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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BEXAR

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 Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the STATE and County aforesaid, on this day personally appeared **Melanie Little**, who being by me first duly sworn upon her oath deposes and says: **My name is Melanie Little. I work at Starlite Recovery Center, at 230 Mesa Verde Drive East, Center Point, Kerr Co., Texas. I live at 7010 Portsmouth, Spring Branch, Texas 78070, San Antonio, Texas. My phone number is 210-833-3804. My Texas driver's license number is 14226752. My social security number is 456-13-3398. I can read, write, speak and understand the English language.**

*ML*  
 October 16th 2013, I testified in trial in the 226<sup>th</sup> District Court. I had been subpoenaed by the Defense to testify in the trial. After testifying at the end of the court day, I believed I was released at the end of the day. Earlier in the day the Judge did say when the documents were requested that I may be recalled. But at the end of the day I believed that I was released. The subpoena that the defense sent was at my request because of the confidentiality and was signed by the defense attorney and not by a judge and at the request of our compliance department.

*ML*  
 October 17<sup>th</sup> 2013, I got a call from ADA Eric Fuchs, he asked me about Taylors alcohol consumption and weather I could testify as to what was in the records and if I was in contact with her and could testify at to how she was doing after she left Starlite Recovery Center. He asked me to come back to court and they will call their last witness about 2:00 p.m. and asked me if I could come back to testify by 2:30 P.M. and I said yes.

*ML*  
 I called Shannon and told her I needed to leave for court. I got very upset and Shannon came over to my office to talk to me, I was very emotional. She said that we already started this and that I needed to go back to court and finish it. I told her I wanted to call attorney McCrum and asked if I had to be in court. I called and talked to a Rose. She contacted him and told me that if I was not subpoenaed that I did not have to appear in court. I told her I needed to call Eric back and tell him that I was not coming. Rose told me not to call. I asked her if he (Mike McCrum) could tell Eric that I was not coming because that was not the way I work and I had told him I was coming. Next Mike McCrum called me and told me that I was not violating the law, that I was not subpoenaed and I was not doing anything illegal. I did hear the Judge tell me that I am subject to recall and did not ask Mike that question. He stated that the trial was going to wrap up in 2 hours and to just get lost for a while. For example go to Blanco and have a long lunch until the trial is over. He suggested I should turn off my phone and not check my messages. I don't remember exactly how he said it. I told him I wanted to call Eric. He said not to call him. I asked him to at least tell Eric that I was not going to show up. Mike McCrum said that the DA was out for blood, and those guys were being obsessive (to the effect the state was more concerned about winning than justice) and wanted Taylor to be put away for a long time.

I called Shannon about 7:00 P.M. to ask her what was going on and she stated that they served

...and were looking for me. So, I called Mike McCrum. I asked him and he told me that the DA's office was out for Blood and the ADAs were trying to find me. He said that the trial is postponed and they were looking for me. I told him I do not know what to do. I know that someone was at Starlite to serve me and I asked for his advice. He said, I cannot tell you what to do but if it was me I would turn my phone off because they can track it and stay away from the last place you used it, He said if it were him, he would not go home and for me to find a place to stay for the night. That is what he would do. He told me that those guys (DA's office) can track the GPS on my phone. Mike said the trial will be over tomorrow and we are giving closing arguments around 9:a.m. He did not believe the Judge would grant another continuance.

*MD*

I had just been driving around all over the place. I did not want to involve anyone else in this and I was just afraid. As a Christian you're not supposed to live in fear. I turned my phone on and called my husband and told him I am going to court. My Husband told me that was great. It did not take me long after talking to Mike McCrum to decide that was not the way to go. That was some time around 7:30 to 8:00. I never told my husband where I was because I did not want him to know to keep him from having to lie. Mike scared me from coming back to court I started feeling like a criminal driving around.

*MD*

I did not know that the subpoena was at the house until 9:30 p.m. My husband had placed it on the bar and did not tell me. I got the subpoena and I called Daniel. But I had already decided to come in to court. I already knew that Laurie was called in. I want you to know that when I talked to Shannon in the evening she was encouraging me to go in and supporting me.

*MD*

Mike McCrum said that the DA wanted to use the information in the documents to further discredit me and Taylor and put her away for a long time and make Taylor a monster. I had shared with McCrum the questions that Eric had asked me, such as conferring about her drinking and how she was doing after treatment. My fear was that I was going to hurt Taylor's case.


*MD*

I am making this statement of my own free will. I have not been promised anything of value for making this statement. I have read this statement before signing it and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection. All these things occurred in Bexar County, Texas.

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Signed: 

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D., 2013.

  
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