

Affidavit of David Parham

I, David Parham, declare that the following statements are true and correct, based on my personal observation, knowledge and interactions with PF Lazor:

My family and I live at 19830 Ivey Road, Chelsea, Michigan and have been in the community for six years. I'm employed as a Technical Writer at Chelsea Community Hospital and have been there for over a year. I previously owned and operated my own furniture manufacturing business, Silver Lake Manufacturing, and also worked for the Environmental Protection Agency as a Computer Documentation and Support Specialist prior to the CCH position. I'm active in the Chelsea Free Methodist Church, Boy Scouts, Chelsea Recreation Department, Ann Arbor Desktop Publishing Group, local track clubs, and am presently pursuing a graduate degree in Technical Communication at Eastern Michigan University. I have been married to my wife Linda for ten years and God has blessed us with two fine boys, Zachary (9) and Timothy (7).

I've been a very close friend of PF Lazor since 1960 when we began kindergarten together at New Hudson Elementary. We lived but two miles from each other and consequently I saw PF daily - on the bus, at school, playing ball, climbing trees, and riding bikes throughout the summers of our youth. As far as I know we shared in a mutual first employment: working with some other kids in the area picking up paper along the sides of the road by the local dump. I saw PF regularly after high school graduation in 1972 up until I went to college in Eureka, California in the fall of 1974. Although I've only seen him a few times in the last 10-12 years, I've nevertheless had the opportunity to talk to him over the phone quite often and have kept up with his many success through mutual friends, local newspaper articles and press releases.

PF was always a trusted acquaintance and someone who could be counted on to be true to his word. In the small village he and I hail from, his integrity and character are still legendary.

One heroic incident in particular sticks in my mind from the early summer of 1974 when we were both about twenty years old. PF and I, along with some others, were diving from the high cliffs of a gravel pit into a spring-fed lake some 30-40 feet below. I recall watching several people as they took turns at yelling, then running, and finally floating, for what seemed like eternity, into the cold water. After each jump they'd soon be out of the water and back up the wall to try it again.

After a while I got up the courage to try it. Taking off from the appropriate spot, I launched myself feet first towards the water. Seconds after I broke the surface the next thing I knew I had crashed into the bottom of the lake HARD. Eventually I didn't get far enough out from the side to reach the safe deep water.

All I felt was intense and excruciating pain. I was nearly unconscious and had seriously messed up my back and legs. I can still recall looking back up to the surface and seeing the sunlight streaming through while I withered in agony knowing that somehow I had to get out or else I was a goner.

From the top of the cliff PF noticed my dilemma and acted quickly. He knew from the sediment that came up that I was in trouble and he responded by jumping in and pulling me to shore.

PF was just one of many individuals who stood on the top of the gravel pit wall that day over 15 years ago. Any one of them could have saved me from drowning, yet the fact of the matter is that PF, by instinctive reaction to a friend in need, was the first to realize that I'd had an accident and jumped in to save my life.

During the late 60's many young people strove to turn on, tune in and drop out, this was not only true in our region but a condition of the western world in general. Rock music, drugs and free love were part of the times. It was during the midst of this revolution, yet well before the "me decade" had its tag, that PF found his own inner voice speaking to him to clean up his act and get serious about life. During the last two years of high school PF changed from a somewhat mediocre student, seeking the next good time and a quick buck, to a man on a mission. He became an honor student, wrote and performed songs, played the lead in a local production of Jesus Christ Superstar, published a book of poems and appeared on local television. Our late friend Jeff Farris, an exceptionally bright and gifted writer, put it best when he said, "PF is attempting to make himself into an intellectual, and by golly he's getting there!"

I am thoroughly convinced from my lifetime association with PF that under no circumstance would he depart from his law-abiding nature or jeopardize his long-term interests and goals. I would have gladly served as a character witness in his 1983 trial, or if necessary, will be available for subsequent proceedings. This is written in his behalf in order to endorse his person, because I have never known him to be vicious, malicious or one to get-even with anyone. PF's methodical steps towards self-expression and the realization his full potential are of primary concern to him, and all who have come in contact with him thus far.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: 9/2/87

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Board of Prison Terms
Mr. John Gillis, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Gillis and Board Members:

RE: PAROLE CONSIDERATION FOR PF LAZOR, No. C-73842

I am aware that PF Lazor has been imprisoned for over ten years for killing a man. From what I understand, the circumstances would qualify as justifiable self-defense in most other states. I realize that, due to the conviction, you must regard Mr. Lazor as a criminal who took a life - whether or not that conviction reflects a just or proper finding.

However, I am writing to ask you this:

Are you also aware that PF Lazor has saved lives, while putting his own safety in jeopardy at no benefit to himself?

Twenty years ago, I had a highdiving accident from a cliff in rural Michigan. PF Lazor was but one of the numerous people standing at the top of the cliff watching as I was losing consciousness after diving into the mud and rocks below. Only one of those onlookers jumped in to save me. Without hesitation, PF Lazor dove in and pulled me to safety. I have lived my adult life as a productive member of society in the health care field helping others. I know I would not have been around if not for this lifesaving act by Mr. Lazor.

I understand that the California Governor and Parole Boards often consider a parole candidate's background, such as contributing to the safety (especially lifesaving) of community members; for example, an ex-law enforcement officer. I'm informed that there are other instances where PF Lazor has saved lives while putting himself at risk. He has done this purely from a sense of social duty, as opposed to a paid job obligation as a rescue worker or police officer.

Please consider: are there other innocent lives which didn't get saved or will be lost because PF Lazor remains in prison for taking a life in circumstances closely resembling legitimate self-defense?

I solemnly request that you give this candidate, Mr. Lazor, and this subject of his past acts of lifesaving and rescue of others, very weighty consideration. His community urges you to decide in favor of his release from prison. Thank you.

Sincerely,



David G. Parham

Enclosure: Sworn affidavit of facts herein.

**SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID G. PARHAM
RE: PF LAZOR LIFESAVING**

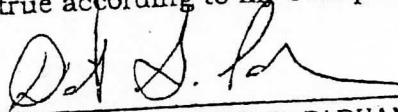
I, David G. Parham, solemnly affirm that the following is true and correct:

I had a highdiving accident from a cliff some years ago. PF Lazor was but one of the numerous people standing at the top of the cliff watching as I was losing consciousness after diving into the mud and rocks below. Only one of those onlookers jumped in to save me. Without hesitation, PF Lazor dove in and pulled me to safety.

I have lived my adult life as a productive member of society in the health care field helping others. I may not have been around to do that if not for this lifesaving act by PF Lazor.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct, and that I know these facts to be true according to my own personal knowledge and experience.

Date: 12/14/93



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