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# State of Utopia v. Quinn Penner



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#### State of Utopia v. Quinn Penner

#### **BRIEF CASE SUMMARY:**

Detective Quinn Penner was a veteran member of the Utopia City Police Department. On May 24, 2013, Detective Penner encountered Orson Hayes, a repeat criminal offender and suspected drug dealer. Penner thwarted Hayes's attempt to rob a bank, but ultimately Hayes escaped arrest. The following evening, Orson Hayes was shot and killed in the alley of a local bar. According to eyewitness testimony from the victim's cousin, Lee Hayes, Quinn Penner was the murderer. Evidence analyzed by forensic specialist Kris Vinson supports Hayes's claim, and Penner's friend Jamie Spalding confirms that Penner was in the vicinity on the night of the murder and had opportunity to commit the crime. Quinn Penner claims innocence, and Police Officer and eyewitness Andy Hodges supports Penner's story. Testimony from Sam Maddox indicates that a third party may have been responsible for the victim's demise.

#### **STIPULATIONS:**

- 1. All exhibits included in the case materials are authentic and accurate. No objections to the authenticity of exhibits will be honored.
  - 2. All exhibits, if offered with sufficient foundation, shall be admitted.
- 3. All signatures on witness affidavits and other documents are authentic. If asked, a witness must acknowledge signing the document(s) and must attest to the content of the documents(s) and the date(s) indicated therein. The witness affidavits are deemed to be given under oath or affirmation.
  - 4. Neither the prosecution nor the defense can ask any witness to demonstrate how Quinn Penner runs.

#### WITNESSES:

#### Prosecution

Lee Hayes (Victim's cousin) Kris Vinson (Forensic Specialist, Utopia City Police Department) Jamie Spalding (Gym owner)

#### Defense

Quinn Penner (Detective/Defendant)
Andy Hodges (Police Officer, Utopia City Police Department)
Sam Maddox (Utopia Zoo employee)

- 1. State's Offer on a Plea of Guilty
- 2. Text Messages on Cellular Phone found on Decedent
- 3. Map of Downtown Utopia City
- 4. Ballistics Photos
- 5. Fingerprint Evidence
- 6. Curriculum Vitae of Kris Vinson
- 7. Receipt from Rubicon Sports Bar
- 8. Disciplinary Report
- 9. Text Messages on Cellular Phone from bank

### **State of Utopia**

#### **Circuit Court**

CRIMINAL ACTION DOCKET NO. CR-09-2013

ST. THOMAS MORE COUN	DOCKET NO. CR-09-2013
STATE OF UTOPIA	) INDICTMENT FOR VIOLATION ) OF U.P.C. Sec 6.2
V.	) MURDER )
QUINN PENNER	)
On May 25, 2013, in St.	DES HEREBY CHARGE:  Thomas More County, State of Utopia, Quinn Penner did
by shooting him in viola	r, or extremely recklessly kill Orson Hayes, a human being, tion of U.P.C. Sec. 6.2.
A TR	RUE BILL OF INDICTMENT
	S. J. "Max" Farber
Fore	person of the Grand Jury, St. Thomas More County, Utopia
	July 15, 2013
	Date

#### UTOPIA PENAL CODE

(Selected Provisions)

#### PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### **Article 2. General Principles of Liability**

#### SECTION 2.01. General Requirements of Culpability

- (1) *Minimum Requirements of Culpability*. A person is not guilty of an offense unless he acted purposefully, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently, as the law may require, with respect to each material element of the offense.
- (2) Kinds of Culpability Defined.
  - (a) *Purposefully*. A person acts purposefully with respect to a material element of an offense when, if the element involves the nature of his conduct or a result thereof, it is his conscious objective to engage in conduct of that nature or to cause such a result.
  - (b) *Knowingly*. A person acts knowingly with respect to a material element of an offense when, if the element involves the nature of his conduct or is the result thereof, he is aware that his conduct is of that nature or that it is practically certain that his conduct will cause such a result.
  - (c) *Recklessly*. A person acts recklessly with respect to a material element of an offense when he consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the material element exists or will result from his conduct.
  - (d) Negligently. Omitted.

## PART II. DEFINITION OF SPECIFIC CRIMES OFFENSES INVOLVING DANGER TO THE PERSON

#### Article 2. Principals and Accessories

#### SECTION 2.2. Accessory before the fact punishable as principal felon

- (a) All distinctions between accessories before the fact and principals to the commission of a felony are abolished. Every person who heretofore would have been guilty as an accessory before the fact to any felony shall be guilty and punishable as a principal to that felony.
- (b) If any person shall become an accessory after the fact to any felony, such person shall be guilty of a crime. That person shall be punished for an offense that is two classes lower than the felony the principal felon committed.

#### Article 6. Criminal Homicide

#### SECTION 6.1. Criminal Homicide

- (a) A person is guilty of criminal homicide if he purposefully, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently causes the death of another human being.
- (b) Criminal homicide is murder, manslaughter, or negligent homicide.

#### SECTION 6.2. Murder

- (a) Criminal homicide constitutes murder when it is committed purposely or knowingly, or committed recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life.
- (b) Murder is a Class A felony.

#### **Article 14. Assaults**

#### SECTION 14.1. Simple Assault

- (a) A person is guilty of simply assault if s/he either:
  - (1) Attempts to commit a violent injury to the person of another; or
  - (2) Commits an act that places another in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury.
- (b) A person who commits the offense of simple assault shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### SECTION 14.4. Assault With a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury

- (a) Any person who assaults another person with a deadly weapon and inflicts serious bodily injury shall be punished as a Class E felon.
- (b) "Serious bodily injury" is defined as bodily injury that creates substantial risk of death, or that causes serious permanent disfigurement, coma, a permanent or protracted condition that causes extreme pain, or that results in prolonged hospitalization.

#### **Article 17. Robbery**

#### SECTION 17.1. Robbery with Firearms or other dangerous weapons

(a) Any person who, while possessing, using or threatening to use any firearm or other dangerous weapon that endangers the life of a person, unlawfully takes or attempts to take personal property from another or from any place of business, residence, or banking institution at any time, or who aids or abets any such person in the commission of such crime, shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

#### RELEVANT CASE LAW

#### Widenhouse v. State, Utopia Supreme Court, 1921

In a criminal case, the burden of proof is beyond a reasonable doubt with respect to each and every element of the offense(s) alleged. This burden is solely on the State and never shifts to the defendant.

#### Britton v. Manger, Utopia Supreme Court, 1976

In all trials, finders of fact may rely on both direct and circumstantial evidence. Direct evidence is testimony by a witness about what the witness personally did, saw, or heard. Circumstantial evidence is indirect evidence from which the fact finder may infer that another fact is true. Neither type of evidence should be given categorically more weight than the other.

#### Blocker v. State, Utopia Supreme Court, 1981

The State's burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt applies to each and every element of the crime charged, although not to each individual evidentiary or incidental fact. Where, however, the State relies in whole or in part on circumstantial evidence to prove an element of the crime, although each link in the chain of evidence need not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, the cumulative impact of the evidence must convince the finder of fact beyond a reasonable doubt that the element has been proven.

#### Parker v. Mahoney, Utopia Supreme Court, 1984

The fact finder must determine the credibility of each witness's testimony. A fact finder, whether jury or judge, may choose to credit all, some, or none of a witness's testimony. At all times the finder of fact may consider the witness's interest in the outcome of the case.

#### State v. Nichols, Utopia Supreme Court, 1997

The Utopia Supreme Court rejected the position of other jurisdictions that "beyond a reasonable doubt" should not be further defined and approved the following pattern language for jury instructions:

The term "reasonable doubt" means a doubt based upon reason and common sense. It is a doubt for which a reason can be given, arising from a fair and rational consideration of the evidence or lack thereof. It means such a doubt as would cause a person of ordinary prudence to pause or hesitate when called upon to act in the most important affairs of life. It is not a doubt based on mere speculation or one which arises out of sympathy or a fear to return a verdict of guilty.

#### State v. Koeltzow, Utopia Supreme Court, 2013

As the State of Utopia does not provide for rebuttal witnesses, in all criminal homicide cases the Court shall presume that the defendant has put both his character and the victim's character at issue. Thus, the State is allowed to provide evidence to attack the defendant's character or bolster the victim's character in the State's case-in-chief or during cross examination.

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF LEE HAYES**

1	After being duly sworn upon oath, Lee Hayes hereby deposes and states as follows:
2	My name is Lee Hayes and I was born May 20, 1990. Since 1996 I have lived at 472
3	South Road in Utopia City, Utopia. My parents are both journalists who work for National
4	Geographic. They married after they met on safari in Africa. They're pretty famous and move
5	frequently for their jobs. When I was little they brought me along with them, but when I got to be
6	school age, they wanted me to have a more stable home life. So my aunt and uncle have taken
7	care of me since I was six.
8	My aunt and uncle are in the restaurant business. After years of working for others, in
9	2002 they finally bought a place of their own: the popular local hangout "Shiny Diner."
10	Unfortunately, as owners they work crazy hours and aren't home much. The best part of living
11	with them was growing up with my cousin Orson, who was three years older than me. Neither of
12	us had siblings, so Orson basically became my older brother. When I used to get bullied at
13	school because my parents "abandoned" me, Orson would beat up the kids responsible. He got
14	suspended a few times because of that.
15	After Orson graduated high school in 2005, he did not have any concrete plans. Instead of
16	attending college or settling on a career, he fell into a bad crowd. He moved out of the house
17	because he didn't like being hassled by my aunt and uncle. For a while he worked part-time as a
18	dishwasher at a bar, and he didn't listen when I urged him to go back to school.
19	I only rarely saw my parents as I got older. I guess those early adventures influenced me,
20	though, because I've always wanted to be a photojournalist and travel the world, too.
21	Unfortunately, even with my family connections, that's easier said than done, as I found out
22	when I graduated from Utopia University in May 2012 with a photojournalism degree. I had
23	never bothered to apply for internships because I thought for sure I could get a job with National
24	Geographic. But the people in charge of hiring wouldn't even take my call. So I bombarded
25	every newspaper and news magazine in the country with my resumes, but no one was interested.
26	Meanwhile, Orson seemed to be doing okay even without a college degree. We didn't see
27	each other much after he moved out; but starting in 2007, whenever I talked to him, he always
28	seemed to have plenty of cash. When I asked how he got it, he wouldn't answer. Yet if I needed

money to buy expensive cameras or photography equipment for college, he somehow knew

about it and would give me what I needed. I finally quit asking him where the money came from.

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By October of 2012, having failed in my job search and facing student loan repayments, I called Orson up and pressured him to tell me how he had so much money. That's when he told me to meet him at Paradise Pub the next afternoon and he'd let me in on his secret.

Paradise Pub isn't exactly a family place; it's more like a "dive" filled with rough-looking dudes. Many of them seemed to know Orson. We shared nachos in a corner booth; then, when no one was nearby, Orson leaned forward and said, "Well, college boy, guess we never thought you'd be asking me for advice about money, did we? As you can see, I'm well respected around here. That's because this whole part of town is my territory. You could say I'm a midlevel manager." Then he laughed. I was confused, and I said so. That's when I found out that Orson made his money by running a network of drug dealers. He said he also made money gambling on sports because he was pretty good at it, but his real income came from drugs. He offered me a chance to work with him "until you find something else. You're so clean-cut, no one will ever suspect you. Maybe you can help me expand into Utopia University, too." With no other options, I reluctantly agreed. Orson said he'd make sure I had an easy territory with no chance of getting hurt. "I'll take care of you like I always have."

Even though I agreed, I was pretty scared. I'd always stayed far away from drugs in high school and college, and I hated to be involved with them in any way. Orson was not just dealing in marijuana. He was also involved with selling and recruiting others to sell methamphetamine. Within the first few weeks I managed to sell some marijuana at UU, but I was so unsure of myself that I wasn't very good at it. Orson eventually gave up and said he'd use me in other ways, as his "go-fer" and driver when he had runs to make. I felt better about that and could almost make myself believe that I wasn't doing anything wrong. And Orson paid me a ridiculous amount of money to help him, which eased the pressure of my student loans.

But on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2013 everything went horribly wrong. The date is burned into my memory because it was a few days after my birthday. Orson called me up around 8 a.m. and said he needed help with a problem. He didn't tell me details besides the fact I would be driving. Soon he pulled up in his car and told me to take the wheel. Next thing I knew, Orson told me to park across the street from a bank downtown, and to keep the engine running. I was a little surprised by the request, but I figured he needed to make a quick deposit or something. While I was waiting in the car, I saw a police officer walking down the sidewalk toward the bank. It made me a bit nervous to see him/her. I didn't have any idea what was about to occur, but Orson

had been arrested a few times, so we tried to keep away from cops as a general rule. I hadn't seen the cop before, but I know now that s/he was Detective Penner.

 The cop strolled into the bank. I had my windows down because it was such a nice day, and next thing I knew, I heard shouting, then several rapid gun shots, then Orson came bolting out of the bank. He leaped in the car and told me to floor it. I hit the gas and looked in the rear view mirror, and I saw Detective Penner dash out of the bank and sprint toward our car, pointing his/her weapon toward us. I remember being surprised both by how fast Penner could move, as well as by the odd, jerky way in which s/he ran. With my photojournalism training, I pay attention to unusual scenes and movements, and Detective Penner's motions were very distinctive. Fortunately for us, Penner must have decided it was too dangerous to shoot at us because of all the people nearby, and we got away cleanly.

Orson told me to take him to a friend's house and to ditch the car, which I did. I left it in a parking lot near the mall, removed the license plate, used a cloth to wipe my prints off everything, and then caught a bus home. When I heard on the news that a college student had been shot in the bank and was in critical condition, I almost called the cops to turn Orson in. I mean, selling drugs to willing customers is one thing, but shooting innocent bystanders in a bank is totally different. Yet I was afraid I'd be charged, too; and since the police hadn't come to get me, I figured maybe I'd just lay low.

The next evening Orson called and asked me to meet him again at Paradise Pub. I didn't recognize the phone number when it popped up on my "caller ID" because it was different than his usual number. When I mentioned it, Orson said he'd lost his phone during the robbery and was using a prepaid phone. He said he needed to skip town for a while and wanted to talk with me before he left. He told me to get to the bar by 10:30 p.m.

When I arrived, Orson was watching the NBA playoffs on the big screen TV. The Miami Heat was playing the Utopia Thunderbolts, and I suspected Orson had a lot of money riding on that game. Orson told me he'd recently lost a large amount of money gambling, and he didn't have the cash to pay his drug bosses. That's why he'd taken the extreme step of trying to rob the bank, before his bosses lost patience and "made an example out of him." I'd never seen Orson look so stressed, and several times during the game, he checked his phone for texts. When the Heat beat the Thunderbolts in a last-ditch rally, Orson moaned and said, "Now I'm done for." Then he told me he needed to go outside for some fresh air.

By that time, it was almost midnight. But instead of going to the front of the bar, Orson went out the tiny side door to the alley. I wanted to make sure he was okay, so I waited a moment and followed him outside. I heard Orson exclaim, "What are you doing here!?" I leaned against the dumpster and tried to listen, although they were talking pretty quietly. At first I couldn't see very well because there were no lights in the alley. But it was a full moon that night; so after my eyes adjusted to the darkness, I could see better. Twenty feet away from me, a person the same height and build of Detective Penner was standing opposite of Orson, with his/her right hand on the alley wall. His/her left arm was raised towards Orson, and it looked like s/he was holding a large handgun. Then Orson begged loudly, "please don't do this." The figure said "You brought this on yourself, and it's time you get what's coming to you. No more getting away with stuff. I'm going to make an example of you." I'm not familiar with Detective Penner's voice, so I couldn't identify the person by sound, even if I heard that person again today. Orson lunged at the figure and tried to grab his/her left arm, but the person blocked Orson with his/her right arm and immediately fired several shots. Orson clutched his side and fell to the ground, and the figure ran away, dropping something as s/he went. I rushed over to Orson and tried to stop the flow of blood, yelling "Call 911!"

A security guard from the bar across the street ran over to me. I grabbed his/her arm and tried to tell him/her to chase the shooter, but the shooter had already disappeared. The security guard said s/he was an off-duty police officer, Officer Hodges. S/he quickly called an ambulance and then asked if I'd seen or heard what happened. I told him/her about seeing the person leaning on the wall before shooting Orson, and that the shooter dropped something as s/he fled. Hodges searched the area and identified a cigarette pack in the spot where I'd seen an object fall.

The paramedics arrived shortly afterward, and I rode with Orson to the hospital. The paramedics kept telling me everything was going to be okay, but Orson died before the doctors could help him. By that time, Officer Hodges had come to the hospital along with several other cops. Before I could even grasp what was happening, they started asking me questions. Officer Hodges asked me if I knew who shot my cousin. I was so stunned by all that had occurred, I could hardly think. I couldn't even tell the officers about the shooter's gender or race.

The next morning, I was taken to the police station. The same cop, Officer Hodges, had more questions for me. We were sitting in an interrogation room with windows that looked out on the main part of the station. After a few minutes Detective Penner walked by the window, and

I was shocked to realize that Penner was the shooter! When I told that to Officer Hodges, s/he looked angry and told me I was crazy, but the other officer in the interrogation room started writing down my statement right away.

I thought I'd be free to go after I gave my statement. But before I could finish telling all that I knew, Officer Hodges interrupted and started interrogating me about the bank robbery. Apparently a security camera had caught my image on video and they had connected me to the attempted robbery. I stopped talking until I could get a lawyer.

Even though I only drove Orson to and from the bank and didn't know what he was planning, I was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, and robbery with firearms. For my testimony against Detective Penner, the state has agreed to reduce my crimes to simple assault and accessory after the fact to robbery with firearms. The state also has agreed to recommend a maximum sentence of 13 months, to be served after I testify. I have been in the St. Thomas More County jail since then.

Even if I hadn't been offered a plea, I would still testify so justice can be served. I'm convinced that Penner is responsible for Orson's murder, although I'll admit I'm not 100% sure because it was difficult to see that night. But the person in the alley was exactly the same size as Detective Penner, and the person ran exactly the same way as Detective Penner ran when s/he dashed out of the bank: fast, and with jerky, unusual motions. I've never seen anyone else run like that. What Orson did was wrong, but he didn't deserve to be shot down like a dog in the alley by a crazy cop.

Of the available exhibits I am familiar with the following and only the following: Exhibits 1 and 3. Exhibit 1 is my guilty plea and plea deal. Exhibit 3 is the map of downtown that shows Paradise Pub.

I hereby attest to having read the above statement and swear or affirm it to be my own. I also swear or affirm to the truthfulness of its content. Before giving this statement, I was told it should contain everything I knew that may be relevant to my testimony and I followed those instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit if anything new occurs to me until the moment before opening statements begin in this case.

152	Elizabeth Eckhardt	<u>Lee</u> Hayes
153	Elizabeth Eckhardt, Notary Public	Lee Hayes

#### AFFIDAVIT OF KRIS VINSON

1 After being duly sworn upon oath, Kris Vinson hereby deposes and states as follows:

My name is Kris Vinson and I live outside Utopia City. I am a forensic specialist at the Utopia City Police Department. I studied chemistry at Julian College in Rome, New Caesarea because I was originally planning to attend medical school, but I was bitten by the CSI bug and decided to pursue forensics instead. I attended the University of New Caesarea to earn my masters in forensic science. Because of my excellent grades, I was chosen for a fantastic summer internship with NCIS near D.C.; I even had a chance to co-author a paper for the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* with two of the NCIS agents. I graduated from the master's program in December of 2002, and after a brief training period, I started working as an assistant forensic specialist at the Rome Police Department in March of 2003. In March of 2013 I moved to Utopia City and began working in my present position. My job is nothing like the television shows. I do no crime scene investigation. Instead I stay in the lab analyzing evidence collected from crime scenes by others. Most of the cases I've analyzed have been resolved by plea deals before going to trial. I have testified in court in four previous cases ranging from kidnapping to armed robbery, but this is my first time testifying in a murder trial.

I spend most of my time in the lab, so I don't interact with many people at the department besides the other CSI staff. I had worked at the Utopia City PD for several weeks before I even saw Detective Penner. But I had heard about him/her before we met. Most of my coworkers had great things to say about Penner. In 2003 Penner had won an award for his/her excellent work, and it wasn't just a fluke. I was told that Penner was responsible for more convictions than any other detective in each of the previous three years. Yet several officers didn't seem to be as enthusiastic, especially Officer Cochran. My coworkers told me Cochran was jealous because Penner was promoted over Cochran, even though Cochran had been with the police force longer.

My first impression of Detective Penner was less positive than his/her record would suggest. I specifically remember that day because I was geeking out over the delivery of our new mass spectrometer, and I came in to work early on Monday to check it out. The officers were all in a buzz because a repeat offender named Orson Hayes had been shot and killed on Saturday night. I'd heard that Detective Penner often generated good case leads right away, and when Detective Penner entered the station in the middle of the discussion, the chief asked Penner who s/he thought might have murdered Hayes. Penner seemed kind of jumpy; s/he blurted out "I have

no idea," and s/he turned abruptly and left the room.

From that point on, I didn't have any further interactions with Detective Penner until I was officially put on the Orson Hayes case. Even though I had been hired by the Utopia City Police Department because of my outstanding work in New Caesarea, I was a bit surprised to be named the lead forensic specialist on a big murder case so soon after joining the UCPD. But when I was told that Penner had been identified as the shooter by an eyewitness, it made sense to me: my lack of personal connections to Penner would be an asset to the investigation. I have always been a facts person. I rely on evidence to draw inferences and conclusions. And after completing my investigation, the facts reinforce my gut feeling that Penner is guilty.

From Day One on the case I was swamped. The investigators and technicians delivered a box full of evidence and left it to me to sort everything out. First I analyzed DNA samples. DNA is a biological molecule present in every cell in the body with the exception of red blood cells, and each person's DNA is unique (unless they are an identical twin). Every police officer in Utopia City must give a DNA reference sample when they begin employment. I compared the DNA sample from Detective Penner to a swab taken from under the victim's nails.

I was able to complete a Short Tandem Repeat ("STR") analysis without incident. In this type of test, we examine 15 specific locations ("loci") on a DNA sample. At those locations, short segments of DNA repeat a specific number of times that varies among individuals. At each locus or marker, a person will have two "alleles" (genetic variants), one allele from each parent. Each person's pattern of alleles at these 15 locations is almost always unique. In addition to the 15 markers, the test also contains a special marker which is used to determine the person's gender.

The STR test produces a computer-generated graph called an "electropherogram" that uses "peaks" to represent the alleles. In forensic tests, we compare the electropherogram from the evidence with electropherograms from reference DNA samples taken from possible suspects who might have contributed DNA to the crime scene sample. If the electropherograms match, we can calculate the random match probability (RMP). The RMP tells us the probability that a randomly chosen, unrelated person would happen to have the same DNA profile as the evidence sample.

As expected, the evidence sample contained a mix of DNA from two individuals: Orson Hayes himself, and the unknown person whose DNA was found under Hayes's fingernails. Detective Penner's DNA sample was the same gender as the evidence sample, and it was identical to the unknown person's DNA in the evidence sample at 13 out of 15 markers. The

other alleles were missing, or "dropped," from the evidence sample as sometimes happens when the sample is amplified to conduct the test. I calculate that the RMP for this sample is one in one billion, which means that the chance of a random person's DNA matching the unknown person's DNA profile is only one in one billion.

 Now, I will admit that, with any DNA technique, jurors should not rely on DNA evidence alone if other factors raise doubt, because sometimes contamination of samples can occur. I did not collect the DNA evidence for this case myself, so I cannot say with 100% certainty that no cross-contamination took place. But from all that I have seen, the Utopia City crime scene investigators are well-trained and very careful to prevent any such problems.

In any case, I followed the standard procedure for a DNA test and it was successful. The samples from Penner and the foreign skin cells collected from the victim were a match. Usually this scenario happens when the victim scratches the attacker in a struggle. Unfortunately I have no context for how or when such a struggled occurred. It could be from the time of the murder or earlier. But given that I have complete confidence in our crime scene investigators, I am certain that Penner did have a violent encounter with the victim at some point before the victim's death.

Next, I examined the cigarette pack found at the scene where the fleeing criminal dropped an item. I first tested the pack for fingerprints, but no prints were complete enough for a usable result. I then tested the pack for DNA and again had a match for Penner. Dozens of cigarettes were found in the alley, but I did not test them against Penner or any other potential criminal in our own database or in the local, state, or federal levels of the national CODIS DNA database.

Unfortunately, I cannot determine exactly when Penner dropped the cigarette pack. A DNA match can link a person to an item found at a scene but cannot prove exactly when the person was there. So if a person claims they were at a crime scene for a different reason, the DNA evidence alone is not sufficient to prove they committed the crime. But I do know that at some point, Penner dropped a cigarette pack in the vicinity of the crime scene, and it had to be close to the timeframe of May 25, 2013. Otherwise I would have been unable to extract DNA from the cigarette pack because the DNA would have degenerated too much to be analyzed.

The detectives lifted a clear latent fingerprint from the alley wall where the victim's cousin said s/he saw the shooter leaning right before the murder. Fingerprint analysis involves comparing the structure and characteristics of the ridge patterns (or "minutia") between two sample prints, including the spacing, location, shape, and number of ridges. These ridge patterns are unique; even

identical twins do not have identical fingerprints.

I was able to match 12 different points on the latent print from the alley wall with the same points on Detective Penner's fingerprint, which qualifies as a match in the state of Utopia. Given how many people use that well-traveled alley on a regular basis, and the excellent definition of the fingerprint, I concluded that it was deposited within a few days of the murder.

I must admit that questions have been raised recently about the validity of fingerprint analysis, claiming that analysts can be biased or inconsistent in their findings. Yet my results have never been challenged, and I pride myself on my objectivity in this case. Fingerprint analysis is still heavily used as a reliable method in Utopia and other police departments around the country. Still, it is wise not to rely solely upon fingerprint analysis for a criminal conviction.

Next, I examined the bullet taken from the victim. I determined that the bullet, a .357 Magnum, came from a Colt Python with a 6-inch barrel. Normally Colt Pythons are pretty rare, sort of a collector's item, because they are no longer manufactured. They're also large, nearly a foot long including the barrel and handgrip. But the police chief told me that one of the local drug gangs uses them when enforcing gang "justice" against those who cross the gang in some way. Evidently they think it's cool to use Pythons to keep people in line.

In fact, to do a test firing for ballistics analysis, I used three Pythons that we had in the evidence locker from a raid on the gang. The chain-of-evidence sign-in sheet said that we were supposed to have four Pythons, but one seemed to be missing. Of course, Detective Penner had access to the evidence locker and could have taken one to commit the crime. The murder weapon itself has never been found. The department investigated to determine what happened to the missing Python, but the investigation never turned up any plausible alternatives. If Detective Penner didn't take it, I have no idea what happened to it.

I also examined a black leather "fanny pack" found in a trash can near Spaulding's Gym, two blocks from the crime. It was large enough to hold a Colt Python—over 14 inches long in all. Unfortunately I was unable to obtain any usable fingerprints from the case as it was wiped clean, which was rather unusual.

A disposable cell phone recovered on the victim's body contained several text messages that Orson had received right before he was killed. The texts had been sent using an unlisted number. They seemed to indicate a meeting had been arranged between Orson and a person trying to collect on a debt Orson owed. This evidence did not fit with the physical evidence

implicating Detective Penner, which caused me some concern. But just as I was wrapping up my investigation, Officer Cochran brought me the cell phone that Orson Hayes dropped and Penner recovered at the scene of Orson's attempted bank robbery on May 24. While most of the texts were unremarkable, one message stood out. It had been sent at 11:00 pm on May 23 and later deleted, but I was able to recover it. The message said "Meet me at Paradise Pub on Saturday at quarter to midnight. Bring what you owe me, or you'll be sorry." The message also was sent using an unlisted throwaway one-time use cell phone. I was unable to determine whether the text had been deleted by Orson immediately before the attempted bank robbery, or by Detective Penner before s/he put the phone into the evidence locker.

Overall, the evidence indicates that Penner had a violent altercation with the victim in which the victim scratched Penner. Penner was almost certainly in the alley around the period when the murder occurred as revealed by the fingerprint on the alley wall and the dropped cigarette pack. Because of the bank cell phone text, Penner had opportunity to know that Orson Hayes would be at Paradise Pub around the time that Orson was murdered. While I cannot conclusively tie Penner to the bullet that killed Hayes, Penner had access to the type of gun that was used in the murder, since such a gun is missing from the evidence locker. When considered as a whole, these facts, along with Penner's unusual behavior, are enough to convince me that Detective Penner committed the murder of Orson Hayes.

Of the available exhibits I am familiar with the following and only the following: Exhibits 2, 4, 5, 6, and 9. Exhibit 2 is the transcript of the text messages on the disposable cell phone found on the deceased. Exhibit 4 shows the photographs from my ballistics report, and Exhibit 5 shows the fingerprints obtained at the scene. Exhibit 6 is my Curriculum Vitae, and Exhibit 9 is the transcript of the text messages I recovered from the phone that Detective Penner brought to the station after the deceased's attempted bank robbery.

I hereby attest to having read the above statement and swear or affirm it to be my own. I also swear or affirm to the truthfulness of its content. Before giving this statement, I was told it should contain everything I knew that may be relevant to my testimony and I followed those instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit if anything new occurs to me until the moment before opening statements begin in this case.

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Brandy Jo Wilson, Notary Public

Kris Vinson

#### AFFIDAVIT OF JAMIE SPALDING

2	My name is Jamie Spalding. I was born in New York and spent my childhood there.
3	When I was four years old, my parents enrolled me in tumbling lessons. To my teacher's
4	amazement and my parents' delight, I was a natural. After years of grueling training in
5	gymnastics, I entered the 1996 Olympics where I won a bronze medal. Unfortunately, my
6	athletic journey ended when I sustained a serious concussion in 1999. Because it's not a contact
7	sport, most people don't realize that you can become seriously injured doing gymnastics. I was
8	one of those people. Due to my injuries, pressures from my parents, and my waning interest in
9	the Olympics, I quit competitive gymnastics.
10	I spent some time in New Caesarea receiving treatment by renowned concussion expert

After being duly sworn upon oath, Jamie Spalding hereby deposes and states as follows:

I spent some time in New Caesarea receiving treatment by renowned concussion expert Dr. Bevin Register. Although Dr. Register was able to help me a lot, I still have some lingering problems with short-term memory loss. That's one reason I don't drive without a friend in the car; I get lost too easily, even with a GPS. It's just easier to depend on friends to help direct me or to call a cab.

In 2006, I decided to put my knowledge of gymnastics to use and opened my own gymone which is unconventional, to say the least. To attract both adults and kids, I teach a blend of parkour and gymnastics. Parkour is a noncompetitive discipline, also known as freerunning, which involves acrobatics and movement over obstacles. A lot of college students come to the gym because they think parkour is cool, but I even have doctors, lawyers, and businessmen as members. I think they like pretending to be special agents or something.

I first met Quinn Penner in 2011 when s/he joined my gym. Quinn was so friendly and polite, we really hit it off. We started going out after workouts to have a drink or watch a game. It turned out that we were both fans of the Utopia Thunderbolts basketball team. At first I was surprised when Quinn told me s/he was a police officer. I mean, Quinn is very athletic, but his/her demeanor seemed more like that of a businessperson to me. Of course I knew about Penner Enterprises, the huge computer software company founded by Quinn's family, and I originally figured Quinn must work with computers.

But when Quinn told me that s/he was a police detective, I could see how that made sense, too. Quinn clearly loves his/her job; s/he often talks about how s/he feels the work is important because it gets criminals off the street and keeps "ordinary citizens" safer. Quinn said

parkour was really helpful for his/her job because it made it easier to catch the "perps." Of course, just as with any other cop I've known, Quinn got upset when lawyers would get the criminals off on a technicality. Yet the intensity of Quinn's emotions when one of the criminals got off "scot-free" seemed out of proportion to me on occasion, at least until I found out the reason behind Quinn's passion. One night when we were out at a bar and Quinn was ranting about a drug dealer who had just gotten a plea deal, I asked why s/he was so worked up about it. That's when Quinn told me that back in college, Quinn's roommate was an innocent bystander who was shot and killed during a drive-by gang shooting. The shooter got off when he turned state's evidence on another gang member, and Quinn was outraged by the injustice of it. In fact, that event prompted Quinn to change his/her major from a Business degree to Criminal Justice.

Quinn was sometimes busy with investigations, so his/her attendance at the gym was sporadic. Even so, Quinn was an ideal student. S/he focused on the athletic elements to promote self-mastery and focused on the acrobatics to help apprehend criminals. Quinn could be pretty intense during workouts and sometimes got upset if s/he didn't learn a new skill right away. I told him/her to relax and not stress, but Quinn would glare at me and say "I need to get this right so I can get those scum off the street." It's almost like Quinn could be two different people: really easy-going most of the time, and then, wham! This intense, almost scary persona would pop out of nowhere. Some of the other gym members even commented on it to me after they observed Quinn's demeanor at the gym on such occasions.

But I never ended the friendship or voiced my concerns to anyone because, I have to admit, being friends with Quinn had its benefits. We don't use computers very often for our gym, but Quinn still gave us free software from Penner Enterprises. S/he even secured some funds for my gym to start a proper advertising campaign. After Quinn's help, our gym's membership doubled! And Quinn made sure that we had extra police patrols on nights that they had awful live bands at Paradise Pub so we didn't have to worry about vandalism from drunken patrons.

Whenever Quinn was available, s/he and I would spend Saturday evenings together. May 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 was a Saturday so, naturally, we had plans to hang out and watch the NBA playoff game. Quinn seemed on edge during the workout, and when I asked if something was wrong, Quinn just said, "I'm just tired of perps getting away with stuff" but wouldn't say any more. After our workout, we went to Rubicon Sports Bar, part of a chain that started in New Caesarea.

Even though Paradise Pub is closer to the gym than Rubicon, it draws a pretty rough crowd that's not much to our liking. We usually go to Rubicon because it has bigger TVs and better food.

Often we walk to Rubicon because it's only a mile away and parking can be difficult, but Quinn insisted on driving that night to save time. In fact, we were still in our workout clothes because we didn't want to take time to change and miss the game. I had to move a large black "fanny pack" out of my way when I got in Quinn's car. I was surprised by how heavy it felt. When we got to Rubicon, Quinn ordered dinner and we both got several drinks, although I had more than Quinn.

I cannot remember the Thunderbolt's opponent in the game, although I remember being disappointed when Utopia lost. Sometime after 11:30 pm, Quinn went outside to smoke. Rubicon has large plate-glass windows, and I saw Quinn open the passenger side door of the car when s/he went outside. I assumed s/he needed to get his/her cigarettes of the car, and I went back to watching the post-game analysis. I'm pretty sure s/he came back inside by midnight. Quinn seemed slightly out of breath, but at the time, I assumed that it was a result of smoking, even though smoking had never affected Quinn that way before. Quinn also seemed kind of sweaty, but it was a muggy night for May, which is one reason I didn't mind driving to Rubicon. Quinn drove me home around 1:00 am. I don't remember seeing the fanny pack in the car during the ride home.

The next day I heard about Orson Hayes' murder on the news, and I remembered that Orson was one of the criminals Quinn had mentioned as "getting away with stuff one time too many." It made me think again about the length of time Quinn was gone from Rubicon's and about Quinn being sweaty and out of breath when s/he came back in. I know Quinn's car didn't move while s/he was outside because I glanced out several times and saw it while Quinn was gone. But I had often heard Quinn brag about how s/he could run a mile faster than any other cop on the force. Given Quinn's great athletic condition and parkour training, Quinn easily could have run to Paradise and back in the twenty-five minutes s/he was outside and away from me.

Ordinarily I never would have thought of such a thing, but when Quinn came to the gym several days after Orson's murder, s/he seemed happier than I'd seen him/her in a long time. When I asked why, Quinn said "It's always great when a perp gets what's coming to them. Sometimes it's nice to see justice served, even if it doesn't happen in a court of law." It gave me

91 the chills, and I decided I'd better come forward and tell the police what I knew. If a cop thinks s/he is above the law, all of us are in danger. 92 93 Of the available exhibits I am familiar with the following and only the following: Exhibits 3 and 7. Exhibit 3 is a map of downtown Utopia City. Exhibit 7 is the receipt from 94 95 Rubicon Sports Bar, which Quinn paid. I hereby attest to having read the above statement and swear or affirm it to be my own. I 96 97 also swear or affirm to the truthfulness of its content. Before giving this statement, I was told it should contain everything I knew that may be relevant to my testimony and I followed those 98 instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit if anything new occurs to 99 me until the moment before opening statements begin in this case. 100 Jamie Spalding
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#### AFFIDAVIT OF QUINN PENNER

1 After being duly sworn upon oath, Quinn Penner hereby deposes and states as follows:

My name is Quinn Penner and I am a lifelong resident of Utopia. I am the first person in my family to work in law enforcement. My grandfather, Jon Penner, started Penner Enterprises, for which my family is known. Penner Enterprises innovates, develops, and sells computer software throughout Midlands, New Caesarea, and Utopia. You would have to travel outside the tri-state area to find someone who doesn't know my family name. My older brother and sister both entered the family business and have been promoted to high positions in the company. My dad urged me to study Organizational Management in college and join Penner Enterprises, too, which I reluctantly agreed to do. As a kid I had always dreamed of being an FBI agent, but I set my dream aside for a more "practical" career.

That all changed when I was a sophomore in college at Utopia University. I was rooming with my best friend from high school; we had joined the same service clubs and played on intramural sports teams together. One evening s/he made a run to a late-night copy center to print flyers for an upcoming event, and on the way back to the dorm, s/he was gunned down in the street by a low-level drug dealer who was trying to kill a rival gang member. S/he died on the way to the hospital. I couldn't believe it. They caught the shooter, but then they let him plead to a lesser charge in return for testifying against one of the gang leaders. Instead of going away for felony murder, the shooter only got 5 years for voluntary manslaughter and was paroled in just two years. I couldn't believe it; my best friend was dead, and the shooter would be released before I would even graduate from college. I changed my major to Criminal Justice and never looked back. My dad was disappointed at first but eventually understood. I'm fortunate that my family has provided emotional and financial support throughout these proceedings, too. They know I would never do anything to embarrass the Penner name.

I graduated cum laude with my degree in Criminal Justice in 2000. Immediately I became a sworn officer at the Utopia City Police Department. I worked on patrol for two years before accepting a position as a vice squad detective. It was quite an honor to earn promotion so soon. Most of my coworkers were glad for me, but Officer Cochran seemed resentful. He's gone out of his way to make disparaging remarks about me at the station. I never did anything to earn that kind of response; I guess he was just jealous about my promotion.

Working vice was exhilarating and challenging work. I always felt like my efforts were making a difference. It seems that my superiors appreciated my hard work and passion because in 2003 I won an award for my service. In fact, I'm known at the station for putting away more criminals than anyone else on the squad. I figured if I worked hard enough, I could get promoted to the Homicide division and maybe be police chief one day. That way I could bring honor to the family name in my own way. After my name is cleared, I still hope to do that somewhere—if not in Utopia, then in Midlands or New Caesarea.

I'll admit I've made a few mistakes along the way. In 2004 I led my first investigation and let the stress get to me. I didn't hurt anyone physically, but I was too intense during an interview and scared a potential witness. The only other time I was reprimanded was in 2007. Two drug informants became hostile and uncooperative during a sting operation and I responded with force. My partner at the time vouched for me and explained how my response was harsh but proportional and appropriate, but my superiors disagreed after listening to Officer Cochran's version of events. Besides those two incidents, I've had a great working relationship with my past partners and Police Chief Skupin.

To help me deal with job stress, I decided to get involved in sports again. Specifically, I started learning basic gymnastics and parkour from former Olympian, Jamie Spalding. Parkour is a great stress-reliever and lots of fun. It involves moving from place to place in the most efficient manner while dealing with obstacles, kind of like James Bond. Jamie and I are both lefties, so s/he's able to show me some cool moves that right-handed trainers can't really demonstrate. Parkour takes a lot of balance and strength, and it comes in really handy when I have to chase down "perps" on the job. It also helps me to excel in the annual physical fitness tests we have to pass as detectives on the force. Some people joke that I "run funny," but last year I came in first out of the whole station in the mile run.

On the vice squad, we focus on apprehending drug dealers and stopping gambling and prostitution. That's how I first encountered Orson Hayes in 2009. My partner and I were working to disrupt the flow of drugs into the county. We started with apprehending dealers and distributors to gain information on the large scale importers. On March 17, we obtained a warrant to search the home of a suspected drug distributor. The suspect wasn't home and we didn't find any drugs, but we did encounter Hayes passed out on the couch. Given Hayes's association with the suspect, we took him in for questioning, but ultimately we released him due

to a lack of evidence. Several months later, I encountered Hayes again when we stopped a car that was weaving on the road. He tested positive for marijuana; we also found small amounts of marijuana in the trunk. He was arrested, but as a first-time offender he got off with a slap on the wrist. In June of 2011, Hayes was arrested selling marijuana downtown, and this time he served 6 months in jail. He seemed to "lay low" for a while but was arrested in October of 2012 for trespassing at the Utopia Zoo after he climbed over the fence to get in. Sam Maddox, the zoo facility manager, told me s/he had seen Orson in April at the zoo, talking to a tall scruffy looking guy in a secluded area and acting suspiciously. When Sam yelled at them and started to approach, Orson managed to scale the fence and escape. The zoo security guard caught the other person when he lost his grip on the fence, and it turned out to be none other than Taylor Malcolm, who had recently lost a civil lawsuit against the zoo for injuries suffered on a tram ride. When the cops searched the area where Taylor and Orson had been meeting, they found several bags of methamphetamine. Taylor refused to implicate Orson in any way, but it seemed pretty clear that Taylor was only the "small fry."

We suspected that Orson was moving up in the local drug gang hierarchy, but we had no solid proof yet. I determined to do all I could to get enough evidence to put him away before anyone got hurt. We tried to insert an undercover cop in the gang but were unsuccessful. And none of our attempts to bribe an informant paid off, either. It became clear that someone high up in the gang, higher than Orson, had really put fear into all of them.

The last time I saw Hayes was on the morning of Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. I had just gotten off of a night shift and decided to stop by the bank on my way home. As I entered the bank, I saw Orson pointing a gun at a bank teller, demanding money be put into a bag. Other customers were cowering against the wall. Surprised, I hesitated for a split-second, just long enough for Orson to turn around and see me. As he started to run, I lunged forward to grab him, yelling "Police! Drop your weapon!" Instead of dropping the gun, he panicked and tried to shoot me, firing three shots in quick succession. I kept dashing forward and tried to grab Orson's gun rather than risk shooting the bank teller, but Orson clawed at my hand, causing me to drop my gun for a second.

During the scuffle Orson dropped his gun, and a cell phone fell out of his pocket. He dashed out of the bank while I grabbed up my gun and ran after him. I saw him jump into a car parked on the street and for a moment I raised my gun to shoot at the car. But too many

pedestrians were on the sidewalk, so I couldn't risk it. Just then I heard someone in the bank yelling that a customer had been shot. I radioed for help as I turned to run back in the bank. To my horror, I saw a college student lying on the ground in a pool of blood. It made me think of my college roommate's senseless death. Fortunately the student was alive but in a lot of pain and going into shock. I put Orson's cell phone in my pocket so no one would take it while I wasn't looking, and I stayed with the student until the paramedics arrived and loaded the student into an ambulance.

When the other officers arrived, I told them what had happened, although in the rush of adrenaline I totally forgot about Orson's cell phone. The officers secured Orson's gun, which turned out to be a Colt Python. The gun was put in the evidence locker and labeled as being connected to Orson's case. After I gave my statement I wanted to go out and help with the investigation, but the chief told me I had just finished my shift and had to get some rest so I wouldn't make hasty decisions from fatigue. I admit I got a bit upset, and the chief put me on administrative leave and told me to take the next two days off. It was hard to follow those orders as the whole bank scene brought back so many memories of my college roommate's murder, but of course I knew the chief was right. I went home and threw off my uniform without thinking about the cell phone, and immediately fell asleep. Six hours later I woke up and found the phone, so I took it to the station and went back home.

On Saturday I kept thinking about the shooting at the bank while I puttered around, wishing I weren't on administrative leave. That evening I met up with my trainer, Jamie Spalding, at the gym just as we had already planned to do. I figured the exercise would help to settle my nerves. Sometimes after workouts we have a drink together, and we did so on that night. Around 9:30 pm I drove us to Rubicon Sports Bar to watch the Miami Heat versus Utopia Thunderbolts game. It was kind of hard to concentrate on the game, as I kept thinking about that poor student. The day didn't get any better when Utopia lost and was knocked out of the NBA playoffs. It's a small thing, I know, but it didn't help lift my mood any, that's for sure. At around a quarter to midnight, I went outside to smoke. I know it's not healthy and I'm trying to stop. It's just a bad habit I picked up while undercover. I finished smoking by midnight and rejoined Jamie.

As I understand it, Orson Hayes was killed around the time I was smoking outside. If that's true, then it was physically impossible for me to be responsible. Rubicon Sports Bar is nearly a mile away from Paradise Pub where Hayes was shot. There's no way I could run to that

bar, shoot Hayes, and run back all within 15 minutes. Just like Jamie told the police, I visited the car to get out my cigarettes, but the car itself never moved. I think I left the door unlocked, too, because I noticed the next day that the fanny pack I use as a concealed-carry case was missing. Good thing I didn't leave my gun in it at the time. I am aware that my DNA was extracted from a cigarette pack that investigators found in the alley of Paradise Pub. But the bar is right across the street from Jamie's gym, so I've gone to the alley to smoke on numerous occasions. The only crime that cigarette pack should link me to is littering.

I admit that I didn't like Orson Hayes and I'm not sorry he's gone. I have a tendency to get frustrated with criminals, especially repeat offenders. But I would never murder someone. Hayes's murder was sloppy, public, and, most importantly, a heinous crime. I would never be involved with that. I became a police officer to stop criminals, not to become one! Given that Hayes had escalated his crimes from being a drug dealer and cog in the gang machine, to armed robbery of a bank, it seems like Hayes must have owed money to someone above him and was trying desperately to pay it off. Instead of wasting time with me, my colleagues should be trying to find the real murderer.

Of the available exhibits I am familiar with the following and only the following: Exhibits 3, 7, and 8. Exhibit 3 is a map of downtown Utopia City, and Exhibit 7 is my receipt from the food and drink that Jamie Spalding and I ordered at Rubicon Sports Bar. Exhibit 8 is the disciplinary report from 2007.

I hereby attest to having read the above statement and swear or affirm it to be my own. I also swear or affirm to the truthfulness of its content. Before giving this statement, I was told it should contain everything I knew that may be relevant to my testimony and I followed those instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit if anything new occurs to me until the moment before opening statements begin in this case.

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149	Patti Parrish
150	Patti Parrish, Notary Public

#### AFFIDAVIT OF ANDY HODGES

After being duly sworn upon oath, Andy Hodges hereby deposes and states as follows:

My name is Andy Hodges. I have lived in Utopia City for over 20 years. I was educated at New Caesarea University where I majored in Legal Studies with a minor in Cognitive Science. Immediately after receiving my undergraduate degree in 1992, I relocated to Utopia City where I began working as a patrol officer for the Utopia City police department. In 1998 I was promoted to staff sergeant and put in charge of training all of the new recruits. When Quinn Penner joined the force in 2000, I saw that s/he had real potential to be an outstanding officer. To speed up the process, I partnered us together from 2000 until 2002, when Penner was promoted to vice squad detective. The vice squad focuses on moral crimes like gambling, bookmaking, drugs, and prostitution. Admittedly this promotion was exceedingly rapid, but Detective Penner had demonstrated that s/he was one of our best officers, with a noteworthy ability to locate and arrest criminals.

In 2003 Penner won an award for meritorious service. In fact, Detective Penner was consistently at the top of the squad statistics in numbers of criminals arrested and percentage of those arrests that resulted in jail time for the criminal. Because of his/her excellent record, Detective Penner had been first on the list for promotion to the Homicide Division when an opening became available.

When I started working with Penner, s/he told me that s/he was related to the Penners of "Penner Enterprises," the renowned software company. S/he didn't want anyone to know s/he came from a wealthy family because s/he didn't want to be treated differently, so I didn't tell anyone else at the station. Penner was the best partner I ever had, extremely courteous and charismatic, with terrific instincts as a cop. S/he was also very athletic and could chase down even the fastest criminals. Admittedly, Penner has an unusual way of running, different from anyone I've ever seen, but somehow it's effective. One time, Penner's quick reactions saved my life when s/he saw that a driver I had pulled over was about to draw a gun on me. Penner grabbed the driver's arm, twisted it to make him release the gun, dragged him out of the car, and handcuffed him. I was thankful that Penner had realized what was about to happen and embarrassed that I had put myself in danger by a moment's inattentiveness.

Admittedly, Detective Penner was involved in a troubling incident in 2004. That summer, s/he led an important narcotics investigation. While performing standard street surveillance,

Penner harassed a potential witness by yelling and shining a blinding light in her eyes. The witness never pressed charges, but the police chief issued an official warning to Detective Penner even though other detectives have reacted similarly when placed under stressful situations. In 2007, Detective Penner was again disciplined, this time for roughing up a couple of drug dealers. To help channel his/her energy, Penner took up sports as a way to vent frustration and stay physically and mentally healthy. S/he told me that s/he had joined a gym which taught parkour, and the physical outlet really seemed to help. I prefer martial arts myself, but to each his/her own.

In 2012 my twin sons graduated high school and began attending Utopia University. To help pay for their tuition, I started moonlighting as a security guard at Thomas' Tavern. Thomas' is a British-themed tavern that caters to a fairly sophisticated clientele. The manager at Thomas' Tavern hires security guards to keep out the lowlifes from the woefully misnamed Paradise Pub across the street.

I was working security at Thomas' Tavern on the evening of May 25, 2013 prior to going on police duty at 1:00 a.m. It was a beautiful night with clear skies and a full moon. Paradise Pub was packed with customers watching the NBA playoff game between the Utopia Thunderbolts and Miami Heat. I'm not a big basketball fan myself, so I didn't mind missing the game. At around 11:30 pm I had to keep out disgruntled fans leaving Paradise after the Thunderbolts lost, but things died down pretty quickly. I had just checked my watch and noted that it was 11:45 when I heard someone cry out in fear in the alley beside Paradise, followed right away by three rapid gunshots. I ran across the street just in time to see a man lying on the ground with someone bending over him, and another person running rapidly away down the alley. The fleeing person ran in an awkward, unusual fashion, but from the brief glimpse I caught before the person turned the corner, I think the person's motions were distinctly different from those of Detective Penner.

The person kneeling over the man on the ground urged me to follow the shooter, but I knew I'd never catch him/her, and I felt it was more important to attend to the injured person. As I bent closer, I was shocked to see that the victim was Orson Hayes, a well-known repeat offender who had served time for drug trafficking. I dialed 911 to report that we needed the police and an ambulance, and then I tried to help Hayes, who was bleeding profusely. I asked Hayes if he knew who shot him, but he just said "Why? Why? I can't believe this is happening . . . . Lee, don't make the same mistakes I did." I didn't know who Lee was until the person

kneeling over Hayes said, "I won't, Orson, I won't. Hang in there, it'll be okay, just hang in there." Orson then lost consciousness. Since time is of the essence if arriving officers were to have a chance of catching the shooter, I asked Lee if s/he had seen what happened. S/he told me that the person who shot Orson had been leaning on the alley wall right before the shooting. Lee also said the shooter had dropped something in the alley when s/he was running away. Lee told me where to look, and when I searched, I found a pack of cigarettes. I carefully draped my handkerchief over it to protect it until the police on duty could arrive to collect it as evidence. Then I spoke more with Lee, who told me that s/he was Orson's cousin. Lee seemed to be in shock and wasn't really making much sense; s/he couldn't seem to give many details at all about what had happened.

Officer Cochran and his partner arrived only a moment later, as did the paramedics. The paramedics quickly loaded Orson into the ambulance and let Lee ride with them to the hospital. I told the officers what I had seen and showed them the cigarette pack. By the time they finished interviewing me it was nearly the end of my shift at Thomas' Tavern and time for me to go on duty. We decided it made sense for me to ride to the hospital with the other officers to question Lee. But when we tried questioning Lee, s/he seemed too shocked by all that had happened to remember anything else.

The next morning Officer Cochran picked up Lee and brought him/her to the station for more questioning. By that time, we had bank security video footage that showed Lee had driven the getaway car for Orson's attempted bank robbery two days before. We didn't reveal what we knew at first because we hoped to get more information about Orson's shooting. Lee started talking about how the shooter ran funny, and just then Detective Penner walked by the window of the conference room where we were talking. Lee saw Penner, turned white as a sheet, and said "That's the person! That's who shot Orson!" I will admit I got a bit upset because the accusation was so crazy, but Officer Cochran eagerly started writing down Lee's statement. Cochran was always looking for ways to get back at Detective Penner for being promoted over him, so he egged Lee on and almost coached him in his statement, volunteering specific information about the way Penner runs and asking Lee to confirm the details. I got so disgusted that I cut the interview short by telling Lee we knew s/he was involved in the attempted bank robbery. Lee shut up in a hurry when I said that.

I wasn't worried by Lee's accusation, though, because I knew the evidence would reveal that Lee was making it all up. It's just crazy to think that an exemplary officer like Detective Penner would murder Hayes in cold blood. That's why I couldn't believe it when Detective Penner was charged with the crime. I knew Cochran would be thrilled with what was happening, and indeed he was, but I couldn't understand why the police chief would believe such an outrageous claim. Maybe he felt threatened by Penner's success? Several other officers seem happy to join the bandwagon against Detective Penner, too, but they were mainly the officers who have been jealous of Penner's record. It's distressing to see, to say the least.

Lee Hayes has even been offered a plea deal to testify against Detective Penner. I now can understand Detective Penner's disgust at the way our legal system sometimes fails to pursue the truth in its zeal to punish someone for a crime. I plan to stay here in Utopia City to support Detective Penner and make sure everyone knows that s/he is innocent. But after this all finishes, I think I'll look for a position in New Caesarea, because I just can't stand the way some officers have turned on Penner, like a pack of dogs attacking an injured member of the group. It's pretty disgusting.

Of the available exhibits I am familiar with the following and only the following: Exhibit 1, the plea deal offered to Lee Hayes, and Exhibit 3, the map of downtown. I hereby attest to having read the above statement and swear or affirm it to be my own. I also swear or affirm to the truthfulness of its content. Before giving this statement, I was told it should contain everything I knew that may be relevant to my testimony and I followed those instructions. I also understand that I can and must update this affidavit if anything new occurs to me until the moment before opening statements begin in this case.

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SAM MADDOX

1 After being duly sworn upon oath, Sam Maddox hereby deposes and states as follows:

My name is Sam Maddox. I was born in Midlands in 1986 but my family moved to Utopia when I was small. My parents have a farm where they grow organic vegetables and raise free-range chickens to sell to the gourmet restaurants in Utopia City. I was very involved in 4-H as a child, raising my own goats and cattle for competition, so naturally when it came time for college, I went to New Caesarea State University to study zoology. After graduating with my bachelor's degree in 2008, I was fortunate enough to get my "dream job" working as an animal trainer and facility manager at the Utopia Zoo. Owner Jordan Hammond is a fantastic employer; he really cares about his employees as well as making sure the zoo visitors have a memorable experience. I have the chance to work with animals ranging from snakes, to otters, to gazelles, to gorillas! I get to work outside much of the time, which is perfect for me.

The zoo grounds are large, with nature paths that allow visitors to see the exhibits up close. Part of my job involves patrolling the paths, making sure that the fences are in good condition and no repair work is needed. Walking around the zoo also gives me a chance to interact with our visitors, which I enjoy most of the time. However, in the last couple of years, we've had some issues with local gangs trying to infiltrate the outskirts of the zoo. It appears that they arrange meetings in secluded places for drug sales. I've had to call the police more than once to deal with the intruders or gather evidence on the ground after dealers have run away when they saw me approaching. It's a real concern, so I always keep my eyes and ears open when I'm patrolling.

In fact, one of those arrested for drug sales in April 2012 was none other than Taylor Malcolm, the rowdy college student who incited the gorillas on the tram ride back in 2009. The gorillas attacked the tram, injuring Malcolm and dashing his hopes for an NBA basketball career. After Malcolm lost his lawsuit against owner Jordan Hammond—and rightfully so!—he evidently turned to drugs. I saw Malcolm in the woods in April of 2012 with a big guy, clearly exchanging drugs for money. Our own zoo security guard was nearby, so I called him on my cell phone and he managed to nab Malcolm before he could escape. The other guy got away; I didn't know who he was at the time. But I would soon find out he was Orson Hayes, because he didn't stay away for long.

After that incident in April of 2012, Jordan Hammond asked the Utopia City police if they could increase their patrols of the area surrounding the zoo. They did, which meant the police were able to respond more quickly when we called them about suspected gang activity. I got to know several of the vice squad members, including Detective Penner. S/he was always very courteous and professional when s/he responded to our calls. Detective Penner expressed determination to do all s/he could to catch the "perps," as s/he called them, because as Penner said, "a zoo should be reserved for zoo animals for little kids to enjoy. It's our job to keep these other 'animals' away by whatever means are necessary." I am in full agreement with that sentiment!

Even with the increased police presence, we still had problems with gangs infiltrating the zoo grounds. In October of 2012 I saw that same large guy back at the zoo again, about to climb over the zoo fence. I hid behind a tree taking photos with my cell phone of him climbing over the fence. I managed to keep the guy in my line of sight without being spotted, and I called the police. Detective Penner responded right away, and I was able to direct the detective to the guy when he got there. Penner yelled, "Orson Hayes, you're under arrest!" When Hayes saw Penner, he tried to run away, but Penner ran like lightning and threw him to the ground! It was amazing! Hayes struggled quite a bit and yelled and cursed a lot until the detective got him under control. Maybe the detective was a little rough with the guy, but that didn't bother me. Detective Penner handcuffed him, frisked him but didn't find any drugs, and hauled him off. Jordan Hammond pressed charges against Hayes for trespassing, which was all we could do. The next time I saw Detective Penner s/he told me Hayes was let off with only a warning. S/he seemed pretty disgusted by the outcome, as was I.

I didn't see Hayes for awhile after that, and the gangs seemed to stay away from the zoo for a bit. But in late April of 2013 it started up again, with me chasing off gang members and finding evidence of drug sales in the outer areas of the zoo grounds. I started patrolling more often. In early May of 2013 we started renovating a number of exhibits at the zoo, and I had to work several evenings in a row to get everything done. The zoo still kept its normal hours of 9 am – 7 pm; we didn't start opening later in the evening until Memorial Day weekend. It was actually kind of peaceful at the zoo after all the visitors left, so I didn't really mind the late hours too much.

On Thursday, May 9 at around 10 pm, I finally finished for the day and was making one last sweep of the grounds. As I neared the corner of the building housing the snake exhibit, I heard angry voices coming from behind the building. I quickly ducked into a dark shadow and listened. I heard a man with a deep voice say in a threatening manner, "I've given you enough time! You owe me over 50 grand for the drugs you were supposed to sell through your dealers, and I want my money NOW!! Otherwise you might find yourself at the bottom of the alligator pond in this zoo!!!" I thought about trying to call the police, but I was afraid they would hear me, so I just kept listening. Then I heard the other guy respond, and I recognized his voice: it sounded just like Hayes! He sounded pretty shaken up, and he begged the other guy to give him more time. He said "I'll get it to you before the end of the month, I promise! I'll get the money from my dealers, and I'm also set to clear a lot of money on the NBA playoff games this month. Just be patient; I'll get it for you!! If you hurt me now, you'll never see it." The deep-voiced guy threatened him a bit more but said he would give him until May 25 and not a day longer. Otherwise he would send "Aaron" or "Erin" after Hayes. The names sound the same, so I'm not sure if he meant A-A-R-O-N or E-R-I-N. Aaron/Erin growled, "yeah, that's right. Don't mess with us or you'll regret it!"

Then I heard them split up in different directions, and the angry guy started coming my way! Quickly I ducked behind a trash bin so he wouldn't see me in the dark. The angry guy had a "friend" with him, and they walked within 10 feet of me as I held my breath, hoping the sound of my heart pounding wouldn't give me away. When they got under the dim lights in front of the snake house, I saw them more clearly. The angry guy was huge, much bigger than Detective Penner; his "friend" Aaron/Erin was about the same size as Penner and was holding a cigarette in his/her right hand, cursing under his/her breath. I couldn't tell the "friend's" gender, though, because s/he wore a baggy sweatsuit and had a scratchy voice. S/he seemed agitated and was flinging his/her arms around like a crazy person while s/he talked. It looked weird, like s/he'd been using some of their own products or something. I heard Aaron/Erin tell the big guy that s/he'd be glad to "take care of" Hayes if the big guy just gave the word.

I called the police after they were gone, and Detective Penner and his/her partner came right away because they were patrolling together nearby. They were upset to hear that such thugs were on the zoo grounds and promised to do all they could to catch them. They asked for descriptions and I told them that the guy who owed the money sounded like Hayes, although I

didn't ever see him and couldn't be 100% positive. Penner looked upset and said "we have to get this guy before he does something desperate." I was able to give a general physical description of the other two people but couldn't identify the gender of Aaron/Erin.

I have to say that I wasn't upset when I saw in the newspaper that Hayes had been shot and killed in an alley on May 25. Immediately it made me think of that late-night meeting at the zoo. But when I heard that Detective Penner was arrested for the murder, I couldn't believe it. Sure, Detective Penner is "tough on crime," but from all of my interactions with Detective Penner, I have to say that it's crazy to think s/he would gun down a criminal like that! Detective Penner is always talking about honor and integrity and how s/he wants to make his/her family proud. No way would Detective Penner do anything outside the law. Clearly Hayes was murdered when he couldn't pay this other guy the money that Hayes owed him. The police should be trying to find the real killer.

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Kelly Owens

Kelly Owens, Notary Public

STATE OF UTOPIA v. LEE HAYES

ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT

CASE NO.: CR-09-2013 COURT: First Circuit COUNTY: St. Thomas More

#### STATE'S OFFER ON A PLEA OF GUILTY

1. Charges and Penalties		
Charge: Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury	(AWDWISI)	
Penalty: 20 to 25 months	<u> </u>	
Charge: Robbery with Firearms		
Penalty: 64 to 80 months		
2. Amended Charges (if any)	. 11	
Amended Charges: Simple Assault; Accessory After the Fact to R	lobbery with Firearms	
Penalty: <u>10 – 13 months</u>		
3. Reason(s) for Amended Charges (if any)		
The defendant, Lee Hayes, has accepted responsibility for crimina	al actions and has agreed to assist the	
State by providing a statement of what the defendant Quinn Penne		
Orson Hayes. This defendant also agrees to testify on behalf of the		
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4. Facts of the Case		
On May 24, 2013 in St. Thomas More County, Utopia, the defend		
transported to and from the commission of an armed robbery with		
of the intentions of Orson Hayes. During the course of the armed	robbery a bystander was shot by Orson	
Hayes, inflicting serious injury.		
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<b>5. Recommendations in Exchange for a Plea of Guilty</b> In the interest of justice, the State recommends as follows: Simple	Assault Time Samued Assassamy	
After the Fact to Robbery with Firearms—10 to 13 months. This of	•	
understanding that the defendant agrees to provide truthful testime		
involving the facts aforementioned. The truthfulness element of the		
the trial judge using a preponderance of the evidence standard. The		
defendant's obligations under this agreement shall result in revoca		
defendant shall stand trial on the charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury and		
Robbery with Firearms.		
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6. Offered this day of August 14, 2013.		
Lee Hayes	Samuel J. Ertle, DA	
DEFENDANT	ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE	
Ganet W. Craige		

#### Taken from cell phone retrieved on the victim (Orson Hayes)

Type of Report: All text records between specified accounts

**Date of report:** 6/25/13 11:07 am

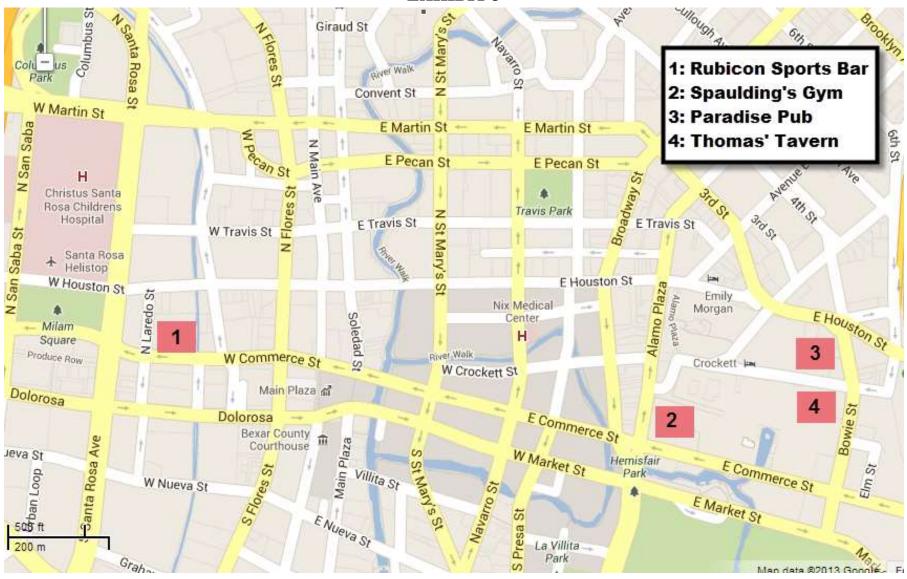
**Search parameters:** 

**Dates:** 24-May-2013 to 25-May-2013

**Accounts:** 969-545-1928 [Subscriber: Orson Hayes; disposable phone]

969-555-2003 [Subscriber: unknown; disposable phone] 969-555-2009 [Subscriber: unknown; disposable phone]

From:	To:	Date/Time:	Content:
969-545-1928	969-555-2003	5/24/13; 9:06 pm	Purged
969-555-2003	969-545-1928	5/24/13; 9:20 pm	Purged
969-555-2009	969-545-1928	5/25/13; 10:48 pm	Tonight's the night.
969-545-1928	969-555-2009	5/25/13; 10:52 pm	Who is this??
969-555-2009	969-545-1928	5/25/13; 11:00 pm	Don't play games, you know who this is.
969-545-1928	969-555-2009	5/25/13; 11:02 pm	I'll have the money this time. I just need an hour.
969-555-2009	969-545-1928	5/25/13; 11:11 pm	You're out of time. You're gonna regret it if I have to hunt you down.
969-545-1928	969-555-2009	5/25/13; 11:38 pm	Okay, okay. I'm already here. But we need to talk.
969-555-2009	969-545-1928	5/25/13; 11:41pm	I'm almost there.





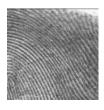
Colt Python, 6 inch barrel



.357 Magnum shells (Left): from victim (Center): new, not fired

(Right): test fire shell from Python in evidence locker

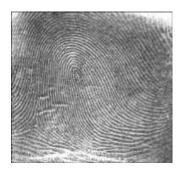
#### Fingerprints have been enlarged for visibility



Cigarette pack (insufficient to make a determination)



Alley wall (match)



**Quinn Penner** 

#### KRIS VINSON

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of New Caesarea, Palatine Hill, New Caesarea Master of Forensic Science, December 2002 Cumulative GPA, 3.75

Julian College, Rome, New Caesarea Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, May 2001 Cumulative GPA, 3.83

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Forensic Specialist Utopia City Police Department, Utopia City, Utopia March 2013-present

Assistant Forensic Specialist Rome Police Department, Rome, New Caesarea March 2003-February 2013

#### **AWARDS**

Gibbs Outstanding Forensic Science Award, New Caesarea Division of the International Association for Identification, NCIAI Conference, Rome, New Caesarea, October 2012

Delta Delta Epsilon (Forensic Honor Society), March 2002, University of New Caesarea

Phi Beta Kappa, October 2000, Julian College, Rome

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

"The Use of Short Tandem Repeat DNA Analysis in Crime Scene Investigation." Presentation, American Academy of Forensic Sciences Fall Conference, October 5-7, 2012. San Diego, CA

"Basic Evaluation and Comparison of Latent Print Workshop." Lead presenter for 40 hour workshop, NCIAI Conference, Rome, New Caesarea, October 2010

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"An Overview of Ballistic Analysis and GSR Testing for Attorneys." Abby Sciuto, Donald Mallard, and Kris Vinson. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, Volume 58, January 2003, pp. 200–232

#### **RUBICON SPORTS BAR**

1012 W. Commerce Street Utopia City, Utopia 26000 (921) 112-4544

TABLE	2
Super Caesar Burger	
Med. Rare, fries	9.00
Rubicon Chicken Wrap	
Fruit, no fries	10.00
Coors	
4x 3.00	12.00
Whiskey & Ginger	3.00
Whiskey - Black Label	8.00
Whiskey & Ginger	3.00
Items: 9	
Total	\$45.00
Tip	<u>\$11.00</u>
TOTAL	\$56.00

#### X Quinn Penner

05/26/13 Bill #0011

12:30 am

CARD TYPE ACCT NUMBER VISA xxxx xxxx xxxx 4001

TRANSACTION APPROVED

AUTHORIZATION #00141 REFERENCE 321568799

#### **Employee Disciplinary Report**

Name: Quinn Penner

**Position**: Detective

Date of Incident: 11/18/2007

Nature of Incident (Code and Description):

(4) Threatening or Engaging in Violence

(13) Improper Conduct

Witnesses:

Phillip Cochran, Officer

Earl Johnson, Detective

Actions to be taken: Suspension Recommended

Timetable for Improvement: 60 days

**Additional Comments:** 

Suspension was not instituted at this time but will be applied should further incidents occur. Detective Penner will be assigned to desk duty for 60 days with reevaluation at the end of that time.

Signature of Supervisor: M. Skapin Date: 11/19/2007

Signature of Employee: Quinn Penner Date: 11/19/2007

#### Taken from cell phone retrieved at bank by Detective Penner

Type of Report: All text records between specified accounts

**Date of report:** 6/25/13 11:10 am

**Search parameters:** 

**Dates:** 23-May-2013

**Accounts:** 969-545-1937 [Subscriber: Orson Hayes]

969-555-2003 [Subscriber: unknown; disposable phone]

From:	To:	Date/Time:	Content:
969-555-2003	969-545-1937	5/23/13; 11:00 pm	Meet me at Paradise Pub on Saturday at quarter to midnight. Bring what you owe me, or you'll be sorry.
969-545-1937	969-555-2003	5/23/13; 11:02 pm	I need more time.
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