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STATE OF LOUISIANA §
PARISH OF ORLEANS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, personally came and appeared:

PHILLIP JOBE, DOB: 4/11/90 who after being duly sworn did depose

and state the following:

1. My name is Phillip Jobe. I am 25 years old. I graduated Tulane University in 2012. I am an investigator at the Orleans Public Defenders office. I began working at the Orleans Public Defenders in July 2012.
2. Right now, I have over 50 cases. In 17 of these cases, the clients are facing sentences of Life Without Parole, or LWOP. 15 of my cases are set for trial in the next 2 months. 5 of these are LWOP cases. I still have about 5 investigation tasks to complete for each of these 5 LWOP cases. In one of these LWOP cases, set for trial soon, there were dozens of alleged witnesses to the incident. I have spoken to about 20 of them but dozens remain. There are three more crucial witnesses in that case that I need to find and speak with before trial. I am also arranging for a firearms expert to testify, which will require coordinating his travel, photographing evidence to send to him, and setting him up with everything he needs to prepare his testimony. There is no way I will be able to speak to all the witnesses I need to about what happened. Even trying to do that will mean I don't get to work on any of my other many cases while I am focusing on this case.
3. On non-LWOP cases, I often don't even have time to speak with the complaining witness in a case, who is often the state's star witness. Many cases have been on my case log for months and I haven't touched them because I need to prioritize LWOP cases with upcoming trial dates. They are just a name on a spreadsheet. I triage my cases, and my LWOP cases always take priority.
4. The most common task I have as an investigator is locating and speaking with witnesses. Many of the witnesses in our cases move frequently and are hard to track down. I often have go to multiple addresses and try multiple times before locating a witness. Even locating a single witness is time consuming; with all my cases combined, I am responsible for trying to locate over one hundred. This is also true for serving subpoenas,

which is another major part of my job. Serving a single subpoena on a person can require multiple attempts at multiple addresses.

5. In addition to taking witness statements, each case I get usually requires at least three more complex tasks. These include acquiring records, researching criminal backgrounds, social media research, visiting crime scenes, viewing evidence, and occasionally helping the attorneys in obtaining expert witnesses. These tasks can often be very time consuming because they require dealing with institutional bureaucracies and lots of follow ups in order to get results.
6. Sometimes I have to go out of state to try to locate witnesses. I currently have several out-of-state tasks in different cases. To go out of state, I need to submit funding requests to a supervisor and arrange travel. When I am out of state investigating, I cannot do investigation on other cases.
7. In non-LWOP cases, I don't start any investigation until the charges are accepted, which means those clients may wait in jail for months before I am able to even look into the facts of their cases. If the client has bonded out, it generally takes even longer for me to start looking into their cases. I am often still doing investigation on a case when the trial has already started.
8. The simple volume of cases I am responsible for investigating is overwhelming. Each case is unique, even "simple" cases are always unique in their own way. For each case, to investigate it well, would require a lot of focus and attention to the specific details of the case. Because of my caseload, this is just impossible to provide in a lot of cases. I work 9 hour days and 50 hour weeks and still feel like I'm not coming close to accomplishing what I need to on most of my cases.

That these statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



PHILLIP JOBE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME, NOTARY, THIS 20 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015.



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