

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
CASE NUMBERS: 91 CRS 71728

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
WAKE COUNTY, C.S.C.)

VS.)

RESPONSE

BY)

GREGORY FLINT TAYLOR)

Now comes the State, by and through the District Attorney, and responds as follows to the opinion of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission (Commission), and respectfully shows to the Court the following:

1. That Jacquetta Thomas was killed in a sudden and violent death on September 26, 1991.
2. That, defendant, Gregory Flint Taylor, was indicted by the Wake County Grand Jury for First Degree murder on October 14, 1991.
3. That the Defendant was tried by a jury in Wake County upon a plea of not guilty. The Defendant did not testify at the trial and offered no evidence in his own defense. On April 19, 1993, the jury convicted the Defendant of First Degree Murder.
4. On September 3 and 4, 2009, the Commission held a hearing and, after reviewing the evidence that was presented, determined that there was sufficient evidence of factual innocence to merit judicial review.
5. That scientific evidence was presented to the Commission that did not prove the Defendant's innocence, and, according to the Commission staff, was "inconclusive."
6. That the critical evidence designed to prove the Defendant's innocence was presented in the form of a statement by Craig Taylor "confessing" to the killing of Jacquetta Thomas.
7. That Craig Taylor has a history of significant mental and physical health problems, in that he has been designated in Department of Correction records as being paranoid schizophrenic, and as having a terminal health condition.
8. That in May of 2007, Craig Taylor told correctional officers that he wanted to talk with the Wake County Sheriff's Office about the "Husein murder." Usama Husein was found murdered in Wake County on April 15, 2000, and the murder remains unsolved.

9. That Wake County deputies were summoned to the correctional unit where Craig Taylor told them he was "directly involved (in the Husein murder) and he wanted to get it off his chest...four other people involved...but their involvement was minimal." (See Affidavit of Captain Jerry Winstead, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference)
10. That Wake County deputies initiated getting Craig Taylor transferred to the Wake County Jail so that he could be interviewed regarding the murder, but Craig Taylor later declined to talk about the murder.
11. That inmate Dexter Kelly was housed in the Department of Correction with Craig Taylor and notified Wake County deputies that an inmate had confessed to the Husein murder in Wake County. Dexter Kelly identified the inmate who confessed to him to the Husein murder as Craig Taylor. (See Exhibits 1, and Sec Affidavit Rick Poplin, attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by reference)
12. That Craig Taylor was an inmate in the North Carolina Department of Corrections and actually incarcerated at Brown Creek Correction Institution in Polkton, North Carolina on April 15, 2000 and could not have committed the murder of Usama Husein.
13. That Craig Taylor has "confessed" on two separate occasions to killing a woman in Arlington Virginia, once in 2005 and, again, in 2009 while incarcerated in the North Carolina Department of Corrections.
14. That in 2005 after watching an episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" Craig Taylor "confessed" to the murder of a woman identified as Veronica Jefferson and a prison official, Don Wood, reported the details of said "confession" to Arlington Police Department immediately.
15. That again, in 2009, Craig Taylor, while in the North Carolina Department of Corrections, "confessed" to the Arlington murder of "Veronica McGee" (shown on television) to SBI Agent Adrian Williams who immediately contacted the Arlington Police Department with the details given by Craig Taylor.
16. That Kevin Norwood, an Arlington County Police Department detective received the information on each occasion and compared the actual facts of the homicide with Craig Taylor's "confession" and (in 2005) determined the caliber of weapon, the clothing described, and the fact that the murder did not occur in a vehicle did not match; in the 2009 "confession" Detective Norwood determined that Craig Taylor named a method of killing that was totally incorrect.

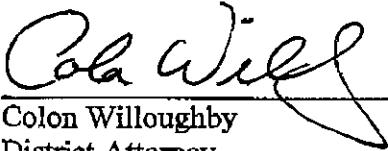
17. That, additionally, in the time between the 2005 and 2009 "confessions" the Arlington County Police Department had identified through DNA evidence the actual assailant of Veronica Jefferson, as Alfredo Prieto, a California death row inmate.
18. That Craig Taylor has "confessed" to killing a person in Jacksonville, N. C., in 1991, and burning the body in a vehicle to conceal evidence of this crime.
19. That information has been presented to law enforcement officials in the Onslow County Sheriff's Department and the Jacksonville Police Department in Jacksonville, N. C., and they have no records or knowledge that the crime to which Craig Taylor "confessed" ever happened. (See Affidavits of Captain Donnie Worrell, attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated by reference and Sergeant Jason Bettis, attached hereto as Exhibit 4 and incorporated by reference)
20. That on September 21, 2009 Craig Taylor was interviewed by FBI Analyst Steve Milefsky and during this interview Craig Taylor "confessed" to killing three men in Washington, D.C. The first was alleged to be in June, 1986 by shooting a man identified as "Cowboy" between Lebaum and Melton Street SE, Washington, D.C. The second was alleged to be in August, 1986 by shooting a man identified as "Rambo" in 2700 block of Martin Luther King Avenue, Washington, D.C. The third was alleged to be in September, 1989 by shooting a man in the area of K Street SE, Washington, D.C. After completing the interview with Craig Taylor FBI Analyst Steve Milefsky contacted Metropolitan Police Department Detective James Trainum to attempt to identify the murders "confessed" to by Craig Taylor.
21. That James Trainum, detective and Director of the Violent Crimes Case Review Project for the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. received the request from FBI Analyst Steve Milefsky and performed exhaustive electronic database searches, and hand searched paper logs and records of District of Columbia homicides and was unable to identify any homicides that corresponded in any way with the information given in Craig Taylor's "confessions". (See Affidavit of Detective James Trainum, attached hereto as Exhibit 5 and incorporated by reference)
22. That Craig Taylor has "confessed" to being involved in 65 other murders on the East Coast as part of his work as an enforcer, named "Ninja," while he claims he was working for a Jamaican drug organization. (See letter from Craig Taylor to Unsolved Mysteries, attached hereto as Exhibit 6 and incorporated by reference)

23. That, after review by law enforcement officials in Raleigh, N. C., Arlington, Va., Washington, D. C., Jacksonville, N. C., Wake County, N. C., and FBI officials, they cannot find evidence that Craig Taylor was involved in any of the murders to which he has "confessed."
24. That during the course of the investigation the Commission staff interviewed Craig Taylor on at least four (4) separate dates: May 14, 2009, May 19, 2009, June 2, 2009, and July 30, 2009 (transcript shows August 6, 2009).
25. That on May 19, 2009, during the Commission staff's second interview of Craig Taylor, he "confessed" to "several" murders, including one in which he provided some details. Craig Taylor confessed to beating a homeless man to death with his (Taylor's) hands 2--3 weeks before Jacquetta Thomas's murder, and that the beating death occurred in the same neighborhood as Jacquetta Thomas' murder. Craig Taylor also "confessed" to shooting Jacquetta Thomas in the head two times. Evidence presented to the Commission showed that Jacquetta Thomas was not shot but died from blunt force trauma.
26. That on May 28, 2009, retired Lieutenant Detective Lynch contacted Commission staff and was told by them that, during a routine interview of a witness, the witness spontaneously told the interviewer that he had beaten a homeless man to death 2--3 weeks before Jacquetta Thomas's death. Some details were provided by Commission staff, but the name of the witness, Craig Taylor, was not disclosed to the Raleigh Police Department.
27. That after being informed on May 28, 2009 of the witnesses' (Craig Taylor's) confession to Commission staff to murdering a homeless man, Detective Lynch began investigating Raleigh Police Department records in an attempt to determine if any similar crime occurred during that 1991 time frame. Detective Lynch requested that the Commission staff inform him of the name of the witness who made the confession, and asked that the Commission staff attempt to gather additional details from the witness/confessor. (See Affidavit of John Lynch, attached hereto as Exhibit 7 and incorporated by reference)
28. That on June 12, 2009, Detective Lynch told the Commission staff that, after an exhaustive search of records, the Raleigh Police Department could find no record of the crime described by the witness. He requested additional details and information regarding the murder of the homeless man in order to do a more thorough determination that the crime did or did not, occur.
29. That during the June 12, 2009, conversations between Detective Lynch and the Commission staff, Detective Lynch was not informed of Craig Taylor's "confession" to other murders, including the "confession" to the murder of Jacquetta Thomas.

30. That on July 7, 2009, Commission staff met with Assistant District Attorney Tom Ford and informed him that they had interviewed Craig Taylor but that he was "a drug lunatic who would say whatever."
31. That with knowledge that Craig Taylor may have falsely confessed to a crime that did not occur, the Commission staff interviewed Craig Taylor a fourth time on July 30, 2009, and did not gather information or details from his confessions to multiple murders that would have allowed investigators to determine the credibility of Craig Taylor's "confessions."
32. That on August 7, 2009, Commission staff met with Assistant District Attorney Tom Ford and District Attorney Colon Willoughby and informed them that Craig Taylor had confessed to the murder of Jacquetta Thomas and that the case was to be presented to the Commission in early September. At the time Ford and Willoughby implored the Commission staff to do additional investigation to determine the credibility of Craig Taylor's "confessions."
33. That on August 11, 2009, the Commission staff told Detective Lynch that they suspected that Craig Taylor was involved in the murder of Jacquetta Thomas but he did not need to do anything further at that time.
34. That the information gathered by the Commission staff in their investigation of the Greg Taylor case did not produce credible, verifiable evidence of innocence of Greg Taylor.
35. That the "confessions" of Craig Taylor are neither reliable, nor credible as demonstrated by the facts shown in the attached affidavits of members of several law enforcement agencies.
36. That the evidence in this case fails to show by clear and convincing evidence that Greg Taylor is innocent of the murder of Jacquetta Thomas.

Wherefore, the State prays that a hearing be held before a three (3) judge panel, without delay, and that the three (3) judge panel find that Greg Taylor did not meet his burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that he is innocent.

This, the 13th day of October, 2009.


Colon Willoughby
District Attorney
10th Prosecutorial District



R. Thomas Ford
Assistant District Attorney
10th Prosecutorial District

Exhibit 1

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Captain Jerry Winstead of the Wake County Sheriff's Office, being first duly sworn, state under oath that:

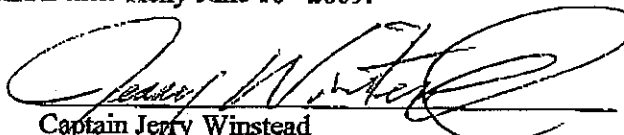
On May 21, 2007, I received an e-mail from Captain G. Wood with the Wake County Sheriff's Office to make contact with a Lt. Paynter at Warren Correctional Institution (Warren County) about an inmate who wanted to talk with the Wake County Sheriff's Office about the Husein murder that occurred in Wake County on April 15, 2000. I contacted Lt. Paynter and set up an appointment to meet with inmate Craig Taylor on May 23, 2007.

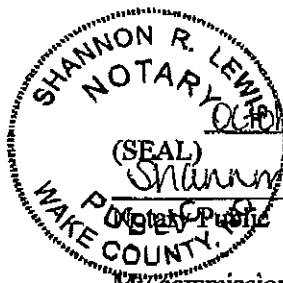
On May 23, 2007, Investigator S. Booth and I met with Craig Taylor at Warren Correctional Institution and he acknowledged he had told a correctional officer that he wanted to talk about the Husein murder. Craig Taylor told us that he wanted to get this off his conscience. He further told Investigator S. Booth and me that he was directly involved and four other people were minimally involved. Craig Taylor also told us that he wanted to talk with his family and a lawyer about the matter before he talked with us.

Investigator S. Booth and I brought Craig Taylor to the Wake County Jail and a lawyer (Dewey O'Kelly) talked with Mr. Taylor. After that conversation, Mr. Taylor declined to talk with us about the Husein murder.

On June 10, 2009, Investigator R. Campen and I met with inmate Dexter Kelly to discuss an attached letter that Kelly had written to the Wake County Sheriff's Office. Kelly told us that another inmate had confessed to him that the inmate was involved in the murder of Husein, and that the inmate had provided certain details of the murder. Kelly disclosed those details to me. Kelly did not want to disclose the inmate's name until he, Kelly, had an agreement about the reward offered in the case. Kelly did disclose that the inmate's first name started with the initial C and last name had a Y in it.

This information was consistent with information given to us by Warren Correctional officials, Craig Taylor in May, 2007 and Dexter Kelly June 10th 2009.


Captain Jerry Winstead
Wake County Sheriff's Office



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of October, 2009.

My commission expires December 15, 2013.

Exhibit 2

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I Rick Poplin an Investigator with the 10th Prosecutorial District Attorney's Office being first duly sworn, state under oath that:

On Thursday Oct.1, 2009 I went to the Lumberton Correctional Institution of the North Carolina Department of Corrections. There I met with Dexter A. Kelly an inmate at the prison. I went to the prison to do a follow up interview with Kelly. Dexter Kelly had been interviewed on 6/10/09 at the Wake Sheriff's Office by Det. R.O. Campen and Capt. Jerry Winstead. During that interview Kelly described conversations he had with another inmate at the Lumberton C.I. Dexter Kelly would not tell the Sheriff's investigators the name of the inmate. Kelly was seeking a possible reward in the murder of Usama Husein that occurred in Wake County on April 14, 2000. From information Kelly was telling Capt. Winstead he knew the inmate Kelly was talking to was Craig H. Taylor. Capt Winstead had interviewed Craig Taylor on May 23, 2007 at a Warren County prison unit.

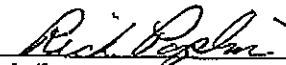
I know Dexter Kelly from a homicide investigation I was assigned to as a Raleigh Police Detective on 5/28/1997. In that case Kelly pled guilty to the shooting homicide of Rivera Robinson and the shooting of Robinson's brother Bobby Wright.

I first asked Dexter Kelly the name of the inmate he talked to about several murder cases. He said it was Craig Taylor. Kelly said Taylor was the inmate he was also talking about when he was interviewed by Capt Winstead.

Dexter Kelly said Taylor told him he had killed people in Miami and Jacksonville, N.C. but, did not provide details of these cases. Taylor then told Kelly about the Husein case. Taylor said he threw the gun in that river ("Falls something.") Taylor said he killed the victim by accident. Taylor said he was in a black Blazer when he did the shooting.

Kelly said Taylor told him he had been hired to kill Husein's older brother. Taylor told Kelly he thought the victim was the older brother. Taylor said the gun he used was an AR-15. Taylor said he fired about 15 shots at the victim. I asked Kelly if Taylor said anything about who was with him or who hired Taylor to commit the murder. Kelly said Taylor did not talk about other people that were involved.

Dexter Kelly said Taylor said he did other murders in Jacksonville, N.C. and Miami. Kelly said he saw Taylor several times on the prison yard before Taylor got locked up. Kelly said he and Taylor were housed in different parts of the prison.



Rick Poplin, Inv. District Attorney's Office 10th Dist.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of October, 2009.

Karen Latt
Notary Public

My Commission expires 7-11-10

Exhibit 3

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AFFIDAVIT

GREGORY FLINT TAYLOR


I, Donnie Worrell, after being duly sworn, declare and aver that:

I am currently employed as a Captain with Onslow County Sheriff's Office. I have been employed with the Onslow County Sheriff's Office for 20 years.

On October 5, 2009 I was contacted by SBI Agent Adrian Williams about an interview he had conducted with an inmate by the name of Craig Taylor. Agent Williams stated that Craig Taylor had confessed to murdering a man in 1991 in Jacksonville/Onslow County area by shooting him twice in the head and placing him in his own car and setting said car on fire and that the people on the street thought Craig Taylor or "Ninja" was the person burned in the car.

October 7, 2009 I was contacted by the Wake County District Attorney's Office and told that Craig Taylor had given an interview to a FBI Agent in which he stated that the shooting in the Jacksonville/Onslow County area had take place in 1987.

At SBI Agent Williams and the Wake County District Attorney's Office request I researched our records and spoke with current officers still with the department that were employed during this time period and for the years of 1987, 1990, 1991 and 1992 for any such crime. I found no record of any such crime ever occurring in Onslow County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. We have located no record of and have found no indication of a homicide where a victim was found in a burned car nor have we found a body in a burned car that was not a homicide.



Captain Donnie Worrell
Onslow County Sheriff's Office

Sworn and subscribed before, LEWIS A WHISENHUNT, notary public on this the 8 day of October, 2009. My commission expires on 10 October 2010.

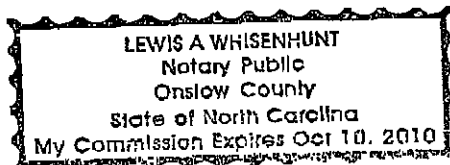


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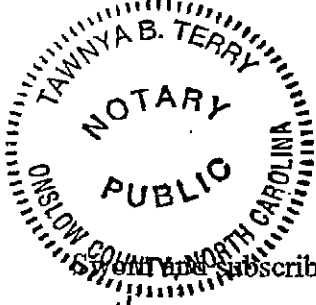
I, Jason Bettis, after being duly sworn, declare and aver that:


I am currently employed as a Sergeant with Jacksonville Police Department. I have been employed in law enforcement for thirteen years.

On October 5, 2009 I was contacted by SBI Agent Adrian Williams about an interview he had conducted with an inmate by the name of Craig Taylor. Agent Williams stated that Craig Taylor had confessed to murdering a man in 1991 in Jacksonville/Onslow County area by shooting him twice in the head and placing him in his own car and setting said car on fire and that the people on the street thought Craig Taylor or "Ninja" was the person burned in the car.

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Sgt. Jason Bettis
Jacksonville Police Department

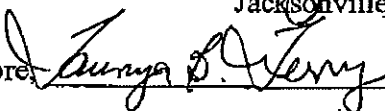
Subscribed before , notary public on this the 8th day of October, 2009. My commission expires on 02-29-11

Exhibit 5

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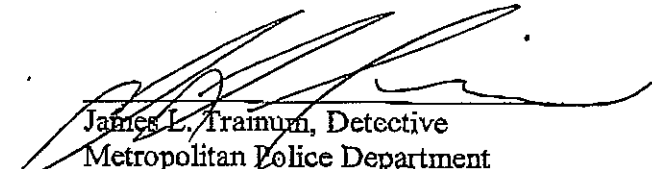
GREGORY FLINT TAYLOR

I, James L. Trianum, after being duly sworn, declare and aver that:

I am currently employed as a Detective Grade 1 with the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. I have been employed by the Metropolitan Police Department for over twenty-six years, sixteen of those years as a homicide detective.

Since 2001 I have been the director of the Violent Crime Case Review Project. The project is responsible for the comprehensive review of all homicide cases. As part of my responsibilities, I maintain the databases and logs of old homicide cases and I am often called upon to research and identify cases on minimal information.

In September, 2009 I received documentation in the form of a letter and a written report (FBI 302) from FBI Analyst Steve Milefsky pertaining to homicides committed within the District of Columbia. This information came from a subject identified as Craig Taylor who is currently incarcerated at the Lumberton Correctional Facility in North Carolina. In the letter which was written by Mr. Taylor, and the report detailing conversations with him, Mr. Taylor admitted to three homicides that he said that he committed in the District of Columbia in 1986 and 1989. Mr. Taylor gave specific information in each case such as a date range and location of the murder. I was asked by FBI Analyst Steve Milefsky to identify the specific cases described by Mr. Taylor. After performing exhaustive electronic database searches and hand searches of paper logs and records, and going well outside the date ranges given by Mr. Taylor, I have been unable to identify any homicides that correspond in any way with the information provided by Mr. Taylor in his confession.


James L. Trianum, Detective
Metropolitan Police Department
Washington, D.C.

Sworn and subscribed before, Francis C. Hunt-1, notary public
on this the 9th day of October, 2009.



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Exhibit 6

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Whom it may concern,

My name is CRAIG TAYLOR AKA
INSA, I'm also a member of the Shower posse. I'm writing
confess to killing VERONICA MCGEE IN ARLINGTON VA 1989
KNOW her sister WANT some closure, SO NOW it's up to ya'll
do what you want, Now the FBI already know about the
her 65 murders I've committed I'm just waiting to be
arrested and also the US MARSHAL'S KNOW'S about some
re murders I've done, NOW YA'LL NEEDS to act FAST ON
IS CAUSE I'm dying and I WANT to get this case
officially off my chest.

Sincerely

CRAIG TAYLOR

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GREGORY FLINT TAYLOR

I, John M. Lynch, after being duly sworn, declare and aver that:

I am currently employed as a Special Agent with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State and, in a part time capacity by the Raleigh Police Department as a homicide investigator. I have been a law enforcement officer since 1980, seven years with Major Crimes Unit of the Raleigh Police Department.

On May 28, 2009 I contacted Kendra Montgomery-Blinn, Executive Director of the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission in response to her call to the homicide unit of the Raleigh PD about information she obtained about a homicide.

This information she had obtained during the course of an AOC investigation into the conviction of a subject for the 1991 murder of Jacquetta Thomas. Ms. Montgomery-Blinn told me that during a routine interview a witness in that homicide spontaneously told the female investigator that he had beaten a homeless man to death 2-3 weeks before the Thomas murder.

The details she gave were that the victim was an older man, thought to be homeless and the crime took place on or around Lenoir Street in Raleigh. The informant told them he left the scene and then returned later on to see police officers and crimes scene tape around the area and a body on the ground.

She told me the investigator had interviewed this subject in a prison and he was currently serving time for drug violations as a habitual felon. She told me the interviews were audio recorded and at some point in time those could be made available to the Raleigh Police department if needed.

She added that the subject had made these statements to the investigator in a way that might have been done to impress the female investigator. There seemed to be some doubt in her mind as to whether or not the informant was making up the story just to keep talking to the investigator and trying to keep her coming back for more.

She also stated that her purpose for contacting RPD was to notify us of the report and to try and substantiate the credibility of the subject. She stated this subject's credibility was important to them as they tried to determine the innocence or guilt of the convicted suspect in the Thomas case.

Although she told me the subject had a lengthy criminal history in Raleigh, she said she could not tell me his name because she did not have that information with her at the time. I asked her if it would be possible for me to interview the subject and gather more facts. She did not think that was possible and explained to me that the AOC was able to operate under different administrative rules for these interviews. They were able to conduct these prison interviews without Miranda warnings.

During the conversation it was my impression that Ms. Montgomery-Blinn was mostly interested in verifying the informant's credibility. As we spoke and I continued to press for details, such as the subject's name, I felt as if she was trying to verify the information without revealing the informant's name or location. She would only tell me he was in a North Carolina prison. I explained to her that I would assist them in any way possible and I would not interfere with their investigation by trying to go and interview the informant.

I promised to get back to her as soon as I could research the details. Once again I asked her to get me the informant's name so I could research him through our data bases to see where he lived or frequented in 1991, since that could help narrow the search for this crime. She stated she would get me the name.

As I was not aware of any unsolved 1991 homicide that fit the details provided, I enlisted the help of a police department crime analyst to research the possible 1991 homicide. To make sure we exhausted all possibilities; we reviewed all reports of homicides, found bodies/deceased persons, and assaults for 1991.

The analyst compiled a spread sheet of over one thousand crimes from 1991. I examined it and found one possibility but upon researching the case file I discovered facts which eliminated it.

On June 8, 2009, and again on June 11, 2009, I again tried to contact Ms. Montgomery-Blinn and could not reach her.

On June 12, 2009, I was contacted by Ms. Montgomery-Blinn and I informed her that I could find no such crime. During this phone call I spoke to the investigator Sharon Stellato who obtained the information. I learned they have interviewed the informant three times. They told me that his name was Craig Taylor, DOB: February 9, 1969. They described Craig Taylor was a big drug dealer originally from Jamaica.

Ms. Montgomery-Blinn told me they would interview him again in August. I asked Ms. Stellato to get landmarks or other details to help me find the reported crime if such existed and any additional details might be helpful as no case reported appeared to match his story.

I sent Ms. Montgomery-Blinn the spread sheet on the 1991 cases so they could look it over and see if they wanted me to pull any others to examine. I also told them I would research his name and see if he had an area he frequented that could help narrow the search.

On June 16, 2009, I was contacted by the AOC investigator, Sharon Stellato. She had found one other case on the list and asked me to research it to see if it matched the informant information. On June 19, 2009, I responded to Sharon Stellato's that the case she inquired about was very different from the case described by her informant and did not match the facts provided.

On August 11, 2009 Ms. Montgomery-Blinn provided me with the SID number for Craig Taylor and his social security number.

During that phone conversation Ms. Montgomery-Blinn told me that they had already conducted another interview with Craig Taylor. She stated that they had gotten no additional information on the homeless man murder. At this time she finally told me that they suspected Craig Taylor was involved in the Jacquetta Thomas murder. Ms. Montgomery-Blinn further told me that she had already met with Colon Willoughby and Tom Ford and discussed this development. She told me the case was going before the Innocence Inquiry Commission. She stated that Raleigh Police Department did not need to do anything right now.

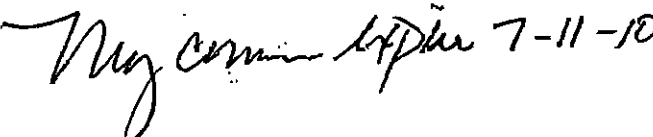
I did not discover that Craig Taylor allegedly "confessed" to the AOC investigator until I saw the story on television as reported by WTVD-TV Raleigh. This was news coverage of the Innocence Commission Meeting.

Subsequently, I was made aware of two other interviews of Craig Taylor by FBI Analyst Steve Milefsky and SBI Agent Adrian Williams. In these interviews Mr. Taylor gave a specific location for the beating death of the homeless man to SBI Agent Adrian Williams. In the interview with FBI Analyst Steve Milefsky, Mr. Taylor stated the crime was committed by him and eight other people. After receiving this additional information I reviewed our records again for all of 1991 and again found no match for this crime.


John M. Lynch

Sworn and subscribed before,  notary public on this the

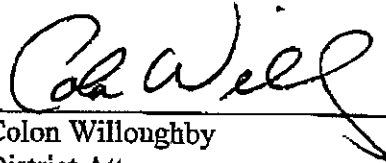
7th day of October, 2009.


My Comm. Expires 7-11-10

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This shall certify that a copy of the foregoing **Response** was this day served upon Maitri Klinkosum, Assistant Public Defender for Gregory Flynt Taylor, and Joseph B. Cheshire, V, Attorney for Gregory Flynt Taylor, by the following method: by depositing a copy in their box maintained by the Clerk of Superior Court; a copy to Christine Mumma, Attorney for Gregory Flynt Taylor, by the following method: by depositing a copy hereof in a postpaid wrapper in a post office and official depository under the exclusive care, custody and control of the United States Postal Service, properly addressed to Office of Christine Mumma, P.O. Box 52446, Shannon Plaza Station, Durham, NC.

This the 13th day of October, 2009.



Colon Willoughby
District Attorney
10th Prosecutorial District