

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGE HALE

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF STARK, SS:

I, George Hale, have personal knowledge of the following information, and depose and state under oath as follows:

1. I was walking on Devine Street in Alliance on April 1st, 1999, at approximately 5:10 p.m. I stopped, having noticed officers at the residence of 916 Devine.
2. Realizing that a crime was being investigated, I gave a statement to officers about something I had witnessed earlier that day.
3. I told them that I had been walking by the residence some time between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m., and that the sound of puppies crying drew my attention to the house. I witnessed a white male, about 5'9" tall, and 180 pounds, exit the residence, carrying a garbage bag. The man then walked around the west side of the house. He was wearing blue jeans and a short sleeve shirt. He appeared to be in his mid to late twenties.
4. After giving my statement, I was asked by detectives to be hypnotized. I agreed. I went to the hypnotist, but after attempts to hypnotize me were unsuccessful, I left.
5. I was shown a photo (mug shot) book, and asked if I could pick out a photo of the man I saw leaving the residence. I did not see his photo in the book.
6. The detectives were making statements to me implying that they thought I could be a suspect. They asked ~~me~~ for an alibi. *CONCERNING ME. GH*
SHERRI WELLS' MOTHER GH
7. The detectives then started asking questions of my girlfriends' brother, implying that he was a suspect.
8. I was contacted by the detectives *NUMEROUS TIMES. GH* ~~every day for~~ ~~days~~. I feel that I was being harassed.
9. I was not asked to testify in the trial of David G. Thorne. I was shown a photo of David G. Thorne in December of 2000. It was not the man I saw leaving the residence at 916 Devine St.

10. I was shown a photo of Joseph I. Wilkes, the confessed murderer, in December of 2000. It was not the man I saw leaving the residence at 916 Devine St.

11. THE POLICE DETECTIVES TOLD ME AFTER THE FAILED HYPNOSIS, BUT DURING THE HARASSMENT PERIOD, THAT THEY DID NOT WANT ME TO GO TO COURT OR TO TAKE THE WITNESS STAND. I DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY SAID THAT. GH

Further I sayeth naught.

George Hale
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Sworn and subscribed in my presence this 29th day of DECEMBER, 2000.

M. R. Durkin
Notary Public MICHAEL R. DURKIN
MY COMM. EXPIRES 3/27/05