

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

WILLAIM BASKERVILLE,)	Hon. Peter G. Sheridan,
)	U.S.D.J.
Petitioner,)	
)	Civil No. 13-5881 (PGS)
v.)	
UNITED STATES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER'S
CLAIM UNDER 28 U.S.C. §2255

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Note: Citations to the record are made as follows:

"Opinion xx" where the citation is to this Court's opinion of November 15, 2018;

"HT xx" where the citation is to the transcripts of the hearings before this Court on July 22, and July 23, 2019;

"P-x" when the citation is to exhibits from the above hearings;

"government exhibit xx" when the citation is to documents from the government's hearing notebook;

"Exhibit x" when reference is to attachments hereto from trial counsel's declarations.

Citations to petitioner's trial transcripts are identified as "TT- xxx".

FBI Special Agent Manson is sometimes referred to as Agent Brokos, which is understood to be her married name.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In the early hours of November 25, 2003, William Baskerville was arrested at his home by agents of the FBI as a result of an investigation into drug trafficking in Newark, New Jersey. Upon his arrest, his wife, Deidra Baskerville called attorney Paul Bergrin (Bergrin), an attorney who had assisted Petitioner with legal matters previously.

On the day of petitioner's arrest, Bergrin entered his appearance in federal court as petitioner's attorney. After reviewing the complaint and speaking with petitioner, Bergrin learned that there was a confidential informant (CI) who had made several controlled drug purchases from petitioner at times specified in the complaint. Based on this information, petitioner was able to identify the CI.

After meeting with petitioner, Bergrin contacted Hakim Curry (Curry) by telephone and informed him about petitioner's case, including the identification of the CI. The CI was identified as Kemo McCay.

Petitioner was subsequently charged with several drug trafficking offenses.

On March 2, 2004, around noon, McCray was walking on South Orange Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, with Johnnie Davis (Davis), McCray's step-father. While walking on South Orange Avenue McCray

was approached and shot in the back of the head several times, killing him.

Petitioner was charged in a superseding indictment which added two counts related to the murder of McCray, in addition to the drug distribution counts in the initial indictment. In April 2005, the government certified the case as a death eligible case. Trial on the homicide and drug trafficking charges began in February 2007.

Among the witnesses that testified for the prosecution at petitioner's trial was Anthony Young (Young). Young testified that he, Curry, Rakeem Baskerville, Deidra Baskerville, Jamal Baskerville, Hamid Baskerville and Jamal McNeil met at Jamal Baskerville's house around 9:30 in the morning on November 25, 2003. This meeting was allegedly held to discuss petitioner's arrest and the implications for the group.

Young also testified that he was with Hakim Curry and Rakeem Baskerville (petitioner's brother), in Curry's Range Rover vehicle when Curry received the calls from Bergrin. As fate would have it, Curry was also being investigated for drug trafficking and his telephone communications were being recorded by law enforcement. These intercepted calls will be referred to as the "Curry calls". Those calls provide important information regarding what Curry was doing around the time when Baskerville was arrested. Such as: when Curry learned about petitioner's arrest, where Curry was during times testified about by Young,

whether the alleged meeting of 11/25/03 actually occurred, what vehicle Curry was in during the day on 11/25/03 and who Curry was with on November 25, 2003.

As a result of the calls from Bergrin, and while riding with Curry, Young claims that he and Rakeem Baskerville were able to determine that the CI was Kemo McCray.

Young further claims that he was at a second meeting at Jamal Baskerville's house 4-5 days after petitioner's arrest. In attendance at this second alleged meeting were Young, Curry, Rakeem Baskerville, Jamal Baskerville, Jamal McNeil and Paul Bergrin. Young testified that at this second meeting Bergrin advised the attendees that if Kemo McCray were gone, petitioner could come home. Young testified that Bergrin said "No Kemo, no case".

Young later identified Jamal McNeil as the person who shot Kemo McCray. Even later, Young confesses that he, himself was the person who killed Kemo McCray. Young pled guilty to the homicide shortly before Petitioner's trial began.

Baskerville was convicted on all counts. This matter is now before this Court in response to Petitioner's motion under 28 U.S.C.S. § 2255. The Court has ordered hearings and briefing on two remaining issues in petitioner's motion: 1, whether trial counsel was ineffective in their representation of petitioner for not interviewing witnesses and 2, whether the government's

failure to produce the Boyd 302 before trial or during trial constituted a Brady violation warranting a new trial.

POINT 1

PETITIONER BASKERVILLE SHOULD BE GRANTED
A NEW TRIAL DUE TO BRADY VIOLATIONS RELATED
TO THE FAILURE OF THE UNITED STATES TO
DISCLOSE THE FBI "BOYD 302"

Trial counsel's focus in the defense of petitioner was avoiding the death penalty. Their stated policy was to portray Young as a cold-blooded killer.

Given the information possessed by the defense and the fact that Young had pled guilty to McCray's murder, trial counsel believed that to challenge Young's guilt as the shooter would not be credible, would therefore damage the defense position and would not provide any meaningful assistance to petitioner.

There was however substantial evidence to support a theory that Young was not the shooter. The closest witness to McCray when he was killed was Johnnie Davis. Davis describes the shooter as having long, shoulder length dark dreadlocks (Exhibit P-6). At all times relevant to this case Young was bald-headed.

Maleek Lattimore (Lattimore) came to the attention of law enforcement when a jailhouse snitch, named Roderick Boyd, being held in custody with Lattimore, reported that Lattimore had confessed to killing an informant on South Orange Avenue. This

information was recorded in an FBI 302 (Boyd 302), undersigned by Agent Manson and dated June 17, 2004 (Government Exhibit 16). Based on this information, Manson directed Newark police to prepare a photo array containing Latimore's picture and show it to Davis. At the presentation of this photo array, Davis picks out Lattimore (photo #5), who has long dark dreadlocks, as the person who murdered McCray. As noted in the police report, after picking out Lattimore, the police officer specifically reports that Davis did not ask to see any picture again. (Exhibit P-8, page 5)

Remarkably, during the investigation of petitioner's case Davis was never shown a photo array containing Young's picture. Even during trial, no one showed Davis a photograph of Young (TT 4459-4485)

Petitioner's trial counsel did not receive the Boyd 302 before or during his trial in 2007. The Boyd 302 was provided to Bergrin prior to his trial in 2011.

Petitioner testified at his hearing before Your Honor on July 23, 2019 that he first learned about the Boyd 302 when reading the transcript of Bergrin's 2011 trial (HT-205/1-5). Petitioner did not receive a copy of the Boyd 302 until this Court ordered the government to produce it in July 2015.

When agent Manson testified at petitioner's trial, she was asked about why she directed a photo array with Lattimore's picture be shown to Davis. Her response was that Lattimore fit

the description of the shooter given by the eyewitness and he was a known hitman for the Curry organization. She was further asked. "And that's all you had to go on?" To which she responded "Yes. It was a best guess." (Opinion, page 85) Surprisingly she declines to tell the jury that Lattimore had a distinctive hair style consistent with the eyewitness' (Davis') account or that she had received a report that Lattimore had confessed the murder.

In petitioner's trial, Manson again lies when she says that Davis was unable to identify Lattimore as the shooter of McCray, from the photo array. (Opinion 86) This is not true. Davis picked out Lattimore's photograph (Photograph #5) and was sufficiently confident that he did not want to see any photos again. (Exhibit P-8, page 5)

At Bergrin's first trial, in her direct testimony, Agent Mason similarly fails to identify the murder confession by Lattimore as the reason for a focus on Lattimore or to even acknowledge that the confession report or any report exists. She provides no information about the Boyd 302, nor does she mention it. She does not tell the jury that there was another person identified as a possible shooter. She testifies that she focused on Lattimore based on information from a source. Only on cross-examination by Bergrin does Manson tell the jury that she had the Boyd 302 or tell about the murder confession.

Only when Manson testifies in Bergrin's second trial in 2013, does her testimony finally track the Boyd 302. (Opinion, page 87)

Manson's testimony about suggesting Lattimore as a suspect in petitioner's trial was a lie. Petitioner did not have the Boyd 302, which would have allowed counsel to cross her with the document, calling into question her credibility. Not having the Boyd 302 left trial counsel in the dark as to the reality of the FBI investigation on this issue. Manson lied when she said "That's all I had to go on." Manson absolutely had more to go on. She wrote the Boyd 302 report dated June 17, 2004, memorializing Lattimore's confession to the murder. (Government Exhibit 16)

The government does not contend that they did not themselves have the Boyd 302. The government advises that they cannot prove that they gave the Boyd 302 to the defense as part of discovery. By way of explanation, the government presents a specious argument that the method for tracking disclosure of discovery has gotten better since petitioner's case in early 2007. This is just over 12 years ago. Without argument the government has had a full disclosure obligation at least since Brady v. Maryland, 373 US 83, decided in 1963. The duty to disclose and to track disclosure is not in any way a new obligation for the government. To say the mechanism was different "back then" is most likely true, but far from relevant to the government's duty to disclose and to track disclosure.

The government has argued that the Boyd 302 is inadmissible as it is hearsay. In Lunberry v. Hornbeak, 605 F.3d 754, (9th Cir., 2010), the court reversed the district court which denied petitioner's habeas motion. The Lunberry court held that the state court's exclusion, as hearsay, of a witness's testimony that an individual submitted that his partners murdered petitioner's husband in error, served to deny petitioner her constitutional rights.

It is only on the trial of Bergrin (Bergrin 1) that the government discloses the existence of the 302 report citing a confession by Lattimore of murdering McCray. Manson still does not front this to the jury in her direct testimony. It is only on cross that she acknowledges the report about Lattimore. Perhaps the fact that the defense was now in possession of the Boyd 302 is why Manson cleaned-up her testimony in Bergrin 2.

At the hearing before Your Honor, on July 22, 2019, attorney Kenneth Kayser (Kayser) informs the Court that had he been given the Boyd 302 before trial, he would certainly tried to interview Boyd (HT 148/9) and might have had to change his approach. (HT 150/2) Kayser testified that had he known about the Boyd 302 he would have tried to find out "whatever else he knew might be helpful." (HT 157/16) This could not happen because trial counsel never had the Boyd 302.

The government has argued that none of this matters; that the Boyd 302 lacks materiality. The Boyd 302 is highly material.

Knowledge about and possession of the Boyd 302 would have bolstered Davis' description of the shooter, increased the indicia of reliability of that identification and made his subsequent selection of Lattimore much more compelling. Indeed, AUSA Fraser would been less likely to argue in summation that Davis really didn't see the shooter. (TT 5737)

Trial counsel state in their declarations that having the Boyd 302 would not have caused them to change their strategy. However, when asked specifically about the Boyd 302 report, Kayser stated that he might have changed his approach. (HT 150/2)

Recent caselaw does not support the contention that the Boyd 302 would not be material. In Haskins v. Greene, Lexis 31705 (3rd Cir, 2018), the Court reversed defendant's conviction because a letter, not disclosed by the prosecution, would have corroborated a witness's testimony and helped refute prosecutor's "recent fabrication" challenge. The jury not having this letter caused Court to question whether verdict was worthy of confidence.

This is very much analogous to Baskerville's circumstance. Had the Boyd 302 been available to trial counsel it would have substantially changed the way that Davis' identification of Lattimore was understood by counsel. Having the Boyd 302 could have changed the entire approach to Baskerville's defense. Rather than deciding that they could not argue that Young was not the shooter, they could have taken Young on directly, challenging everything he said.

It is interesting to review the testimony of Attorney Carl Herman at the hearing before Your Honor. Carl Herman told this Court at the hearing, that he never believed that Davis correctly identified the shooter. He asserts that Davis intentionally mis-identified the shooter as someone other than Young for fear of retribution by the Curry group. The logic of this assertion falls apart in this face of testimony from Manson that Lattimore was a known hitman for the Curry group. (Opinion 85) To accept this, one would have to believe that to avoid identifying a Curry group member, Davis randomly selected a "known hitman" for this very same group.

Had counsel been provided with the Boyd 302, this tortured reasoning would likely not have occurred. The impact of this change in Herman's mind-set on petitioner's future is exactly what full disclosure can yield.

In US v. Lang, Lexis 65428 (District of Virgin Islands, 2019), the court dismissed the indictment, with prejudice because the government intentionally failed to disclose evidence suggesting persons other than defendant had committed the offenses. In Juniper v. Zook, 876 F.3d 551(4th Cir., 2017) the court vacated defendant's conviction, holding, inter alia, that the withheld evidence, if found credible, [could put the case] in such a different light as to undermine the confidence in the verdict. In Haskell v. Greene, 866 F.3d 139, (3rd Cir., 2017) the court held that to establish his claim that a witness's false

testimony at his trial violated his Due Process right, petitioner showed that the witness committed perjury and that the commonwealth knew or should have known that the testimony was false, the false testimony was not corrected, and there was a reasonable likelihood that the perjured testimony could have affected the judgment of the jury. Here we have Agent Manson denying on direct examination and on cross examination that she had any other reasons to suspect Lattimore as being the shooter. We know that was not the truth. She not only knew about the Boyd 302, she was party to writing it. The government does not deny that they had the Boyd 302. They did nothing to correct Manson's false testimony.

In Dennis v. Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, 834 F.3d 263 (3rd Cir., 2016) the court granted petitioner's habeas relief under 28 U.S.C.S. § 2255 because, had Brady material in Commonwealth's possession been disclosed, there was a reasonable probability that outcome of trial would have been different.

Due process requires that the Government not suppress evidence favorable to the accused or discrediting to its own case. Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963); United States v. Agurs, 427 U.S. 97 (1976). See also, Mooney v. Holohan, 294 U.S. 103 (1935); Pyle v. Kansas, 317 U.S. 213 (1942). This requirement of candor by the sovereign encompasses information which bears upon the credibility of its witnesses as well as matters more directly material to guilt or innocence. Napue v.

Illinois, 360 U.S. 264 (1959); Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1972). See generally, Williams v. Dutton, 400 F.2d 797 (5th Cir., 1968), cert. denied, 393 U.S. 1105 (1969). As stated by the Supreme Court in Napue v. Illinois, supra, 360 U.S. at 269:

The jury's estimate of the truthfulness and reliability of a given witness may well be determinative of guilt or innocence, and it is upon such subtle factors as the possible interest of the witness in testifying falsely that a defendant's life or liberty may depend.

Moreover, in federal prosecution the Court's supervisory power to safeguard "the correct administration of justice in the federal courts" reinforces the due process requirement of disclosure. E.g., United States v. Consolidated Laundries Corp., 291 F.2d 563, 571 (2nd Cir., 1961).

Disclosure of information impeaching witnesses' credibility must be timed to enable effective preparation for trial. E.g., United States v. Polisi, 416 F.2d 573, 578 (2nd Cir., 1969). See, United States v. Kaplan, 554 F.2d 577, 580 (3rd Cir., 1977); United States v. Baxter, 492 F.2d 150, 173-174 (9th Cir., 1973), cert. denied, 417 U.S. 940 (1974); cf., United States v. Opager, 589 F.2d 799, 804-05 (5th Cir., 1979) (crucial importance to accused of pretrial interviewing and/or investigation of potential witnesses).

As pointed out in United States v. Pollack, 534 F.2d 964, 973, 175 U.S. App. D.C. 277, cert. denied, 429 U.S. 924 (1976) (Lumbard, J., sitting by designation),

Disclosure by the government must be made at such a time as to allow the defense to use the favorable material effectively in preparation and presentation of its case, even if satisfaction of this criterion requires pretrial disclosure. See, e.g., United States v. Elmore, 423 F.2d 775, 779 (4th Cir. 1970); United States v. Deutsch, 373 F. Supp. 289, 290-91 (S.D.N.Y. 1974).

The Conference Committee Report to Rule 609 of the Federal Rules of Evidence speaks in terms of "...the need for the trier of the fact to have as much relevant evidence on the issue of credibility as possible." H.R. Rep. 93-1597, 93rd Cong., 2d Sess. 9 (1974). Accord, United States v. Auten, 632 F.2d 478 (5th Cir., 1980); Lewis v. United States, 408 A.2d 303, 307 (D.C. App. 1979).

Pretrial disclosure should be provided so that defense counsel can conduct appropriate investigation and interviews and otherwise prepare for trial. Timely production of discovery would allow counsel to participate intelligently in jury selection, present a knowledgeable opening statement and, of course, undertake effective cross-examination.

Without the Boyd 302, it was much more difficult or impossible to impeach Manson's credibility. Knowing that, it

becomes clearer that having the Boyd 302 would have made a difference in the perception of the case by the jury and led to a different result. See, Conley v. US, 415 F.3d 183 (1st Cir., 2005), explaining that the jury is entitled to know of impeachment evidence when such evidence would impugn the credibility of a key witness.

Here the failure by the government to produce this critical piece of evidence created a cascade of failures that call into question the reliability of the jury's verdict.

The government's argument that the Boyd 302 was cumulative is far from a fair characterization. The Boyd 302 was the best and perhaps only tool with which to impeach Manson, an extremely important witness.

Having the Boyd 302 prior to trial would have allowed or generated a number of important developments in petitioner's defense. These include: permit effective impeachment of Manson; interview of potential witness(es); it would have supported Davis eyewitness description of the shooter; it would have put teeth into the alternative shooter theory.

POINT 2

THE PROSECUTION OF PETITIONER BASKERVILLE
SHOULD BE DISMISSED DUE TO BRADY VIOLATIONS
RELATED TO THE KNOWINGLY FALSE TESTIMONY
BY FBI AGENT MANSON

As discussed above, agent Manson testified in three different trials regarding the inclusion of Lattimore in photo arrays (Baskerville, 2007; Bergrin 1, 2011; and Bergrin 2, 2013). At petitioner's trial she testified that Lattimore fit the physical description given by the eyewitness and he was a known hitman for the Curry group (Opinion 85).

When asked if that was all she had (on Lattimore), she replies "Yes. That's all I had." This testimony is given despite her being a signatory to the Boyd 302, which details a reported confession by Maleek Lattimore to the murder of McCray. Under oath to tell the whole truth, Manson fails to tell the jury that she had information of a confession to the murder of McCray and testified that she had no other information. (TT 4009-4011)

It is not until Agent Manson testifies five years later in Bergrin's first trial that she admits that she actually had such information and then she only admits that on cross examination. If Bergrin did not have the Boyd 302, we can be sure that Manson would have presented her testimony just as she did at Baskerville's trial. There was no attempt by the government to

clean-up or correct Mason's testimony, either in petitioner's trial or Bergrin 1.

It is interesting to note that the government allowed Manson to testify falsely in Baskerville's trial and made no attempt to correct it in Bergrin 1. In the government's submission to the Court dated September 18, 2015, (Docket entry 34) the government argues that Mason's testimony was consistent in both trials. In fairness to the government, her testimony was consistent between Baskerville's trial and her direct in Bergrin 1: it was consistently incorrect, in that it did not track the Boyd 302.

It is hard to argue that Manson did not intend to deceive the jury in Baskerville's trial or in Bergrin 1 when she clearly knew about the Boyd 302. Not only had she created it, when crossed in Bergrin 1, she knew immediately what the answer was. The Supreme Court has long counseled that "deliberate deception of court and jury by the presentation of testimony known to be perjured . . . is inconsistent with the rudimentary demands of justice" Mooney v. Holohan, 294 U.S. 103 (1935) It is a well established rule that a conviction obtained by the knowing use of perjured testimony is fundamentally unfair. Bagley 473 U.S. at 678. Presenting false testimony cuts to the core of a defendant's right to due process. It thus makes sense that "the materiality standard for false testimony is lower, more favorable to the defendant, and hostile to the prosecution as compared to the

standard for a general Brady withholding violation." Clay 72 F.3d at 1028.

POINT 3

PETITIONER BASKERVILLE SHOULD BE GRANTED
A NEW TRIAL DUE TO INEFFECTIVENESS OF
TRIAL COUNSEL

Attorney Carl Herman (Herman) was appointed to represent petitioner in December 2004. Once petitioner's case was declared a death eligible case, a second attorney, Kenneth Kayser (Kayser) was appointed for petitioner to assist in the presentation of his defense. Kayser was appointed in April 2005.

It seems clear that the defense never intended to challenge petitioner's guilt in the drug conspiracy or the homicide. The defense focus was avoiding the death penalty. This may be because counsel believed that the case for petitioner's guilt in the drug conspiracy charges was very strong and would result in a life sentence. The homicide conviction, absent the death penalty would result in just one more life sentence.

This strategy now proves to be an unfortunate mistake. Changes that have occurred in drug sentencing since petitioner's trial may allow petitioner an earlier release from prison than would be indicated by a life sentence.

Trial in this matter began in February 2007. Counsel had about 25 months and 22 months, respectively to prepare for trial.

Counsel also admits that they had resources available, funded by the court to obtain support services, such as investigation. Neither limited available time nor limited resources are cited by trial counsel as reasons for failing to conduct investigations.

Trial counsel admits that they did not interview Rakeem Baskerville nor did they interview Hakim Curry. They inform the Court that they did not pursue those witnesses because they believed that those witnesses would refuse to testify or would be damaging witnesses to petitioner or would be considered biased because of their familial relationship with petitioner.

These considerations are appropriate concerns and may well have proven true. However, counsel can only make such a determination after they have investigated the potential witnesses.

An investigation of witnesses is a broader issue than whether that witness will be called to testify. A particular witness may be able to provide important and valuable background information to the defense, even if that witness never actually testifies. The decision to not conduct those interviews denied petitioner the benefit of information those witnesses could have provided.

Trial counsel asserts in their Declarations that petitioner never identified any witnesses that he wanted called at his trial. In his testimony, petitioner disputes this assertion by counsel.

However, even if petitioner never actually told counsel that he wanted specific witnesses called, counsel had a duty to investigate. This includes asking their client who knows things about the case? Who can tell us things about where people were at relevant times? Who can tell us about people who might know people who might know relevant things? None of this happened.

THE CURRY CALLS

Trial counsel testified at the July 22, 2019, hearing that they had no recollection of how many Curry calls were provided to the defense, or in what form they were provided. They were clear about one or a few calls between Curry and Bergrin. It is clear that trial counsel never reviewed the many other calls with petitioner. If they had reviewed many calls, they would surely recall that. Consequently, they could never discover information in those calls that could have shown that Young was lying.

For example, counsel never sought information about what vehicle Curry was driving on November 25, 2003. The Curry calls provide information that Curry was in riding with someone else in their car, not the Range Rover as Young said (TT 4350). Another person had the Range Rover that day. The person who had the Range Rover could have provided information on that issue, without the concerns cited by trial counsel.

The calls indicate that Curry was not out of his house until after noon on 11/25/03 and could not have been at the meeting that morning at Jamal Baskerville's house as Young testified. A

review of the calls would show that Curry was on the phone very frequently and had no conversations on 11/25/03, until around noon and equally telling, he had no conversations about a meeting at Jamal's house. The content of these calls and the significance of these calls are reviewed in detail in petitioner's submission of November 30, 2015 and found in Docket 37.

In US v. Kauffman, 100 F.3d 186 (3rd Cir., 1997), the court overturned the District Court denial of petitioner's motion under 28 U.S.C.S. § 2255 to vacate his sentence on the ground of ineffective assistance of counsel, where counsel failed to investigate. Had counsel for Kauffman conducted an investigation he would have discovered information that would have resulted in different advice to the defendant. The Circuit ordered a new trial.

In US v. Jasin, 215 F. Supp. 2d 552, 280 F.3d 355 (E.D. Pa, 2003) the court held that "the first Strickland (466 U.S. 668 (1984)) prong, that failure to conduct any pretrial investigation generally constitutes a clear instance of ineffectiveness", because "in the context of complete failure to investigate . . . counsel can hardly be said to have made a strategic choice against pursuing a certain line of investigation when he has not yet obtained the facts on which a decision could be made." Citing US v. Gray, 878 F.2d at 702. Gray is particularly relevant to Baskerville. In Gray, the court found such a "complete failure to investigate" in the case before it, explaining that "counsel

offered no strategic justification for his failure to make any effort to investigate the case". In Baskerville's case counsel presented justifications for not pursuing witnesses because they thought they would not testify, would not be credible or would damage Baskerville's case. (Government Exhibits 4 & 6) All of these considerations were based on assumptions by trial counsel without the benefit of actual investigation.

POINT 4

THE PROSECUTION OF PETITIONER BASKERVILLE
SHOULD BE DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE DUE TO
THE ONGOING MISREPRESENTATIONS BY THE
ATTORNEYS FOR THE UNITED STATES

On November 15, 2018, the Court rendered an opinion in the referenced matter dismissing many of petitioner's claims. The Court held two matters for further hearings. These two matters were petitioner's claim of Ineffectiveness of Counsel and his claim of a Brady violation related to the failure of the United States to produce in discovery an FBI 302 (BOYD 302).

That 302 identified a suspect in the shooting of Kemo McCray that was different from the government's assertion of Young being the shooter in the government's presentation to the jury.

In the government's effort to support the conviction of petitioner, they submit a "Declaration" by each trial counsel; by Carl Herman and by Kenneth Kayser. Herman's declaration is dated

September 26, 2014, and Kayser's declaration is dated 9/29/14. These declarations are signed by the respective attorneys under penalty of perjury.

The Court had been provided with these declarations prior to rendering its opinion and relied, at least in part, on the contents of those declarations in reaching that opinion.

Offering trial counsel's recollections of their representation of petitioner including each attorney's theory of the case, the strengths and weaknesses of the prosecution's case, what they did, what they thought, what they chose not to do in preparation and execution of their trial strategy seems eminently reasonable.

Given that the trial preparation had begun more than ten (10) years prior to the execution of the declarations and that trial had commenced more than seven (7) years before the execution of the declarations ought to be cause for concern as to what trial counsel might actually remember. Rather than elicit honest declarations that provide whatever trial counsel actually recall about the trial, the government actually prepared the declarations and forwarded them to counsel. Both counsel testified that they received the declarations as a whole document. Mr. Herman testified that he modified his declaration in "collaboration" with the government (HT 22/20) and that it was "collaborative". (HT-44/11) Herman testified that he talked with Ken Kayser in the preparation of his declaration (HT-45/4)

Kayser testified that he had no recollection of all these facts and details at the time. (HT-100/8) Kayser further testified that he never consulted with Herman about the declarations. (101/22) These declarations were submitted to this Court as the true and honest recorded recollections of counsel. They are far from that. It is hard to see these documents as anything other than an effort by the government to concoct recollections for counsel that support the conviction of petitioner. Not only are these declarations false, they potentially serve to tailor counsel's recollection by suggesting what that recollection ought to be. It's hard to decide which is a worse purpose. Either way, they are presented to this Court knowing that they are not what they purport to be. The submission of these declarations as sworn statements compromise the integrity of the 2255 process.

When Kayser was asked what he would think if he found that much of his declaration was word-for-word the same as Herman's, Kayser said that would be "stunning". (HT-102/7) I submit to the Court that I was stunned when I discovered this and that we all should be stunned. The word-for-word paragraph comparisons are excerpted from the declarations and attached hereto as Exhibit P-11. The corresponding paragraphs from each counsel's declaration are placed sequentially in this Exhibit to simplify review by the Court.

Kenneth Kayser testified on July 22, 2019, that he remembers making modification to paragraph 17 in his declaration (HT 103/17). If he did make such changes, how does Herman's declaration have an identical paragraph 17?

Here is no legitimate reason for the government to create counsel's recollections for their sworn declarations. The only legitimate source for the recollections is the declarants. If the government wanted to focus trial counsel on aspects important to the proceeding, they could have given to counsel moving papers submitted by petitioner. Or, seeking to focus counsel's attention, the government could reasonably identify with "bullet points" topics the government felt ought to be addressed.

That is far from what the government did here. Here the government gave counsel their prepared declarations and allowed modifications to those declarations. This reminds me of a friend who says, joking, "if I want your opinion, I'll give it to you."

Kayser, when asked to review his declaration testified that he did not write portions of it (HT 155/12, 157/4), that he would never put footnotes in a declaration (HT 104/5). He testified that he doesn't write like that and that he doesn't even understand portions of his own declaration. (HT 142/22)

Submitting these sworn but fabricated declarations to the Court as the actual recollections of trial counsel truly is stunning. It is hard to see the government's conduct in this

action as anything but a blatant attempt to manipulate the record. There ought to be no tolerance for such conduct.

In Herring v. US, 424 F.3d 384 (3rd Cir., 2005) the court held that to demonstrate fraud upon the court, "there must be 1, an intentional fraud; 2, by an officer of the court; 3, which is directed at the court itself; and 4, in fact deceives the court. We further conclude that a determination of fraud on the court may be justified only by "'the most egregious misconduct directed to the court itself' and that it 'must be supported by clear, unequivocal and convincing evidence.'"

Here we have the government orchestrating and submitting to this Court, sworn declarations by both trial counsel. The only purpose for these declarations is to convince that Court that what counsel is presenting is each attorney's truthful recollections. It is hard to imagine another purpose for these doctored declarations other than to deceive the Court. Based on the Court decision of November 18, 2018, the Court was to some extent deceived by these declarations.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons Petitioner Baskerville's should be afforded a new trial or out-right dismissal of all charges against him.

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Bruce L. Throckmorton

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Attorney for William Baskerville
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NEWARK, N.J.

DATE: March 2, 2004	CENTRAL ARREST NO.:	CENTRAL COMPLAINT:
VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF: Johnny Lee Davis		
RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]		
OCCUPATION: Carpenter	AGE: 50	

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STATEMENT MADE TO:

Det. Vincent Vitiello, Newark Police Dept.

Statement began at appx 3:35PM.

Q. My name is Det. Vincent Vitiello of the Newark Police Dept. I am going to ask you some questions regarding a shooting homicide which occurred earlier this afternoon in the area of So. Orange Ave and S. 19th St. Will you be willing to answer these questions truthfully and to the best of your knowledge and belief?

A. Yes.

Q. What is your name?

A. Johnny Lee Davis.

Q. What is your birthdate and where were you born?

A. [REDACTED]. Newark, N.J.

Q. What is your Social Security Number?

A. [REDACTED]

Q. Do you read, write, and understand the English language?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the highest level of education that you have received?

A. 11th grade.

Q. Were you in the area of So. Orange Ave and S. 19th St earlier today?

A. Yeah.

Q. Who were you there with?

A. My stepson, Kemo.

Q. What is Kemo's full name?

A. Kemo Deshawn Reed McCray.

Q. What were you doing in that area there?

A. We were walking back from the store.

Q. Where were you walking back to?

A. We were walking back to where we were working at. On S. 18th St just in from So. Orange Ave.

Q. What store were you coming from?

A. The bodega on the corner of So. Orange Ave and So. 20th St.

Q. Tell me in your own words exactly what happened while you were walking in that area?

A. We were walking down So. Orange Ave talking. When we got to the corner of S. 19th St, I heard four gunshots. After I heard the gunshots, I turned and saw a heavyset black male get into a silver two door car that was parked on the corner there. That's when I realized that Kemo was laying in the street. I touched him and called out his name but he didn't respond. He was bleeding from his head.

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Q. You said that after you heard the gunshots, you saw a heavyset, black male enter a silver two door car. Did you see this male with a gun?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you see him shooting the gun?

A. No.

Q. Where was he holding the gun?

A. He had it in his hand and he was putting it back inside his pants.

Q. Can you describe the gun to me?

A. No, I can't.

Q. Can you describe the actor's hairstyle that got into the car holding the gun?

A. He had dark dreadlocks.

Q. How long were his dreadlocks?

A. Shoulder length.

Q. Can you describe his clothing?

A. I don't remember.

Q. About how old did he appear to be?

A. He was a young guy. Maybe 20-25 years old.

Q. Have you ever seen him prior to this incident?

A. No.

Q. Where exactly was the car parked at that this person got into?

A. It was on 19th St near the corner of So. Orange Ave.

Q. Was it parked on the eastern side of 19th St or on the western side?

A. It was parked on the same side as the bar.

Note*** The witness is referring to the western side of S. 19th St.

Q. There is a green colored mailbox on the western sidewalk of So. 19th St. When we were at the scene I pointed this mailbox out to you. Tell me where the vehicle was parked in relation to that mailbox?

A. I think it was right beside the mailbox.

Q. Was there anybody else inside of this silver vehicle besides the person that you have already described?

A. There was one black male who was driving the vehicle.

Q. Did you manage to get a description of the driver?

A. No. The only thing I know is that he was black.

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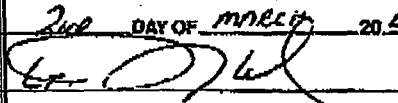
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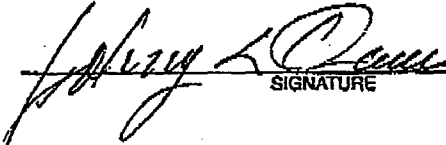
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- Q. Did you get the license plate number of the silver vehicle?
A. No.
- Q. Do you recall what make or model the vehicle was?
A. No.
- Q. Was there anything peculiar about the vehicle which would help us in identifying it such as body damage or added features?
A. Not that I remember.
- Q. Did the driver ever get out of the vehicle?
A. No.
- Q. Did you notice the driver or the passenger of the vehicle prior to hearing the gunshots?
A. No.
- Q. Did the vehicle pull up and park at that location or did it appear that it was already parked there?
A. I think it was already there.
- Q. Was the vehicle parked there when you passed that location walking to the bodega?
A. I think it was.
- Q. Was there anybody in it at that time?
A. I'm not sure.
- Q. Were any words exchanged before the shooting started?
A. No. Nothing.
- Q. Was Kemo having any problems with anyone that you are aware of?
A. I don't know.
- Q. For how long have you and Kemo been working on So. 18th St?
A. We just started today. It was our first day.
- Q. What type of work were the two of you doing there?
A. Carpentry. We were renovating an apartment.
- Q. Was anybody else outside in the immediate area when the shooting occurred?
A. No, it was just me and him walking.
- Q. Is there anything you want to add before this statement is closed?
A. No.
- Q. Have any threats or promises been made to you to give this statement?
A. No.

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Q. Do you swear or affirm that this statement is the truth and nothing but the truth?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you now sign this statement after first reading it and making any corrections or deletions that you feel are necessary to make it accurate?

A. Yes.

Statement closed at appx 4:05PM..... J.D.

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STATEMENT FORM

NEWARK, N.J.

DATE MARCH 4, 2004	CENTRAL ARREST NO.:	CENTRAL COMPLAINT 22025-04
VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF: STACY WEBB WILLIAMS B/M/DOB# 7/20/47/ [REDACTED] / POB: FAYETTEVILLE N.C.		
RESIDENCE: [REDACTED] N I 07018/ 1 ST FL. TL. [REDACTED]		
OCCUPATION: SELFEMPLOYED	AGE: 36	
STATEMENT MADE TO: DETECTIVE RASHID SABUR		
HOMICIDE SECTION I.D. 6596		

Statement Started at 1130 A.M. March 4, 2004

Q: Mr. Williams, I'm Detective Rashid Sabur with the Newark Police Department Homicide Unit. Here with me is Investigator Susan Bzik of the Essex County prosecutor's Office Homicide Unit and we would like to ask you some questions pertaining to a shooting incident that took place at the intersection of South Orange Ave. & So. 19th St. in Newark on Tuesday march 2, 2004 around the hours of 1:56 P.M. This incident resulted in the death of an individual who was later identified as being DeShawn McCray. Will you answer our questions for us truthfully and to the best of your knowledge?

A: Yes I will.

Q: Before doing so would you tell me for the records if the information that appears at the top of this form as it pertains to correct

A: Yes.

Q: And would you also tell me for the records the extent of your education?

A: High School.

Q: Can you read, write and understand the English language?

A: Yes.

Q: And how long have you resided at your current address?

A: About a year

Q: Where did you live prior to this and for how long?

A: I lived at [REDACTED] and I lived there for ten years.

Q: How many brothers and sisters do you have?

A: No brothers, five sisters.

Q: And what is your mother's maiden name?

A: [REDACTED]

Q: Are you familiar with the incident I mentioned to you?

A: Yeah, I was in the area.

Q: Exactly where were and who were you with?

A: I was across the street on So. 19th St in the vacant lot and I was with my first cousin [REDACTED].

Q: And during this time what did you observe?

A: Well I was walking towards the direction of the shooting from the lot. I was leaving the lot on my way to the bar on the corner of So. 19th St. & So. Orange Ave. called the Sand Pit. As I was walking towards the bar I heard a shot. After I heard the shot I turned and looked behind me and that's when I saw my cousin running in the opposite direction away from the shooting. Then I looked in front of me and that's when I saw the guy laying in the street and another guy standing over him from an angle pointing a gun down at

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RESIDENCE: [REDACTED] N.J. 07018/1 ST FL. TL. [REDACTED]		
OCCUPATION: SELF EMPLOYED	AGE: 56	
STATEMENT MADE TO: DETECTIVE RASHID SABUR HOMICIDE SECTION I.D. 6596		

him and he either shot the guy while he was laying on the ground about maybe one more time or twice, I can't remember. At that point I stopped and I'm looking because the guy turned back and got back in the car. I looked at the car to try to get the plate number but I didn't see a plate nor did I see a Temp tag in the back window of the car. The car left and it went north on So 19th St. At that point, I ran back to my car that was parked in the vacant lot I was in with my cousin to get my cell phone. Once I got my phone I dialed 9-1-1 and as I was doing that I started running back to the area where the guy was shot. As I was running back I saw two people standing across the street from the bar in front of this place that use to be a restaurant or something and if I'm not mistaking, they were standing there during the time of the shooting. As I was on the phone, I ran over to where the body was and I was talking on the phone at the same time and I was looking at the guy who got shot to see if I could tell if he was breathing or not. Then the people from the church came down to see what had happened and at the same time I saw a burgundy unmarked police car driving by and I flagged them down. After that the officers asked my questions about the car that was involved in the shooting and I told them and that's about it.

Q Mr. Williams, were you able to get a good look at the vehicle that the person who shot the man got into?

A As far as I could say, I saw the rear of the vehicle.

A Can you give me a description of this vehicle as you remember it?

A It looked like a silver or gray Pontiac Grand AM. Late model, I would say about 2002 and 2004. It looked like it could have been a two door car. There was no plate or temp tag on the car.

Q Were you able to see the number of occupants in this car?

A No.

Q Can you tell me which side of this car did the person who did the shooting entered from?

A The passenger side.

Q Was the person who did the shooting the only one you saw get into this car?

A Yes.

Q Was the person who did the shooting male or female?

A Male.

Q About how far away were you standing from the area where the victim was shot?

A I would say 75 to 100 feet or better.

Q From where you were standing, were you able to get a good look of the person who did this shooting?

A I saw him but not that good.

Q Can you give me a description of the person you saw doing this shooting?

A He was a black male between 5'9" and 6', he was medium complexion, he was standing at an angle so I can't really say what his built was and I can't remember how his hair was. I think he was wearing like light khaki and I can't remember the type of shirt he was wearing.

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF:		
STACY WEBB WILLIAMS B/M/DOB# 7/20/47/ SS# [REDACTED] POB: FAYETTEVILLE N.C.		
RESIDENCE: [REDACTED] EAST ORANGE N.J. 07018/ 1 ST FL. TL. (973) [REDACTED]		
OCCUPATION: SELFEMPLOYED	AGE: 56	
STATEMENT MADE TO: DETECTIVE RASHID SABUR		
HOMICIDE SECTION I.D. 6596		

Q Were you able to see this person's face from where you were standing?
A Slightly, yes.

Q Would you be able to identify this person if you were to see him again?
A I'm not sure at this point.

Q Would you be able to identify the vehicle that this person left the area in if you were to see it again?
A Only the rear end and from what I saw, it looked like it was a Grand AM

Q At the beginning of this statement you mentioned that after the person did this shooting he got back into the car that drove him away from the scene. Is this correct?
A Yes.

Q Did you see this person exit the vehicle that drove him away from the scene?
A No I didn't.

Q When did you first notice this car you believe to be a Pontiac Grand AM?
A When the shooter ran to the car and got into it.

Q And during the time that you notice this car, can you tell me exactly where it was?
A It was sitting about two car length away from the mailbox on the corner of So. 19th St. on the same side of the street the bar is on.

Q You also mention that when you first took notice to the victim being shot, you saw at least two individuals standing in front of a place on So 19th St. that was to be a restaurant. Is this correct?
A Yes.

Q Were these individuals males or females?
A I know one was a male but I can't remember if the other one was a female or not.

Q Can you tell me how long these individuals were standing there prior to the shooting?
A At least about ten or fifteen minutes.

Q Do you personally know these two individuals?
A No.

Q How often are you in this area where the shooting took place?
A I'm familiar with the area because about six or seven years ago I use to work in the Sand Pit.

Q Did you recognize the individuals who were standing in front of this former restaurant as anyone you may know from the area?
A No.

Q Did you recognized the vehicle that drove the suspect away from the scene?
A No.

Q Were you able to get a look at the gun the shooter used to shoot the victim?
A I know it was shiny, the barrel looked long and I couldn't tell what the handle looked like.

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NEWARK, N.J.

DATE: MARCH 4, 2004	CENTRAL ARREST NO.:	CENTRAL COMPLAINT 22025-04
IDENTITY STATEMENT OF:		
TACY WEBB WILLIAMS B/M/DOB# 7/20/47/ SS# [REDACTED] ROB: FAYETTEVILLE N.C.		
RESIDENCE:		
[REDACTED] EAST ORANGE N.J. 07018/ 1 ST FL. TL. (973) [REDACTED]		
OCCUPATION:	AGE:	
UNEMPLOYED	56	
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DETECTIVE RASHID SABUR	HOMICIDE SECTION LD. 6596	

Did you notice if the victim was having a conversation with the person who shot him prior to the shooting?
I didn't see anything until I saw him laying in the street.

And during the time that you approached the victim, did you recognize him as anyone that you knew from the area?

No, I didn't know him.

Has anyone in the area mentioned anything to you about this shooting since it occurred?

I haven't been back to that area since then.

Is there anything else you wish to add to this statement?

No.

When this statement is completed would you read it in it's entirety and make corrections where necessary?

Yes.

Do you swear or affirm this statement to be the truth?

Yes.

STATEMENT ENDED AT 1300 HOURS

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NEWARK, N.J.

DATE: JULY 23, 2004	CENTRAL ARREST NO.:	CENTRAL COMPLAINT NO.: 22025-04
VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF: JOHNNY LEE DAVIS		
RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]		
OCCUPATION: CARPENTER	AGE: 50	
STATEMENT MADE TO: DETECTIVE KEITH SHEPPARD NEWARK POLICE HOMICIDE SECTION 22 FRANKLIN ST. 4th FL.		
STATEMENT BEGAN AT 1245 HOURS		
Q: MR. DAVIS MY NAME IS DETECTIVE KEITH SHEPPARD AND I'M ALONG WITH INVESTIGATOR BZIK OF THE ESSEX COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS IN REFERENCE TO AN IDENTIFICATION THAT YOU'VE MADE ON THIS DATE, OR YOU WILLING TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS?		
A: YES		
Q: MR. DAVIS CAN YOU READ WRITE AND UNDERSTAND THE ENGLISH?		
A: YES I CAN <i>Handwritten: I can read and write 50.</i>		
Q: MR. DAVIS WHAT IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN EDUCATION THAT YOU'VE COMPLETED?		
A: 10th GRADE		
Q: MR. DAVIS, WERE YOU FORCED IN ANY WAY TO GIVE THIS STATEMENT?		
A: NO I WAS NOT		
Q: MR. DAVIS, ON MARCH 2, 2004 DID YOU GIVE A DETAIL STATEMENT TO DETECTIVE VINCENT VITIELLO, IN REFERENCE TO THE SHOOTING DEATH OF KEMO DESHAUN REED?		
A: YES I DID		
Q: MR. DAVIS WAS THE STATEMENT YOU GAVE TO DETECTIVE VITIELLO THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?		
A: TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, YES		
Q: MR DAVIS, IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WISH TO ADD TO THAT STATEMENT YOU GAVE ON MARCH 2, 2004?		
A: NO		
Q: MR. DAVIS, YOU WERE BROUGHT INTO THE NEWARK POLICE HEADQUARTERS TO LOOK AT PHOTOGRAPHS OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IS THAT CORRECT?		
Q: MR. DAVIS, ON THIS DATE JULY 23, 2004 YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW SIX BLACK MALES IN COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS IS THAT CORRECT?		
A: THATS CORRECT.		
Q: PRIOR TO YOU VIEWING THE PHOTOGRAPHS DID DET. JOSEPH HADLEY READ THE PHOTO DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU?		
A: YES		
Q: MR. DAVIS DID YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND THE INSSTRUCTION?		
A: YES		
Q: MR. DAVIS DID YOU SIGN YOUR NAME AT THE BOTTOM OF THE INSTRUCTION FORM?		
A: YES		
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RESIDENCE:		
OCCUPATION:	AGE:	
STATEMENT MADE TO: DET. SHEPPARD ALONG WITH INV. BZIK		
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Q: MR. DAVIS, CAN YOU TELL ME IF YOU RECOGNIZED ANYONE IN THE SIX PHOTOGRAPHS THAT DETECTIVE SHOWED YOU?		
A: YES, NUMBER 5		
Q: MR. DAVIS, YOU MENTIONED NUMBER FIVE, CAN YOU TELL ME IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHY YOU CHOOSE PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER FIVE?		
A: HIS HAIR RESEMBLE AND HIS FACE COMPLEXION RESEMBLE THE SAME THAT I SAW SHOOT AND KILL KEMO.		
Q: MR. DAVIS, CAN YOU SIGN YOUR NAME ALONG WITH THE DATE AT THE REAR OF THE PHOTOGRAPH YOU JUST IDENTIFIED?		
A: YES WITNESS DOES COMPLY BY SIGNING HIS NAME AT THE REAR OF PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER FIVE. THE SUBJECT IN PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER FIVE IS WILLIAM LATIMORE SBI#479133B.		
Q: MR. DAVIS ARE YOU SURE THAT THE BLACK MALE YOU CHOOSE IN PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER FIVE DOES RESEMBLE THE SAME BLACK MALE THAT YOU OBSERVED SHOOT AND KILL KEMO DESHAUN REED?		
A: YES		
Q: MR. DAVIS, DID YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THE ESSEX COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION FORM?		
A: YES		
Q: MR. DAVIS IS THE CONTENTS IN WHICH YOU WROTE ON THE PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION FORM THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?		
A: YES, SO HELP ME GOD.		
Q: MR. DAVIS, DID YOU SIGN YOUR NAME AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION FORM?		
A: YES I DID		
Q: MR. DAVIS IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WISH TO ADD TO THIS STATEMENT?		
A: NO		
Q: MR. DAVIS IS THIS STATEMENT THAT YOU'VE GIVIN TO ME THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?		
A: YES		
Q: MR. DAVIS, WERE YOU TREATED FAIRLY BY THE NEWAR POLICE DEPT AND THE ESSEX COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE?		
A: YES I WAS		
Q: MR. DAVIS WERE THERE ANY PROMISES OR THREATS MADE TO YOU FOR THE EXCHANGE OF THIS STATEMENT?		
A: NO		
Q: MR. DAVIS, I WILL ASK YOU TO READ THIS STATEMENT AND MAKE CORRECTIONS WITH YOUR INITIALS AND SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS AFTERWARDS WILL YOU SIGN THIS STATEMENT?		
A: YES		
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ESSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

PHOTO DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS

Date: 7-23-04 Case Number: H 24-04
 Witness' Name: Johnny Lee Davis
 (PRINT NAME)

In a moment, I will show you a number of photographs one at a time. You may take as much time as you need to look at each of them. You should not conclude that the person who committed the crime is in the group merely because a group of photographs is being shown to you. The person who committed the crime may or may not be in the group, and the mere display of the photographs is not meant to suggest that the police believe that the person who committed the crime is in one of the photographs. You do not have to select any photograph.

There is no significance to the order in which the photographs are displayed. Even if you select a photograph, all of the photographs will still be shown to you. Tell me immediately if you recognize anyone in one of the photographs.

Please keep in mind that hairstyles, beards, and moustaches are easily changed. People gain and lose weight. Also, photographs do not always show the true complexion of a person, it may be lighter or darker than shown in the photograph.

If you select a photograph, please do not ask me whether I agree with or support your selection. I do not know whom the suspect is, if they are in the line up, or what photograph he/she may be if present. It is your choice alone that counts.

Please do not discuss whether or not you selected a photograph with any other witness.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS, OR THEY HAVE BEEN READ TO ME, AND I UNDERSTAND THEM.

WITNESSED BY:

[Signature] [Signature]
 WITNESS SIGNATURE

ESSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION FORM

SECTION: HOMICIDE
FILE: 41 24-04
CC#: _____

I, Johnny L Davis, did at Chief Homicide
Unit on 12:20 PM at _____
(AM/PM), have an opportunity to read and sign the PHOTO DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS and
then view a group of 8 photographs. These photographs were displayed one at a time and were
never shown next to one another. Each photo showed the face of a Balek Manned
and nothing else. I examined the photographs carefully until I identified photograph # 5 as being that
of the Pray who I believe shot EXSON
KEMO. Hair + complexion as the
PERSON. How shot KEMO

_____ of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office is the
person who asked me to view these photographs. Neither he/she nor anyone else used any
threats or promises, urged or prompted me in any way to choose any of the afore-mentioned
photographs. I have been given an opportunity to read this form (or had it read to me) and have
been asked to sign my name to it if the contents are the truth to the best of my knowledge and
belief.

Signed: Johnny L Davis

Witnessed: Det. J. [Signature] 6782

Address: [Redacted]

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PHOTO DISPLAY REPORT

Case Number: H 24-04 Date: 7-23-04

Start Time: 1218pm End Time: 1239pm

Position of Photo	Name of person and/or Photo Number displayed
(1)	<u>Devin Shomo C200302234</u>
(2)	<u>Thomas Macon C199960884</u>
(3)	<u>Rajon Wright J 200469788</u>
(4)	<u>Donald Armour C200003580</u>
(5)	<u>Latimore, William J2003 10420</u>
(6)	<u>Sykes, George J200402843</u>

Name of Witness: Johnny Davis

Comments and Demeanor of Witness (to be written by officer conducting line-up)

I observed the witness to be calm
and relaxed at the time of the
viewing.

Did witness ask to see any photos again?

Yes

No

Hadley Joseph Jr. 6782
 PRINT NAME ID.# OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

EXHIBIT P-11

DECLARATION OF CARL HERMAN

8. Because the Government sought the death penalty, the defense was able to staff the defense team with few limitations, including the hiring of a mitigation specialist, an investigator, and a jury consultant. Mr. Baskerville also contributed fully to the mitigation process as well as the fact investigation. All strategic decisions pre-trial were discussed with Mr. Baskerville, and there were no issues that I can recall where there was a dispute about any decision that was made.

DECLARATION OF KENNETH KAYSER

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12. As an experienced death penalty attorney, I understood that our primary task was to challenge the Government's evidence, but paramount in every decision that was made was to prevent Mr. Baskerville from receiving a death sentence. This concern caused us to evaluate the Government's case on the drug counts differently than the murder counts and the entire case differently from a non-death penalty case. The strategies we employed had to be based on the outcome of the entire trial, including the penalty phase. Since a review of the evidence on the drug counts revealed an overwhelming case for the Government, decisions to challenge or not to challenge certain witnesses on cross-examination or to contest certain Government evidence were made so the defense team (1) would not lose credibility with the jury, and (2) with an eye toward setting up anticipated mitigation themes in the event the trial proceeded to the penalty phase. Thus, certain decisions not to cross-examine on certain issues, not to object to certain evidence and not to dispute some of the Government's evidence were made with these considerations in mind and may not have been the strategy the defense team would have employed in a non-capital case.

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DECLARATION OF CARL HERMAN

15. Mr. Baskerville's claim that I told him that "a federal agent cannot be impeached" is simply untrue. I never told him that, nor do I agree with the statement. First, while it might be difficult to impeach an FBI agent, I was in fact able to impeach Special Agent Shawn Manson on aspects of her testimony. This included her statements regarding efforts to protect the government informant-murder victim, Kemo McCray, which was designed to help the defense at the penalty phase to "shift the blame" for the death to a perceived Government failure to protect its own witness. Second, I would never tell any client that a law enforcement witness "cannot be impeached" as my experience shows that to be almost universally untrue. Third, while I have no memory of this audio portion ever being an issue that Mr. Baskerville raised, or that was discussed at any length, an examination of the evidence shows the audio portion would not be something the defense would want before the jury in any case.

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DECLARATION OF CARL HERMAN

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CERTIFICATION OF FILING AND SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 29, 2019, the enclosed Notice of Motion and Certification of Counsel were filed electronically with the Clerk of the United States District Court. Steven Sanders, Assistant United States Attorney has been served via ECF filing. A courtesy copy has been served upon The Honorable Peter G. Sheridan, U.S.D.J. by regular mail.

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