

## AFFIDAVIT OF BRYANT LANE

I, Bryant Lane, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
state the following:

1. I have been employed for over fifteen years at Yellow Freights as a driver. I am 62 years old.

2. I met and became a good friend of Gregory H. Mitchell when my wife, Norma, and I befriended Greg and his wife, Patricia. Greg also frequented the Hull Bar in Charlotte, North Carolina, where I was also a regular patron. I gave Greg Mitchell a Pekinese dog named Claudine. Greg changed the dog's name and it eventually had a puppy.

3. I knew Donald Buffkin because I frequented the Hull Bar in Charlotte, North Carolina during the same time period Mr. Buffkin did (early 1980's).

4. I knew Brian Dineen at that time as well, but I have not heard from him in years and do not know where he is or if he is alive.

5. I knew Don Mills, Gregory Mitchell's partner at M&M Electric. Don Mills died of cancer over ten years ago at about age 50, in the Charlotte area. Don Mills told me that Gregory Mitchell had confessed to his involvement in the MacDonald murders on many occasions. Don Mills told me that he [Mills] didn't see any reason to "drag all that up now".

6. I recall Don Mills being interviewed by Ted Landreth for a BBC documentary on the MacDonald case. Don Mills told me he should have said more to Mr. Landreth about Gregory Mitchell, but that Mills felt "faithful to Greg".

7. During the period 1980-81, Gregory Mitchell stated to me that he "personally knew MacDonald is innocent, because I was the one that killed the MacDonald family." I did not tell

anyone at the time because Mitchell asked me to keep this a secret so that he could try to get his life together. I promised not to say anything. Later, I became troubled about what Greg had told me and came forward.

8. Approximately six months before Greg Mitchell's death in 1982, he told me that in February, 1970, he was addicted to heroin and that "MacDonald could have helped him". Mitchell thought MacDonald knew an intermediary who could supply Mitchell with methadone, in order to kick hard drugs. Mitchell stated to me that he and his friends went to the MacDonald home on February 17, 1970 to "teach him a lesson" and intended to "whup 'em". Mitchell told me he was high on at least four drugs: (Mescaline, angel dust, PCP and one other) and said that "things got bad" and that "you don't realize what you're doing" when you are so high on drugs. Mitchell told me that Jeff MacDonald being alive was simply "lucky" because the group "didn't know what they were doing" and "didn't mean to kill anyone".

9. Gregory Mitchell told me that he had tried to turn himself in on numerous occasions, and had confessed to a professor at a school he was attending, and a Fayetteville private investigator. I cannot recall the names of the professor or the investigator

10. Gregory Mitchell stated to me that he killed Jeffrey MacDonald's family. His words were "We killed them". Mitchell became aware that he had killed the family, and Jeffrey MacDonald was found alive, after the murders were committed. I am not certain of the date of these final admissions, but believe it was about two weeks before his death. I do know that Gregory Mitchell was aware that he was dying at the time he made the above statements. I told Greg that the doctor thought he might be able to stay alive for at least six more months if he

would stop drinking. He stated to me that he could not quit drinking because of his guilt over the murders he had committed.

11. I have been contacted by the FBI and questioned by them previously. I offered to take any test they had to show that I am telling the truth about Gregory Mitchell's confessions, but they weren't interested in these statements. I was interviewed in by FBI Special Agent Brandon Battle on May 25, 1984.

12. I have given previous signed statements to the defense, via investigator Raymond Shedlick, dating back to the mid-1980's.

13. I am convinced that Gregory Mitchell's statements to me were truthful. I have heard of men going to their graves without confessing to something they did, but I never heard of one making a point of confessing that they did something they actually didn't do.

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Bryant Lane

Signed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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Notary Public

My commission expires\_\_\_\_\_.