

THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
PINE BLUFF DIVISION**

DAMIEN WAYNE ECHOLS,) Case No. 5:04CV00391-WRW

Petitioner,

vs.

**LARRY NORRIS, Director,
Arkansas Department of Corrections,**

Respondent.

**DECLARATION OF
SHAWN RYAN CLARK**

SR

I, Shawn Ryan Clark, hereby state and declare under penalty of perjury as follows: *SR*

1. I am the brother of Christopher Byers, who died in May, 1993.
2. I testified as a witness for the prosecution at the 1994 state court trial in *Arkansas v. Jesse Lloyd Misskelley*. I did not testify at the 1994 state court trial in *Arkansas v. Damien Wayne Echols and Charles Jason Baldwin*.


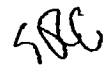
3. In my testimony at the 1994 *Misskelley* trial, I truthfully described how I searched for my Christopher in Robin Hood Hills on May 5, 1993, the day he disappeared. That is the area where Chris's body was found the following day.

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4. At the time of Chris's death, I was 13 years old.
5. When I was about eight or nine years old, I was in Robin Hood Hills almost every day. I stopped going there as much when I was between ten and twelve.
6. When I did go into Robin Hood Hills, I usually entered at 14th Street and Goodwin Avenue. Sometimes, however, I entered in a different location, carrying my bike over a pipe crossing into the area.
7. When I went into Robin Hood Hills, I often swam in the water beneath the pipe crossing. I also swam in the ditch where my brother and the other victims of the crime were found in May, 1993.
8. I saw alligator snapping turtles very often when I was in Robin Hood Hills.
9. A couple of times before my brother's death I pulled alligator snapping turtles out of the same ditch where his body was found.
10. My friends and I also caught the turtles in other areas of Robin Hood Hills.
11. We usually caught the alligator snapping turtles with a crawfish drag or by grabbing them by the tail. We would then put them in a swimming pool and try to get them to fight.
12. The alligator snapping turtles we caught were dangerous and large, about as big as a cooler. My friend, Scotty Long, once caught such a turtle with a head as big as a baseball.

Executed this 8 day of October, 2007, at Memphis, Tennessee.


Shawn Ryan Clark


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