

AFFIDAVIT OF KENTRELL ANTHONY

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )


The undersigned, Kentrell Anthony, being first duly sworn, hereby deposes and states as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, and I am a resident of the State of Minnesota. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. In December 2002, I was 19 years old and living with my mother in the upper unit of a duplex located at 956 Minnehaha Ave. East in St. Paul, Minnesota.
3. My grandmother, Jacqueline Ezell, lived in the unit below with my cousin Darlene Jones.
4. On Sunday, December 22, 2002, a number of family members and friends spent the afternoon and evening watching TV and having conversation in the sunroom of my grandmother's unit. The sunroom was also my cousin Darlene's bedroom.
5. Philip Vance and Dominick Johnson were with us that day. I was one of Dominick's girlfriends at the time. My cousin Darlene was Phillip's girlfriend.
6. My friend Nicolle Rauschnot was also visiting that day. She left the duplex at some point in the evening. A couple of days after Christmas, Nicolle and I drove in her small silver car to visit Chicago for about ten days.
7. At one point during the late afternoon of December 22, Philip and Dominick left the house for a couple hours. But they came back in the early evening.
8. My mother left the house at around 5 PM to go play bingo.
9. When Philip and Dominick returned to the house in the early evening, Darlene used Phillip's cellphone to call Chicago to check on how her daughter was doing. Darlene also began braiding Philip's hair. Shortly thereafter, Dominick and I went to the upstairs unit and were physically intimate while my mother was out playing bingo.
10. At around 10 or 11 PM (sometime before 11 pm) that evening, my uncle Lawrence "Demetrius" O'Connor drove Philip and Dominick from the duplex on Minnehaha Ave. East to the Battered Bar in downtown Saint Paul. I wanted them out of the duplex before my mother came back from playing bingo, which was usually 11 pm. I rode in the car with them. After we dropped Philip and Dominick off at the bar, "Demetrius" and I returned to the duplex.
11. Several weeks later, the police kicked in our doors at the duplex and questioned us about Philip and Dominick and a murder that had taken place on December 22. Over the next weeks, the police returned to the duplex a number of times and took us down the station several times to question us. They were always rude and intimidating. And that is why, all these years later, I still have a clear memory of the day and evening of December 22, 2002.

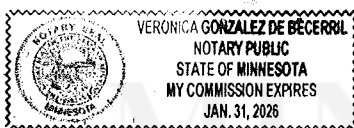
12. In the course of the police interviews/interrogations, no one ever told me that the robbery and murder took place at about 9:45 pm on Dec. 22, 2002. If someone had done so, I would have told the police that neither Philip nor Dominick could have been involved in that crime because they were both with me at the duplex where I was living at 956 Minnehaha Ave. East in St. Paul until about 10 or 11 pm that evening.

13. The police offered my grandfather, Eugene O'Connor, lots of money if we would just say what they wanted us to say. So my grandfather, who as usual had spent most of that day in his bedroom and had no knowledge of who was there or what had happened that day, encouraged us to say whatever the police wanted us to say.

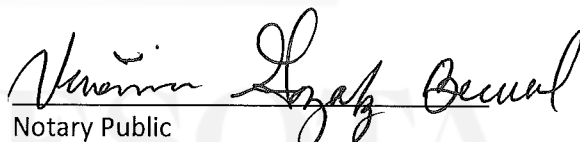
I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information set forth above is true, correct, and complete.

  
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Kentrell Anthony

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 5 day of August, 2022.



My commission expires:

  
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Notary Public

Jan. 31, 2026