFFIDAVIT OF CAROL WALTMAN

DENNIS DECHAIINE,

Defendant.

I, Carol Waltman, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say:

1. I am a resident of Madawaska, Maine, and I am a lifelong friend of Defendant Dennis Dechaine.
2. After Mr. Dechaine was convicted, I remained in touch with his trial attorney, Thomas Connolly, encouraging him to pursue forensic testing of the physical evidence which existed in the case.
3. I had read about the efficacy of DNA technology, as well as the work of the Innocence Project, and I repeatedly asked Attorney Connolly to try and obtain testing of the fingernails of the victim through the assistance of the Innocence Project.
4. I had no direct involvement in the transmission of the fingernails to Dr. Bing, although I had provided information to Attorney Connolly about his laboratory, and the services of the Innocence Project.
5. At no time did I have any physical contact with the fingernails; I have in fact never seen them.
6. After Dr. Bing's laboratory found that two or more persons were the source of the DNA, Mr. Dechaine found himself without an attorney for many months. As his friend, I tried to obtain new counsel for him, and I endeavored to complete the cycle of testing required to determine the identity of the persons who might have been the source of the DNA found under the victim's fingernails.
7. I assisted Dennis Dechaine in obtaining permission from the Warden of the Maine State Prison to send a sample of his blood to Dr. Bing for testing, and I scrupulously followed the procedures demanded of Dr. Bing's laboratory to ensure the chain of custody of Mr. Dechaine's blood as it was sent to the laboratory for testing. (See Defendant's Exhibit #2).

Dated at _____, Maine, this _____ day of April, 2003.

Carol Waltman

State of Maine
County of _____,

Personally appeared the above named Carol Waltman and made oath to the truth of the above by her subscribed.

Before me, _____
Notary Public