## **AFFIDAVIT OF LARRY MATTHEW BALDWIN**

State of Missouri	)
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County of Phelps	)

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

- "1. My name is Larry Matthew Baldwin. I was born on April 21, 1979. My other brother is Jason Baldwin. I am the son of Gayle and Larry Baldwin. My mother's current full name is Angela Gayle Grinnell.
- In 1993, I lived with my mother, and my brothers Jason Baldwin and Terry
  Ray Grinnell in the Lakeshore Trailer Park on West South Lake Drive in
  Marion, Arkansas.
- 3. We lived in a trailer home which was one of a number of trailer homes facing the lake inside the Lakeshore Trailer Park. There was a little pier next to our trailer home.
- In the spring of 1993 I went to school in Marion, as did my brother Jason. I
  was ending my 9th grade year when my brother was arrested in early June,
  1993.
- Shortly before the killings of three young boys in West Memphis, Arkansas, in May of 1993, my stepfather Terry Grinnell and my mother separated.
   My stepfather was away from our home for a few weeks. He would call our

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house occasionally during that time. I recall that he and my mother got back together a couple of weeks before my brother Jason was arrested.

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- While my stepfather Terry was away, a friend of my mother's named Dink,
   who was an adult male, stayed with us in the trailer.
- 7. My mother worked at that time, and she would usually go to work at about 2:30 in the afternoon. She would return home at about 11:20 or 11:30 at night. Her routine was that she would check on us. I remember that because the doors in our trailer home used to squeak a lot when she opened them. Sometimes I would wake up when she would look in on us and give us a kiss after she had returned home from work.
- 8. During the spring of 1993 my brother Jason and I rode the bus to Marion High School. We would walk from our trailer home to the place where we caught the bus. We would leave our home early in the morning so that we could catch the bus on time. We usually did not get home until after 3 p.m.
- 9. My mother was strict. Even if she was not home, she would call us from wherever she was, usually work, to check up on us. We had rules to live by, and she expected us to be in by a certain time.
- 10. When my stepfather Terry was at home, or even when my mother's friend Dink was there, they would babysit us. If one of them wasn't around then my brother Jason would be told to look out for my younger brother and me.
- 11. I also remember that my mother used to work at a trucking company called CTI, Customized Trucking, Inc. I think that the business was located in

Memphis, Tennessee.

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- 12. After my brother Jason was arrested, I remember that several different people talked to me about my memory of where he was on the day of the killings, who he was with that day and the next day, how he behaved, and those sorts of things. I was also asked about his connection to Damien Echols, and how often I remembered Damien being around our house.
- 13. I believe that I provided truthful answers to questions about my brother, and what I remembered, at the time I was interviewed. I have been told that there are taped interviews of me, and I believe I would have told the truth to law enforcement people when they asked me questions.
- 14. I remember that my brother Jason and I took the bus to and from school every day, during the week in which those three boys were found dead in Robin Hood Woods. I never heard or saw anything about my brother that caused me to believe that he had any involvement in those killings. My brother was not the kind of person who would do any violence to another human being. He was not a fighter, and not a violent person.
- 15. I remember that I told people who asked me about the missing boys, including some law enforcement officials, that my brother and I had been in school on those days. I also remember that on one of the days, I believe it was the day the three boys were reported missing, my brother had gone to cut our uncle's lawn at his house in West Memphis. That house was about a half hour walk from our home in the trailer park in Marion.

- 16. I also remember being asked questions about whether Damien was with my brother on the day the three boys disappeared, and I recall that there had been talk about my brother having met up with Damien near my uncle's house.
- 17. My uncle was Hubert Bartoush. I was close to him. He used to babysit us.
- 18. My brother Jason and I got along well, he is only two years older than me.
  We used to do a lot of things together, so I got to know his habits and customs. We used to like the same kind of music, and we both liked video games.
- 19. Right before my brother was arrested in 1993 I used to hang out with him and Damien Echols. Damien was older than Jason and me.
- 20. Damien would come over to our house from time to time. We had a female friend at the time named Domini.
- 21. I don't remember ever hearing Damien and Jason talking about the occult or satanism or anything like that. Those are not the sorts of things they talked about and I know that my brother had no interest in that sort of stuff. As I recall, he had no books or pictures having to do with the occult.
- 22. I remember Jessie Misskelley. In 1993, my brother didn't hang out with Jessie Misskelley, though he knew him. I remember as well one evening when Jessie drove by with a woman who I think was Vickie Hutcheson. They tried to get Damien to go with them some place, but he wouldn't go. At some later point, I remember reading something about Vickie Hutcheson

having tried to arrange a meeting with Damien to record him talking. At the time, I remembered thinking that this might have happened the night that Jessie had driven Vickie into Lakeshore.

- 23. Before my brother was arrested in 1993, I remember that Damien came over to our house several times, and hung out. Sometimes he would use the phone while he was there. I never remembered Jessie Misskelley coming to our house and hanging out with Damien or Jason. Jessie did not do that, because he was not friends with Damien and Jason.
- 24. At the time of the killings of the three boys in West Memphis, I did not know where Robin Hood Woods was. After the killings happened, and my brother was arrested, my mother had a very difficult time. She had to spend some time in a hospital, and I stayed with a friend of mine named Kenny Newell. He lived closer to Robin Hood Woods than we did, and that was the first time that I understood where those woods were located, and what they were called.
- 25. Robin Hood Woods was not an area that I ever had been in. I was never with my brother in Robin Hood Woods, and do not know that he had ever been there either. I think he would have told me if he had. It was not a place where my friends and I, or my brother, as far as I know, ever went to hang out. It was hard to get to and we had no car.
- 26. It used to take us about 20 minutes or so to walk from the trailer park across the freeway to West Memphis where the big stores like Walmart were. It

took another 15 to 20 minutes to go downtown to where our uncle Hubert Bartoush lived. It would have taken, as far as I recall, about 25 to 30 minutes to get to Robin Hood Woods from Lakeshore Trailer Park. It was right next to a highway. It was not near our home.

- 27. My brother Jason and most of his friends had to walk to get to West Memphis unless we could get a ride from a parent. Our family was not well off, and though my mother had transportation, my brother and I did not. We did not have friends who had cars of their own, and this limited the places we could go to, especially on a school night when we had to be home early.
- While there were times when my brother Jason might stay out late on weekends, particularly when he would go to Skate World which is where a lot of people his age used to hang out, and where I went 6 or 7 times in 1993 myself, during the school week we had to be home early. If we weren't, my mother would get angry. My brother Jason did not test my mother that way. If she told him he had to be home at a certain time he would be home.
- 29. I never recall an evening around the time of the deaths of the three boys in West Memphis when my brother stayed out late, or came home looking like he had been wading in a creek, or had blood on him. I certainly would have noticed that. There were times we would get dirty playing outside, but it would not happen late at night.

- 30. My brother never acted any differently during the time that those three boys were reported missing, after they were found dead, and up to the time of his arrest. At some point people started talking about Damien, and my brother's name came up as well because he used to hang around Damien. But my brother never acted in any strange or unusual way, and he never, at any time, said he had anything to do with the killings of those three boys.
- 31. I have read over the interview that I gave to Mr. Fogelman and Mr. Davis in September. The taped transcript said it was in 1992, but I believe it would have been after my brother was arrested in 1993. I remember some of the interview, and having reviewed the transcript, I remember trying to answer Mr. Fogelman's questions as best I could at the time.
- 32. I know that my mother was very concerned about my brother, especially because she believed that the police in West Memphis would not deal with him fairly. However, no one in my family, including my brother Jason or my mother Gayle, ever asked me to lie or to say anything untruthful. This is because there was nothing to lie about. When I talked to the authorities I provided them with all the information I had.
- 33. My outlook is still the same today. I do not believe that my brother was involved in the killings of the three boys in Robin Hood Woods in May of 1993. However, I believe that the best way to demonstrate that my brother is innocent is to tell the truth.
- 34. If called to testify in court, I would provide truthful and accurate testimony

about all the subjects that I have covered here."

Further the affiant sayeth naught.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of

May , 2008.

LARRY MATTHEW BALDWIN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of May, 2008.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 7-14-2009