

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF MADISON

AFFIDAVIT OF EARL JORDAN

I, Earl Jordan, after being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. My name is Earl Jordan. I am over 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this Affidavit. I am competent to testify to the matters contained in this affidavit.

2. I testified against Willie Manning in his trial for the murder of two college students in Starkville, MS. I testified that Manning confessed to me. I had told the sheriff that Manning said that he was with Jessie Lawrence at the time of the murders.

3. My trial testimony was not true. My statements to the sheriff about Manning's confession were also not true. Manning never told me that he killed anyone.

4. When I spoke to the sheriff about what Manning supposedly told me, I was in jail and could have been charged as a habitual offender.

5. The sheriff never came out and told me directly that he would help me with the charges, but he had a way of making it clear that he would help me out if I helped him with Manning. The sheriff said he knew I could be charged as a habitual offender and that time was running out.

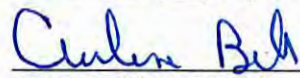
6. I talked to the sheriff about four or five times. The sheriff told me the way he thought Willie had done the murder, and I changed some words to the way the sheriff said he thought it happened. The sheriff was satisfied.

7. I was not charged as a habitual offender, and I also received some reward money. Over the years, Manning's lawyers came to ask me about my statement, but I always told them that I was not going to give a statement. I was afraid to tell the truth. But Dolph Bryan is no longer the sheriff. I am telling the truth now.

8. I am giving this statement of my own free will. No one is forcing me to give this statement.


EARL JORDAN

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21 day of June 2023


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