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UNITED STATES

V

AMANDA CHRISTIAN

STATEMENT OF IDENTITY:

My name is Lyles Donnell Knox, husband of the defendant, Amanda Christian, employed as a Registered Representative, and currently reside at 118 Pine Loop Dr, Blythewood, SC 29016.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH:

I swear that the following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Amanda Christian expressed to me that her lawyer, Gabe Banks, informed her that she would need to enter a guilty plea before the prosecutors would be willing to speak with her. Amanda and I held several discussions on whether or not this was the right course of action, as she has little to no knowledge of what was in the discovery, meaning she had little to no knowledge of what she was pleading guilty to. Amanda Christian ultimately decided to trust her attorney, Gabe Banks to help her navigate through the proceedings in the best way possible.

On the night of March 22, 2022, Gabe Banks called Amanda a few times with questions about the case. Amanda had never expressed to me that her lawyer had any extensive conversations about the actual specifics of the case before this night. The conversations up to that point were brief with the guilty plea or payments being the only topics discussed. I didn't attend the plea hearing, as her lawyer, Gabe Banks, expressed that it was not necessary for me to come.

I was never made aware of any further communication between Amanda Christian and Gabe Banks until the night of September 12, 2023, when, again, he called to ask about certain elements of the case, when Amanda's sentencing was the next day, September 13, 2023.

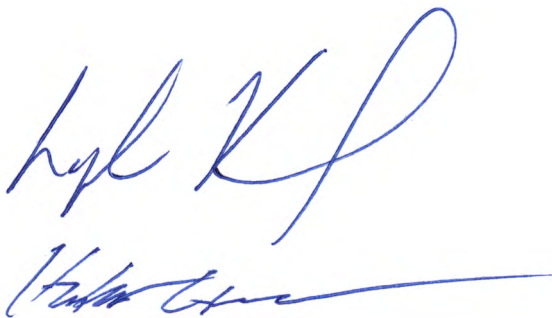
During the hearing, there was a discrepancy in the restitution amount. This discrepancy, along with other elements of that case that may have provided support for Amanda, went unchallenged by Gabe Banks. The discrepancy concerning the

restitution was brought up by another party that was present in the courtroom.

There were also objections that were agreed upon between Amanda Christian and Gabe Banks that were removed without Amanda's knowledge. I cannot recall the nature of these objections.

It is my position that Amanda Christian never had access to the discovery at any point before her sentencing.

I swear that the aforementioned statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Handwritten signature of Lyles Donnell Knox in blue ink.

LYLES DONNELL KNOX

DECEMBER 20, 2023



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