

AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH SAMUEL DWYER

State of Arkansas)
) ss.
County of Crittenden

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

- "1. I, Joseph Samuel Dwyer, DOB [REDACTED]/79, am a resident of West Memphis, Arkansas.
2. I was approached by Tom Quinn, who identified himself to me as a licensed Private Investigator working for the lawyers representing Jason Baldwin.
3. I knew Jason Baldwin, and his family, in the Lakeshore Trailer Park. I moved to the trailer park when I was about 10 years old, and moved out when I was around 18.
4. I recall that Jason lived with his mother, and two brothers, in a trailer that was on the same street my family and I lived on. We lived two trailers down from Jason's trailer. Lakeshore was a heavily wooded area. We used to play in the woods around our trailer homes.
5. I was living in the Lakeshore Trailer Park in May of 1993 when the three boys were killed in Robin Hood Woods in West Memphis. By that time, I had known Jason and his family for years, and often hung out with Jason, and his brother Matt. Even though I was younger than Jason, I went to his

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trailer to play video games with Jason and his younger brother Matt. Jason would come to my trailer where we had a basketball hoop, and he and I would play basketball with friends of ours.

6. Jason and I also used to ride the school bus together. We rode it daily, to and from school.
7. I spent quite a bit of time around Jason. He had an interest in reptiles like snakes and lizards. The two of us would often go looking for reptiles, and if Jason saw a snake, he would pick it up, and say what kind of snake it was.
8. Before the three boys were killed, and Jason and the other two were arrested for the killings, I had never heard of Robin Hood Woods. I had never been in Robin Hood Woods prior to the killings. Since the murders I have gained some knowledge of where Robin Hood Woods are. I believe they are east of Missouri Street, the major north/south street in West Memphis. I had never been with Jason in the area of Robin Hood Woods. I personally do not know of Jason Baldwin ever going to Robin Hood Woods. I never heard him talk about Robin Hood Woods. The only woods that I ever was in with Jason were those around the Lakeshore Trailer Park. There was a large wooded area around the trailer park.
9. I also knew the other two persons who were charged in the killings of the three boys. One of them was Damien Echols, who was older than both Jason and I. The other was Jessie Misskelley.

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10. I did not know Damien well. I didn't like what I saw of him. He liked to call attention to himself. One day he painted a star over one of his eyes. Damien was a talker. He liked to say things to get peoples' attention.
11. I also knew Jessie Misskelley. At one point Jessie lived in Lakeshore, down the street from where Jason Baldwin and I lived. Jessie's trailer was less than 100 yards from ours. Lakeshore was full of trailer homes, and there were many kids my age who lived there.
12. I never saw Jason and Jessie hanging around together while Jessie and his family lived in Lakeshore. Jessie had moved away before the killings of the three boys. Jessie was what you might refer to as a trailer park redneck. The way he talked and acted was very different from the way Damien Echols talked and acted. Jessie was sort of slow to figure things out. You could tell he was not as smart as other people.
13. I heard that Jessie confessed to the killings of the three boys. I knew Jessie well. Based on what I knew, he was not the type of person who would hurt kids younger than he was. I remember seeing Jessie break up a fight between two guys once. One of the guys started losing, and Jessie broke it up so the guy losing wouldn't get hurt. As far as I could tell, he did it because he felt it was the right thing to do. I never viewed Jessie as a guy who wanted to hurt other people. When I was growing up in Lakeshore, people my age might fist fight to settle their differences. I never saw Jessie

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- picking on somebody or starting a fight just for the sake of fighting.
14. Jessie was the kind of guy who kept things pretty simple. My sense, after hearing that he confessed, was that he had been talked into it by the police.
 15. After Jessie's family left Lakeshore, I do not recall ever seeing Jason hanging out, or spending time, with Jessie Misskelley.
 16. I never saw Damien hanging out, or associating with Jessie. The two of them may have known one another, but I never saw them together.
 17. I did see Damien and Jason together. After Jason started getting friendly with Damien, I was around him less than before because I didn't like Damien. I know that after Jason started hanging out with Damien, he got a trench coat just like Damien's. It was a long black trench coat. Damien had a certain way of talking, and Jason picked up some of Damien's way of talking. Even though I would not hang around with Jason if Damien was there, I still saw Jason a lot because I would go by to see his brother Matt, and Jason would often be there. He and I would still spend time together as long as Damien wasn't around.
 18. Jason behaved and acted the same way the whole time I knew him. He was a gentle person who was generally quiet. He was a good artist. Even though I was more in his brother Matt's age group than in his, I spent enough time around him to have a good knowledge of his character.
 19. I was on the school bus with Jason on the day the three boys' bodies were

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recovered. That was big news all around West Memphis. Right after hearing the shocking news about Jason's arrest, I thought back to that day and remembered that Jason didn't look any different that day than on any other day. He was quiet and calm. He didn't look like someone who had just been involved in killing 3 kids. Nothing about him connected with that event as far as I was concerned. Jason and I had kept riding the bus to and from school after the 3 boys were killed until the end of the school year. He asked me to go with him looking for snakes and lizards shortly before his arrest, but I did not go with him. Nothing about him changed during that time. He never showed any signs that he had killed those boys or that he knew anything about the killings. I saw Jason frequently after the boys' bodies were found and before he was arrested.

20. I did not see anything in the way Jason behaved, or in what he said, that would have made me believe that he had anything to do with the killing of those three boys. I felt the same way about Damien and Jessie.
21. I have been asked if I remember Jason having a knife. I remember he had a big knife that I thought of as a "Rambo knife". It was about a foot long.
22. A knife of Jason's ended up in the lake that was in the Lakeshore Trailer Park. I assumed that this was the big "Rambo" knife, but I do not know if it was. The lake in question is a big square-shaped lake with trailer homes all around. Some of the homes had piers that you could walk onto. Jason's

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home was right next to one of the piers. I arrived at Jason's trailer just after Jason's mom had thrown a knife into the lake. At the time, Jason's Mom was walking toward the trailer from the direction of the lake. Jason was at the trailer and was mad that she had just thrown his knife into the lake. I remember that Jason said something about going to get the knife.

23. The knife was thrown into the lake before the three boys turned up missing. I do not recall exactly how long before it was, but I remember that it definitely happened before the boys were found dead in Robin Hood Woods.
24. I remember a knife was pulled out of the lake behind Jason's trailer by the police. I saw the scuba divers as they prepared for the search.
25. I know that after Jason's mom had thrown his knife into the lake, Jason did not have the large "Rambo" knife anymore. I never saw him with that knife after I heard it was tossed into the lake.
26. I never saw Jason or Jessie show any interest in Satanism, or in evil things. A lot of people in our age groups at the time were interested in rock and roll music, and in heavy metal music. But there was never anything that Jason or Jessie did that involved the devil, or telling people about the devil or Satan.
27. I remember that after the three boys were found dead, and the news cameras came out to Lakeshore from time to time, anyone wearing a Metallica t-

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shirt, or some other heavy metal band t-shirt, was viewed as a devil worshipper, especially if the person had long hair. It took a long time for that kind of attitude to go away.

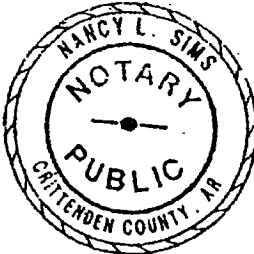
28. During this period of time in 1993, I was generally known as Sammy. In addition to Jason Baldwin, I used to hang out with Matt Baldwin, Adam Phillips, and Carl Smith. Matt, Adam, Carl and I were all younger than Jason.
29. If called to testify in court, I would provide truthful and accurate testimony about all of the subjects that I have covered here."

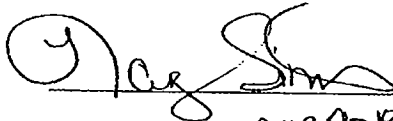
Further the affiant sayeth naught.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 25th day of May, 2006.


JOSEPH SAMUEL DWYER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of May, 2006.

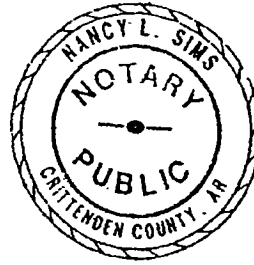



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