

AFFIDAVIT OF H. VERNON DAVIDS

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared H. VERNON DAVIDS, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I make this affidavit from personal knowledge as a trial attorney for William Thomas Zeigler, Jr. in his trial for murder in 1976. I am of sound mind and adult age.

2. During the course of my preparation for the murder trial in 1976 I was contacted by the police chief of Winter Garden, Florida, Donald "Don" Ficke. He said that there was a message left on the tape at the Winter Garden Police Office that stated that the person was Alan Darrah and that he had information regarding the prosecution of William Thomas Zeigler, Jr. He further stated that he was in the Orange County Florida Jail.

3. Don Ficke and I immediately went to the Orange County Jail and personally met with Allan Darrah.

4. Mr. Darrah stated that he was a homosexual man and that he had just been visited by a State's Attorney investigator on Mr. Zeigler's case. At the time of this visit Mr. Darrah was facing a murder charge and being defended by a lawyer from the Public Defender's office, Gerard Jones, Esquire.

5. This investigator informed him that he knew that Mr. Darrow was a homosexual and if he were willing to testify in Mr. Zeigler's case that he had homosexual relations with Mr. Zeigler he would see to it that the murder charge against Mr. Darrah would be was dropped. He was charged in the case of Marilyn Foglesong who was murdered on August 18, 1975. (It remains unsolved)

6. Mr. Darrah stated that he told the investigator that he did not know Mr. Zeigler, and further that he would not lie and testify that he had a relationship that never occurred. Mr. Darrah stated that he was not guilty of the murder charge and would take his chances in court with his Public Defender lawyer. (He was acquitted at that trial)

7. Upon getting this information I personally checked the sign-in log for the jail on my way out and saw that Don Frye had signed in on that day or a day or so before. Don Frye was the lead investigator from the Orange County Sheriff's office who was assigned to the office of the Orange County State Attorney, Robert Eagan.

8. Upon returning to my law office in Winter Garden, Florida Don Ficke gave me the Winter Garden Police tape that contained the message from Alan Darrah.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

H. Vernon Davids
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this February 18, 2015 by H. VERNON DAVIDS.

Pamela J. Cail
Notary Public State of Florida

Personally Known X Presented Identification _____
Type of Identification Presented _____

My Commission Expires:

