

AFFIDAVIT OF MARCUS MARINELLI

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, SS:

I, Marcus Marinelli, depose and state under oath as follows:

1. I was David Thorne's instructor in the martial art of shootfighting for approximately 18 months.

2. David Thorne was still a novice in shootfighting at the time of his arrest in the summer of 1999. It would have taken him many more months of training before he could have been able to instruct someone else in the art.

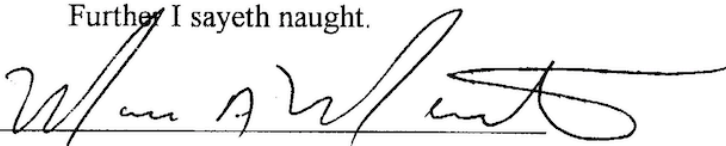
3. The statement of Joseph Wilkes, the key witness against Thorne, that Thorne had been his shootfighting trainer for some time made no sense to me for that reason.

4. I would have gladly testified to this had I been called to testify at Thorne's trial.

5. I initially thought I would have that opportunity when I was subpoenaed by Thorne's attorney. At that time, I placed several calls to the attorney to discuss what I would be asked to testify about. When these calls were never returned, I had an attorney call Thorne's attorney for me. My attorney's calls also were not returned.


6. When the office of Thorne's attorney finally did contact me, it was only to inform me that my testimony would not be needed. This decision was made without anyone from the attorney's office ever trying to determine what I might be able to say that might benefit David Thorne.

Further I sayeth naught.



Marcus Marinelli

Sworn and subscribed in my presence this 15 day of Dec., 2000.



NOTARY PUBLIC THOMAS A. HELMICK
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires March 27, 2001