

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF DAKOTA

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Affidavit of Dominick Johnson

Petitioner,

vs.

Philip Vance,

Respondent.

D. C. File No. K6-04-000736

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

STATE OF MINNESOTA

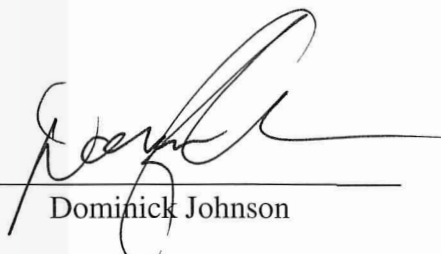
The undersigned being duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and states that:

1. In November 2004, I pled guilty to Second Degree Felony Murder for the December 22, 2002 robbery at Sabreen's in South St. Paul and the shooting of Khaled Al Bakkri.
2. I pled guilty to a crime that I did not commit. I had nothing to do with the Sabreen's robbery or with the shooting of Mr. Bakkri. I did not participate in the crime, and I did not witness the crime. I was not there.
3. At the time I entered my guilty plea, I testified that Philip Vance committed the robbery and killing at Sabreen's. This testimony was also false. I did not witness any part of this crime, and I do not know who committed it.
4. In fact, I know that Philip Vance did not commit this crime.
5. I understand that providing a false guilty plea is a serious matter. At the time, my attorney told me that it was in my best interest to take a plea deal because I was young, and because I would face a much longer sentence if I went to trial and was convicted. I had already been in custody for almost two years while I waited for trial. Also, Philip Vance had already been convicted based on very limited evidence, and I was afraid that the same thing would happen to me.

6. Back in 2004, and especially after Philip Vance was convicted, I felt I had no way of proving that people were testifying falsely against us, and I had no faith in the justice system. I am coming forward now because I want the truth to come out, even if that means admitting I lied.
7. No one has threatened me, or given me, or promised me anything for signing this Affidavit.
8. I read this Affidavit before signing it and I had the chance to correct anything that was wrong in it.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

Dated: 9-19, 2021.



Dominick Johnson

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