AFFIDAVIT OF CRYSTAL HALE DUNCAN

State of Tennessee)
) ss.
County of SHE LLY)

Before the undersigned Notary Public, duly qualified and acting in and for said county and state, appeared Crystal Hale Duncan, to me well known to be the affiant herein, who stated the following under oath:

- "1. I, Crystal Hale Duncan, DOB 177, am a resident of the State of Tennessee. I currently reside in Bartlett, and am employed as a banking officer. Corp. Sales May. Cd 5/23/06
- 2. My maiden name is Crystal Hale.
- 3. I was raised in Marion, Arkansas, and graduated from Marion High School.
- 4. I was asked by Tom Quinn, who has been identified to me as a licensed Private Investigator working for the lawyers representing Jason Baldwin, whether I remembered Jason from my time in Marion. He also asked if I remembered the other two persons, Damien Echols and Jessie Misskelley, who were charged with Jason in the murders of the three boys who were killed in West Memphis, Arkansas in May of 1993. I knew all three of the young men charged in those murders, but I met them at different times. I spent more time with Jason in 1993 because he and I were in school together during that year.
- 5. I was a student at Marion High School in May of 1993. I had known Jason

Cd 5/23/06 ypg 1 of 5 Baldwin from 9th grade on.

- 6. I recall having art classes with Jason Baldwin during my 10th and 11th grade school years. Our teacher was Sally Ware. My recollection of Mrs. Ware is that she was a demanding and capable teacher who was very much in charge of her classes.
- I recall being in 5th and possibly 6th grade with Jessie Misskelley. I did
 not have much contact with him after that. I never saw Jessie during our
 high school years.
- 8. I also recall knowing Damien Echols, who was fairly notorious among the people in my age group in 1993. I had known Damien for a few years by the time of the killings. I had first known him as Michael Hutcheson, before he changed his name. Damien was known for his strange behavior, such as staring at people for a long time without blinking. He would do things to call attention to himself.
- 9. I recall that when Jason was arrested and charged with the killings of the three boys in West Memphis, I had a sense of disbelief. I did not connect the Jason Baldwin that I knew, and whose behavior I observed, with the killings at all.
- 10. Because I had a daily class with Jason Baldwin, I had an opportunity to interact with him and to observe his behavior. My recollection is that he would wear combat boots, a trench coat, and long hair. In my view, those

cd 5/23/06 pg 2 of 5 things identified him as a rocker, or a person who was into heavy metal music. There were a few people like him in our age group, but they made up a small minority of the students at Marion High. They were not in the mainstream. Based on the way he dressed, and looked, and I mean this without disrespect, you could tell that Jason came from the local trailer parks. Many of the students lived in areas that were more affluent than where Jason lived.

- of persons attended the school, and Jason was not in the more popular groups within our class, which numbered around 160 people. My recollection is that people judged him based on his appearance and grooming. I tended to associate with a different group of people than Jason did. At the time, my friends in school looked down on Jason because of the way he dressed and looked. Some of my friends wondered why I used to talk to him.
- 12. Even though he and I socialized with different groups of people, Jason and I did talk from time to time, and we got along well. At one point, Jason gave me a picture he had signed. He was a talented artist. Sometimes we would talk, and we got into trouble one day for talking to each other during class. I was comfortable around him.
- 13. Jason was shy. I recall that he would not try to call attention to himself. He

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would not volunteer to speak in class, but if called upon, he would answer.

- 14. I recall observing that Jason was one of Mrs. Ware's favorite students in the art class. It was clear she had high regard for his talent. My recollection is that he tended to draw things related to his interest in rock and roll. He would draw album covers, and drawings of rock and roll bands.
- 15. I do not recall Jason ever drawing anything associated with violence, or inappropriate subject matters.
- 16. During the course of one of Mr. Quinn's visits, I retrieved the Marion High School yearbook for the year 1993, which was entitled "Patriot 93". I was able to locate at least one photograph of Jason in the yearbook.
- I have a general recollection of hearing about the discovery of the bodies of the three young boys who were killed in West Memphis. As far as I recall, we were still in school during that time. Jason Baldwin continued his regular attendance in our art class with Mrs. Ware until the end of the school year in 1993. I do not recall Jason's behavior changing in any way after the announcement of the killings of the three boys. He continued to attend school regularly, as he had during the years of my experience with him in high school. It was after the end of the school year that I heard that Jason and the other two, Damien and Jessie, were arrested for the killings.

18. My memory of Jason is that he was respectful to the teachers. He was

cel 5/23/06 pg 4 085 relatively quiet and I thought he was shy. I do not recall his exhibiting any behavior, whether before the killings of the three boys in May of 1993 or thereafter, that caused me to think he was involved in violent behavior. I saw nothing about Jason, or in his art work, that suggested Satanism. Most of the drawings he did were connected with the world of rock and roll.

- 19. Because of my impression of, and friendship with, Jason Baldwin, I was shocked when he was arrested for the murders.
- 20. If called to testify about my recollections of Jason Baldwin, and especially my observations of him while we were in school together, I would have testified truthfully, and would still do so today."

Further the affiant sayeth naught.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 23th day of May, 2006.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of My, 2006

Notary Public

My commission expires:

MY COMMISSION EXPIRMA

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