

AFFIDAVIT OF HOMER LANE

I, Homer Lane, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. I am thirty-three years of age, and reside at 1514 North Felton Street, Philadelphia, PA.

2. On May 16, 1982, at about 2:00 a.m., I was in my house when I heard a disturbance outside. I went downstairs and walked outside onto the porch. I saw a body lying on the sidewalk across the street. There were a couple of other people standing near the body. The police, however, had not yet arrived. I recognized the boy who was shot as Chester Laws.

3. Later that day, police detectives came to the neighborhood asking questions about the shooting. I told them that I knew nothing about it. One of the detectives left his card, and told me to call him if I heard anything.

4. Two or three days after Chester Laws was shot, I was driving down Lansdowne Avenue in a rented car which I had failed to return. I saw a group of people standing next to the road on my left, including Carmen Woods. I pulled up, and asked out the window, "What's happening?" Two of the males then pulled out guns and began firing at me. Some of the bullets struck the car, and one bullet lodged in one of the tires. I was able to drive away, and I went home.

5. On the day after I was shot at, I called the number that the detective left on his card. I reported that I had been

shot at, and the police later removed the tire and the car. I went down to the Police Administration Building where I spoke with detectives about the incident. I recall that the ballistics information came back showing that a .44 caliber bullet had been removed from the tire. I was told that this was the same caliber bullet that had been removed from Chester Laws' body.

6. After speaking with detectives about the murder, I decided to implicate Carmen Woods in both shootings. I do not recall the exact date when I implicated Carmen Woods in the fatal shooting, but it must have been within two or three days of the second incident. I told police that I saw Carmen Woods shoot Chester in the head because I was scared and angry about what happened to me, and I wanted revenge.

7. I was told by the police that they would intercede on my behalf with regard to a possible stolen automobile charge. When I was arrested for possession of a firearm in June of 1982, the District Attorney's Office had the case dismissed. I was not extradicted to Florida on the stolen car case.

8. I did not see Carmen Woods shoot Chester Laws, although I testified falsely at trial that I had witnessed the shooting.

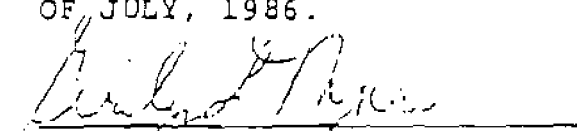
9. I am giving this Affidavit voluntarily and of my own free will. No threats or promises have been made by anyone to get me to sign this Affidavit.

10. I have spoken with an attorney of my choice concerning the matters contained in this Affidavit, and I have been advised

of possible legal consequences of my decision to come forward
with the statements contained in this Affidavit.


HOMER LANE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED
BEFORE ME THIS 18th DAY
OF JULY, 1986.


GERILYN L. SMITH

Notary Public, Kansas, Private Seal

My Commission Expires May 25, 1987