### HAROLD WAYNE NICHOLS VS. STATE OF TENNESSEE

### DECLARATION OF VICKIE L. WOOD (THOMPSON)

STATE OF TENNEESSEE

COUNTY OF WILSON

I, Vickie L. Wood (Thompson), do hereby declare under penalty of perjury the following:

I am over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, am competent to make this Declaration, and have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein.

I reside in Wilson County, Tennessee at 412 Rembrandt Drive in Old Hickory.

I was a juror in May of 1990 at the trial of Mr. Nichols. While it has been many years since I served on this jury, I do remember many aspects of the trial. I remember that Mr. Nichols confessed to the murder of Ms. Pulley so our decision focused on his sentencing. I remember vividly the description of the crime by Mr. Nichols, and as a young woman, it was very disturbing. I don't remember the defense presenting anything to let me know about Mr. Nichols' life, mental health, or intellectual abilities. While I do not question Mr. Nichols' guilt or our part as a jury in that decision, I wanted to hear more evidence about Mr. Nichols' background and life. If the defense had presented evidence of abuse neglect, mental illness, and/or intellectual disabilities, it would have had a significant impact on my decision on sentencing and I would have considered an alternative sentence.

I also remember the prosecution asserted that if we sentenced Mr. Nichols to life, he might be released and hurt someone again and since the state of Tennessee hadn't executed anyone in many years, it would be unlikely he would ever be put to death. As jurors we considered that when we sentenced Mr. Nichols.

I declare the foregoing under penalties of perjury.

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Declarant

Witnessed by: Walker Lower

Date: December 28, 20/6

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DECLARATION OF EUCOFA (raig (Little)
STATE OF
COUNTY OF Macon
I, Funda Caig (Little) do hereby declare under penalty of perjury the following is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:
I am over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, am competent to make this Declaration, and have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein.
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option to sentence Mr. Nichols to life without parole, I would have chosen that as his sentence. As a juror on his case, I wou prefer to see Mr. Nichols not be on death row and not be executed. I would want him to receive life without parole.	H

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# IN THE CRIMINAL COURT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE DIVISION I

HAROLD WAYNE NICHOLS,	} POST CONVICTION	
PETITIONER,	CASE NO.:	
VS.	HAMILTON COUNTY CRIMINAL NO.: 175504	
STATE OF TENNESSEE,	}	
RESPONDENT.	-	

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

# STATE OF TENNESSEE } COUNTY OF DAVIDSON }

- I, Walter Mai Stephenson, after being duly sworn in accordance with the law, make oath the facts and circumstances hereinafter declared are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:
- 1. If am a citizen and resident of Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee, and my address is 1901 Hartsville Pike, Gallatin, Tennessee 37066.
- I was one of the twelve jurors that was impaneled to sentence the Petitioner, Harold
   Wayne Nichols, for capital murder.
- 3. Prior to reaching our collective decision, myself and other members of the jury discussed the fact that Tennessee has a death penalty but as of the date of our deliberations no one had been put to death as a result.
- 4. Since each juror reached his or her own individualized decision in their respective determinations, I cannot speak for the other jurors as to how or what influenced them or how much weight he or she placed on each factor that ultimately lead to the imposition of the death penalty.
- 5. However, with regard to my personal judgment, it was never my personal intent that the Petitioner be put to death. My logic was that a sentence of death would not result in the Petitioner's execution as history has thus far confirmed, but by imposing this sentence, it would guarantee that he would stay in prison forever.

## FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

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Before me on this the // Day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 11-32-97



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