

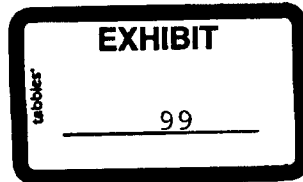
STATE OF WISCONSIN : CIRCUIT COURT : MANITOWOC COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	Case No. 05-CF-381
v.)	
)	Honorable Judge Angela Sutkiewicz,
STEVEN A. AVERY,)	Judge Presiding
)	
Defendant.)	
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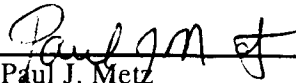
Now comes your affiant, Paul J. Metz, and under oath hereby states as follows:

1. My date of birth is 10/23/1957.
2. I am of legal majority and can truthfully and competently testify to the matters contained herein based upon my personal knowledge. The factual statements herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I am of sound mind and I have not ingested any alcohol that would impair my memory of the facts stated in this affidavit.
3. Prior to having heart problems, I worked as a commercial electrician and was a volunteer firefighter.
4. Around dusk on October 31, 2005, I heard a loud buzzing sound that reminded me of electrical wires pulsating. I then smelled what I thought was insulation burning. I initially thought that the high-power tension wires that run just south of my property were overloading, causing the buzzing sound and the bad odor.



5. I did not confuse the smell with that of a burning body. I know what a burning body smells like from my time as a volunteer firefighter.
6. I was interviewed by officers from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department ("MCSD"). I did not initiate contact with MCSD and I do not know how MCSD learned about this incident. During the interview, I would not have describe the sound I had heard as a "whoosh." Rather, it was a buzzing sound. I did not tell officers from MCSD that the sound reminded me of instances when I poured gasoline or other highly volatile substances on a fire.
7. I did not tell anyone that I thought the smell was coming from the south or from the vicinity of the Avery property off of Highway 147.
8. Nothing has been promised or given to me in exchange for this affidavit.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT



Paul J. Metz

Subscribed and sworn before me
this 21st day of April, 2017.



Notary Public

My commission expires:
2/24/2020