

**Affidavit of Rhea Williams:**

I, Rhea Williams, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am the mother of Danial Williams. I have been married to Norman Williams, Danial's father, for thirty-six years. After marrying my husband, I stayed at home and raised our three children.

2. Danial, who is the middle child (he has an older sister, Stacey, and a younger brother, Chris), had a normal childhood. He was involved in Cub Scouts, had a paper route and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He later used his savings from his paper route to pay for car insurance, gasoline and general maintenance for the car that we purchased for him. He was very responsible with his car. Danial never got in trouble as a child. He was never arrested and did not need any counseling as a child. He was a respectful child who followed the rules. Danial was never a leader.

3. As a child, Danial was very affectionate, often giving others hugs and kisses. He would apologize when he had done something wrong and he also forgave other people; for example, he forgave his sister when she pushed him down the stairs and he broke his leg. I taught my children not to physically hurt others; there was no pushing, kicking, punching or biting allowed. I also taught my children to be respectful of all people and other ideas, values and religions.

4. Danial always liked school but earned slightly below average grades. At our request, Danial repeated the second grade. In high school, Danial played freshman football. Danial, like my other children, played an instrument in high school. He also participated in the

high school marching band, performing at Friday night football games, and he played in the concert band. He was never suspended or expelled from school. Danial was proud to graduate from high school but never considered going to college.

5. Late in Danial's senior year of high school, he pre-registered for the Navy. During World War II, my father, Burton Frezon, served in the Navy Seabees, the construction battalion, and my uncle, Donald Frezon, served in the Merchant Marines. During the Vietnam War my brother, Jerry Williams, enlisted in the Navy and he retired as a chief petty officer after a twenty-year career. My husband's grandfather and two of his cousins served in the Army during World War I. Finally, Danial's second cousin, Anson Newman, served in the Navy. Danial attended basic training in the summer of 1991 following his graduation from high school but did not particularly like basic training. However, he enjoyed being in the Navy and re-enlisted.

6. I first meet Danial's wife, Nicole, in June 1994 when she and Danial came to Michigan to visit while Danial was on leave. We learned at that time that Danial and Nicole were engaged to be married. Danial and Nicole came to Michigan again in early July 1997 for my younger son's high school graduation. At the time, Danial and Nicole still were not married but they told us that they were thinking of getting married and they thought Nicole might be pregnant.

7. In early July 1997, my husband and I took a trip in our trailer to visit Danial. We arrived on Saturday, July 5 and stayed at a trailer campground, which was about a half an hour to an hour from Danial's home in Norfolk. Danial visited us at the campground every day. During our visit we learned that Danial and Nicole got married on June 27, 1997. We also learned that

Nicole was not pregnant but instead had ovarian cancer. Danial came to visit us on July 5, 1997 after leaving the hospital where Nicole had undergone surgery to remove a tumor. Danial invited us to visit him and Nicole at their home the next day for dinner. On Sunday, July 6, we visited Danial and Nicole in their apartment. We stayed for approximately four or five hours and Danial made us dinner. After dinner, my husband and I returned to the campground, but made plans to get together with Danial and Nicole for dinner on Tuesday.

8. On Monday, July 7, my husband and I went to the Pottery Factory outlet. When we returned to the campground, Danial and Nicole arrived to tell us that our daughter, Stacey, had called Danial and informed him that one of my husband's relatives had died. Danial and Nicole stayed with us at the campground for several hours before leaving around dusk. Before they left, we confirmed our plans to meet them the next afternoon and go to dinner.

9. The next day we bought Danial and Nicole a coffee-maker, a microwave oven, and a cart for the microwave as wedding gifts. We arrived at their apartment in the afternoon and my husband and Danial put the microwave cart together. Nicole made us a pot of coffee, to make sure the coffee maker worked, and we all sat around talking. We learned that Danial had a tough time the night before helping Nicole with her medication. Danial was concerned about, and very attentive to, Nicole, but otherwise I did not notice that he was distracted or under stress, other than the stress of Nicole's illness. Danial did not act out of the ordinary that afternoon and, overall, Danial and Nicole seemed very happy.

10. While we were drinking our coffee and talking, Danial's neighbor, William Bosko, from across the hall banged on Daniel and Nicole's door and screamed that his wife was dead and asked them to call 911. We went into the Bosko's apartment. Danial accompanied Mr.

Bosko into the bedroom where Mrs. Bosko's body was. Mr. Bosko was distraught and kept saying "she's dead". We got him to sit in a chair and I remember that he kept saying "why." My husband and I told Danial and Nicole not to touch anything in the Bosko's apartment. When the police arrived we all stepped into the hallway and then went back to Danial's apartment. A police officer came into the apartment and asked Danial and Nicole a few questions. As we prepared to leave for dinner, an officer asked Danial to come down to the police station to answer some questions. Danial agreed and drove himself to the police station. We thought that Danial would meet us at dinner but he never did. We called the police station and were told that Danial was still answering questions. After dinner, we stopped by the police station and my husband asked to see Danial. He was told that he could not see Danial because Danial was still answering questions but that they thought he would be home soon. We took Nicole back to the apartment and waited for Danial to arrive. After several hours passed, we called the police station and again were told that Danial was still answering questions. We decided to spend the night at the apartment with Nicole.

11. On Wednesday, July 9, 1997, the police called the apartment and told us that Danial had confessed to killing Mrs. Bosko and had been charged with murder. We were told that we could come to the police station and pick up Danial's truck, which we did later that day.

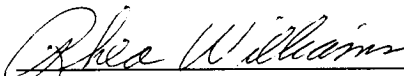
12. The next day, we went with Nicole to court for Danial's bond hearing. Danial informed the judge that he did not have a lawyer and could not afford one. We also told the judge that we could not afford a lawyer for Danial. The judge appointed Danny Shipley to represent Danial. After the hearing, we asked Mr. Shipley if Danial could get bail. I remember Mr. Shipley telling us that Danial was guilty.

13. On Friday, we went with Nicole to the jail to visit Danial. Danial kept saying that he did not commit the crime. Danial said that he confessed because the police kept badgering him and telling him that he did it even though he kept telling them that he did not do it. Danial said that whenever he put his head down on the table the police would make him sit up. After the visit, my husband and I took Nicole back to the Naval hospital because she did not look well. We were told that she was suffering from stress and anxiety, but that physically she was fine.

14. My husband and I returned to Virginia for Danial's preliminary hearing. We spoke to Mr. Shipley several times during his representation of Danial. At some point, Mr. Shipley told us that Danial was guilty and that with all of the evidence against Danial he should plead guilty. Another attorney, Bob Frank, who was also working on Danial's case with Mr. Shipley, tried to persuade us to convince Danial to plead guilty. However, Danial kept insisting to us that he was innocent. Finally, we had to tell Mr. Shipley and Mr. Frank that we could not tell Danial what to do because he was over twenty-one.

15. I do not believe and I have never believed that my son committed this crime. I know him, I raised him, and I know he did not kill or rape Michelle Bosko for the simple fact that I know that he has a deep respect for human life.

Date: 11-02-05

  
Rhea Williams

  
Notary Public

**MARGARET WILLIAMS**  
Notary Public, Clinton County, MI.  
Acting In Shiawassee County MI.  
My Commission Expires 12/23/2006

### **Affidavit of Norman Williams:**

I, Norman Williams, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am the father of Danial Williams. I have been married to Rhea Williams, Danial's mother, for thirty-six years. I quit high school in the ninth grade to work in a General Motors factory doing body work. I retired in 1999 after thirty years with General Motors.

2. Danial, who is the middle child of my three children (he has an older sister, Stacey, and a younger brother, Chris), had a normal childhood. He was involved in Cub Scouts, had a paper route and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He later used his savings from his paper route to pay for car insurance, gasoline and general maintenance for the car that we purchased for him. He was very responsible with his car. Danial never got in trouble as a child, he was never arrested nor did he participate in any destructive, anti-social behavior.

3. From the fourth grade through high school, Danial had a good friend named Jeffrey Campbell. Jeffrey's father, Dennis Campbell, was a police officer. Jeffrey is now a police officer. As a result of Danial's friendship with Jeffrey and his interactions with Dennis, Danial had a lot of respect for police officers, looked up to them and trusted them. In addition, my wife and I taught our children to respect the police.

4. Danial always liked school but earned slightly below average grades. In high school, Danial played freshman football and played the cornet. He participated in the high school marching band, performing at Friday night football games, and he played

in the concert band. He was never suspended or expelled from school and never required any type of counseling. Danial was proud to graduate from high school but never considered going to college.

5. Late in Danial's senior year of high school, he pre-registered for the Navy. My wife's father served in the Navy and her brother was a career Navy serviceman. My grandfather, Harry Cornell, and two of my uncles, Ace Williams and Phil Williams, served in the Army in World War I. I never served in the military. Danial attended basic training in the summer of 1991 following his graduation from high school and did not particularly like basic training. However, he enjoyed being in the Navy and re-enlisted.

6. I first met Danial's wife Nicole in June 1994 when she and Danial came to Michigan to visit while Danial was on leave. We learned at that time that Danial and Nicole were engaged. Danial and Nicole came to Michigan again in early July 1997 for Chris' high school graduation. At the time, Danial and Nicole still were not married but they told us that they were thinking of getting married and they thought Nicole might be pregnant.

7. In early July 1997, my wife and I took a trip in our trailer to the East coast. We arrived on Saturday, July 5, 1997 and we stayed at a trailer campground, which was located about a half an hour to an hour from Danial's home in Norfolk. Danial visited us at the campground every day. During our visit we learned that Danial and Nicole got married on June 27, 1997. We also learned that Nicole was not pregnant but instead had ovarian cancer. Danial came to visit us on July 5, 1997 after leaving the hospital where Nicole had undergone surgery to remove a tumor. Danial invited us to visit him and Nicole at their home the next day for dinner. On Sunday, July 6, 1997, we visited Danial

and Nicole in their apartment. We stayed for approximately four or five hours and Danial made us dinner. After dinner, my wife and I returned to the campground, but made plans to get together with Danial and Nicole for dinner on Tuesday.

8. On Monday, July 7, 1997, my wife and I went to the Pottery Factory outlet. When we returned to the campground, Danial and Nicole arrived to tell us that our daughter, Stacey, had called Danial and informed him that one of my cousins had died. Danial and Nicole stayed with us at the campground for several hours before leaving around dusk. We planned to meet them late in the afternoon on Tuesday and go to dinner.

9. The next day, Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, we bought Danial and Nicole a coffee-maker, a microwave oven, and a cart for the microwave as wedding gifts. We arrived at their apartment in the afternoon and I helped Danial put the microwave cart together. Nicole made a pot of coffee and we all sat around talking. Danial and Nicole both seemed happy and comfortable to me. Danial said he had a tough time the night before helping Nicole with her medication and Danial was concerned about Nicole. Otherwise, though, Danial did not seem distracted or under stress and he did not act out of the ordinary that afternoon.

10. Shortly before we were ready to go out for dinner, I took our dog for a walk. When I returned from walking the dog, I learned that Danial's neighbor had come to use the phone because he had found his wife dead in their apartment. I went to his neighbor's apartment and I told Danial and Nicole not to touch anything in the Bosko's apartment. As we waited for the ambulance to arrive, I remember noticing that the apartment was very clean. When the police arrived we all stepped into the hallway and



then went back to Danial's apartment. A police officer came into the apartment and asked Danial and Nicole a few questions. As we prepared to leave for dinner, an officer asked Danial to come down to the police station to answer some questions. Danial agreed and drove himself to the police station. We thought that Danial would meet us at dinner but he never showed up. After dinner, we stopped by the police station to find out if Danial was still there. I asked to see my son but was told that he was still answering questions, was being very helpful and would be home shortly. We took Nicole back to the apartment and waited for Danial to come home. Later that evening, we called the police station and were told that Danial was still answering questions. We decided to spend the night at the apartment with Nicole.

11. On Wednesday, July 9, 1997, the police called the apartment and told us that Danial had confessed to killing Michelle Moore-Bosko and had been charged with murder. We were told that we could come to the police station and pick up Danial's truck, which we did later that day. When we went to the police station to pick up Danial's truck, we were told that we could not see Danial because he was being processed.

12. The next day, we went with Nicole to court for Danial's bond hearing. Danial informed the judge that he did not have a lawyer and could not afford one. We also told the judge that we could not afford a lawyer for Danial. The judge appointed Danny Shipley, who was in the court, to represent Danial. After the hearing, we went into the hallway with Mr. Shipley and Nicole to find out if Danial could get bail. I remember Mr. Shipley telling us that the evidence suggested that Danial was guilty.

13. On Friday, we went with Nicole to the jail to visit Danial. At that time Danial told us that he did not commit the crime. Danial said he confessed because the police kept badgering him and telling him that he did do it even though he kept telling them that he did not do it. Danial said that whenever he put his head down on the table the police would make him sit up. We returned home to Michigan after this visit.

14. My wife and I returned to Virginia for Danial's preliminary hearing. My wife and I spoke to Mr. Shipley several times during his representation of Danial. At some point, I remember Mr. Shipley telling us that Danial was guilty and that with all of the evidence against Danial that he should plead guilty. Another attorney, Bob Frank, who was also working on Danial's case, tried to persuade me and my wife to convince Danial to plead guilty. However, Danial kept insisting to us that he was innocent. Finally, we had to tell Mr. Shipley and Mr. Frank that we could not tell Danial what to do because he was over twenty-one.

15. I do not believe and have never believed that my son committed this crime.

Date: 11/2/05

Norman Williams  
Norman Williams

Margaret Williams  
Notary Public

**MARGARET WILLIAMS**  
Notary Public, Clinton County, MI.  
Acting in Shiawassee County MI.  
My Commission Expires 12/23/2006

### **Affidavit of Chris Williams:**

I, Chris Williams, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am Danial Williams' brother. My brother is seven years older than I am. We also have an older sister, Stacey.

2. I graduated from Nashville Auto Diesel College and currently manage a diesel truck repair business. I am married and have a three year old son.

3. Growing up, my brother looked out for me. He taught me how to ride a bike and we used to go hunting and fishing and played softball together. I looked up to my brother and my brother always looked out for me.

4. My brother was an easy-going guy and was not the kind of person who would purposefully cause problems for other people.

5. Danial was very proud about joining the Navy. I was happy for Danial and thought he made a good choice for himself. Danial was proud to be serving his country and continuing a family tradition of military service.



6. I was attending the Nashville Auto Diesel College when I learned from my father that Danial had been arrested and charged with rape and murder. These charges shocked me because we were always taught to obey the law and to refrain from violence. In addition, my brother never got in trouble as a kid. The worst thing I ever remember him doing was toilet papering houses on Halloween.

7. I believe that it is possible that my brother could have been coerced into confessing, especially after a lengthy interrogation, because everyone has their breaking

point and Danial probably just wanted the interrogation to be over. I believe that my brother respected and trusted the police because we were raised to view the police as "second parents" and if something was wrong you could trust the police to tell them what was wrong.

8. I have visited my brother twice since he has been in prison, and I talk to him by phone, especially around the holidays.

9. I believe, and have always believed, that my brother did not commit this crime.

Date: 11-02-05   
 Chris Williams  
Notary Public

**MARGARET WILLIAMS**  
Notary Public, Clinton County, MI.  
Acting in Shiawassee County MI.  
My Commission Expires 12/23/2005

### **Affidavit of Doreen Trevena:**

I, Doreen Trevena, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am Danial Williams' aunt. Danial's mother, Rhea Williams, is my sister. I am employed as a secretary for the Michigan Education Association.
2. My nephew, Danial who I called "Danny," was a sensitive, happy, sweet boy who was a pleasure to have around. He was very helpful to others and was very trusting. I would not describe Danny as a leader but I would also say that he was not weak willed. Danny did not like discord and instead wanted to keep things pleasant. As a child, he enjoyed camping and going hunting and fishing with his father and younger brother.
3. I never knew of Danny to get into any trouble or misbehave as a child, other than the ordinary trouble that all kids get into.
4. Danny was also very helpful to my husband, Gary, who was blind. While many people, and most children, were a little awkward around Gary because he was blind, Danny was never like that around Gary. Danny used to jump in to give Gary a hand and was very comfortable around Gary.
5. I do not recall Danny being the best student. Although he was not stupid or retarded, he was always a little "slow." I remember one summer when Danny was in high school that he was struggling with algebra. I had recently finished an algebra course at a community college in Arizona and so I assisted Danny with his assignment. Danny kept working hard on that assignment and though he was frustrated, he never lost his temper and he did not give up.

6. I was very proud that Danny chose to join the Navy and serve his country. My family has a history of military service. My father, Burton Frezon, was in the Navy Construction Battalion during World War II, and my brother, Jerry Frezon, was a career Navy serviceman and retired as a Chief Petty Officer after serving in the Navy for twenty years. My father helped found the Veterans of Foreign Affairs Post in Owosso and my mother, Helen Frezon, joined the Women's Auxiliary Post, and has insisted that all of our female family members join as well. I know that Danny was proud of his military service and that being in the military made him feel very worthwhile.

7. I remember meeting Danny's wife <sup>Nicole</sup> ~~Michelle~~ before they were married. Danny and Nicole came over to my house for dinner when they came back to Owosso for the high school graduation of Danny's brother Chris. Danny, Nicole and I had a lovely time during dinner. Danny seemed very devoted to Nicole and quite loving toward her.

8. When I learned that Danny had been arrested and charged with the rape and murder of Michelle Moore-Bosko, I was shocked, horrified and sick to my stomach. I believe that his confession could have been coerced and that Danny could have been swayed to believe the things that the police were telling him. I believe that his faith and trust in the law, which he raised to have, could have lead him to believe that what the police were telling him was true and that he probably experienced a period of self-doubt during which time he believed in the judgment of the police over his own. I also believe that Danny would have been in shock about learning that his neighbor had been killed and that this shock may have made it difficult for Danny to think clearly during the interrogation.

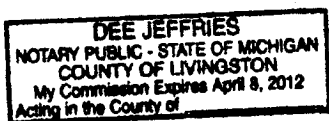
9 I have never believed, and still do not believe, that my nephew committed this crime.

Date: Nov 3, 2005

*Doreen Trevena*  
Doreen Trevena

*Dee Jeffries*  
Notary Public

11-3-05



### **Affidavit of Carl Knipe:**

I, Carl Knipe, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am a music teacher and marching band director at Owosso High School of Owosso, Michigan, where Danial Williams attended school. I instructed Danial in music during his 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades and 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

2. My teaching positions at Owosso High School allowed me to observe Danial Williams' interaction with other students in various settings. Danial was not a jock, was not part of the popular crowd, and appeared to have very few close friends. However, Danial found his place in band, especially in marching band. The band kids were very accepting of Danial.

3. Danial Williams played the cornet. Although he was not a good musician, he reliably attended band practices and precisely learned the steps of the marching band.

4. Although Owosso High was not a rigorous academic school when he attended, Danial Williams was not strong academically. Danial was a little slow. Despite trying hard, he was not good at music theory. Danial could learn by imitation and by repetition, which is why his greatest strength was in marching.

5. I knew Danial Williams' family. Although the family appeared to provide well for his needs, I am not sure that he was encouraged to excel at school. I also am not certain that Danial was very happy outside of school. For kids like Danial, some of their best times are when they are at school in band. Danial was the kind of kid who really made a connection to band.

6. I heard that Danial Williams planned to join the military after high school. I felt that the military would help Danial's self esteem and self dignity.



7. I was shocked to hear that Danial Williams was charged with raping and murdering Michelle Bosko. I could not believe that Danial was allegedly involved in this crime. I did not think Danial had it in him to commit such a crime. Danial was never aggressive toward others -- I do not recall Danial Williams ever getting in fights. Danial's attitude was never to beat or best anyone else. Danial was always respectful to me.

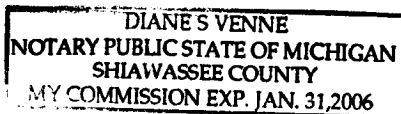
8. I heard that Danial Williams had confessed to the police and had told them he raped and murdered Michelle Bosko. It would not surprise me if Danial was coerced to confess. Danial did not have a lot of self confidence or self esteem -- he was the type of person that would be susceptible to badgering.

9. I do not believe that Danial could have committed the crimes for which he has been convicted.

Date: 11/3/05

Carl Knipe  
Carl Knipe

Diane S. Venne  
Notary Public



### **Affidavit of Jeffrey Campbell:**

I, Jeffrey Campbell, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am a lieutenant in the Eaton County, Michigan Sheriff's Department, where I supervise 25 patrol deputies in one of two road patrol divisions. I have been an officer for eleven years, ten of which were with the Eaton County Sheriff's Department.

2. Danial Williams and I were good friends from elementary school through high school. Danial and I played a lot together during elementary school. We were not as close in high school, but remained friends.

3. Danial was always a nice kid, but was not as outgoing as other kids. He was shy and a little socially awkward, but never with me or other friends. Danial was never in trouble as a kid -- he was not the kind of kid that would give anyone trouble. He was a good kid and a good friend.

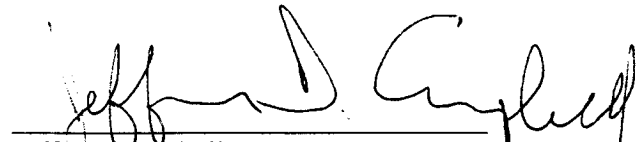
4. Danial's parents were a little strict. They had set rules that Danial was expected to follow, which he did. Danial did not stray far from the rules. If his mother said that he had to be home at a certain time, Danial would make sure he was home by that time.

5. I recall Danial stopping by our house in Owosso shortly after Danial's basic training in the Navy. I recall seeing Danial one more time after that when Danial was home on leave, but that was the last time I saw him. Danial was real proud of being in the Navy.

6. I do not believe that the Danial Williams that I knew from elementary school through high school could have committed this crime.

Date: 11-2-05

  
Notary Public

  
Jeffrey Campbell

**JEANIE ACKERMAN**  
Notary Public, Eaton County, MI  
Acting in Eaton County, Michigan  
My Comm. Expires January 12, 2008

### **Affidavit of Dennis Campbell:**

I, Dennis Campbell, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury that the following information is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. After twenty-seven years, I retired from the Owosso, Michigan Police Department, where I was a lieutenant and the Assistant Police Chief. I currently own a transportation business called Thomas Transportation Service, LLC of Owosso, Michigan.

2. My son, Jeffrey Campbell, is a lieutenant on the Eaton County Sheriff Department in Charlotte, Michigan. Jeffrey was a childhood friend of Danial Williams.

3. We lived in the same neighborhood as the Williams, so Danial Williams and Jeffrey played together. Danial did not have very many friends, but came by our house to play with Jeffrey. Danial came to our house more often than Jeffrey went to the Williams' house.

4. Danial Williams was a quiet, respectful kid in the neighborhood, but was a little different. I do not recall Danial getting in trouble as a child.

5. Danial Williams was obviously a little slow, but I would not characterize Danial as mentally retarded -- he was able to pass the test to get into the Navy.

6. I do not remember seeing Danial Williams after high school or after Danial entered the Navy.

7. I was surprised to hear that Danial Williams was charged with rape and murder. The only thing I could ever imagine that he might get involved with was drunk and disorderly or fighting -- the kind of things Navy guys get involved in. However, I never knew Danial to be aggressive, reckless, or to be a troublemaker. Instead, I would describe Danial as quiet and a little on the meek side. Given what I know of Danial Williams' personality and character, I do

not think he is the kind of person who could or would rape or murder anyone. I never thought Danial would be charged with something like rape and murder, but do believe he is someone who could be coerced into confessing to something that he did not do. He seemed to have a strong respect for authority, he did what he was told, and he was a kid who would easily give in to others and I could see how this could lead him to give in to a strong-willed police officer.

Date: 11/2/2005

Dennis Campbell  
Dennis Campbell

Allison J. Anderson  
Notary Public

**ALLISON J. ANDERSON, Notary Public**  
Shiawassee County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires August 26, 2006