

STATE OF MINNESOTA

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ITASCA COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT

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Steve Scott Samuelson,

Court File No: K5-01-2263

Plaintiff,

vs.

**AFFIDAVIT OF KELLI  
RENEE SAMUELSON**

State of Minnesota,

Defendant.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
                                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF ITASCA    )

I, Kelli Renee Samuelson, hereby deposes and states as follows in support of the above-named Plaintiff:

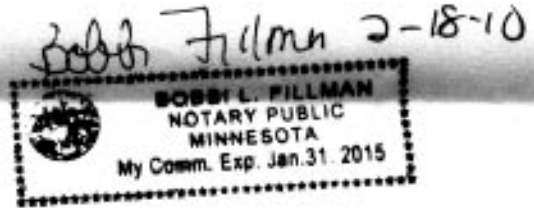
1. I, as the alleged victim in this matter and at one time wife of Steve Samuelson, do hereby submit this Affidavit in support of Steven Samuelson's Motion to Vacate his conviction of criminal sexual conduct in the First Degree in Violation of Minnesota Statute 609.342, Subd. 1(e)(i) and Subd. 2.
2. I want the Court to know that during the prosecution of Steven Samuelson in the year 2000 I was under duress and was forced into giving statements against Steven Samuelson which led to his conviction.
3. At the time in which I gave statements against Steven Samuelson, Steven and I were married, however, our three children had been taken away from us by Itasca County Health and Human Services and were living in foster placement with my mother.
4. At the heart of the case against Steven Samuelson was a videotape that depicted sex acts between Steven and myself.
5. This tape was taken by Steven and kept private in our home.
6. However, my mother uncovered this tape, and she brought it to the Advocates for Family Peace Office and then took it to the Itasca County Sheriff's Department without my consent.

7. I told the Advocates for Family Peace that I did not want to discuss this matter. However, I was told by the Advocates for Family Peace Office that if I wanted to get my children back, I had to show them that I could protect them, and I was not protecting them if I was not willing to give testimony against Steven Samuelson. Therefore, that threat or promise made by the Advocates for Family Peace led to the statement I gave to investigator Greg Snyder on December 21, 2001.
8. The statements in there, as well as my cooperation to prosecute and proceed with this matter, were an effort for me to get my children back.
9. Since this time and after Steven's conviction, I have gotten my children back, and they can no longer use this threat against me. I want the Court to know that the allegations that I made against Steven Samuelson were not in any way correct.
10. The events that transpired on the tape that Chad Sterle, Steven Samuelson's attorney, has in his possession were voluntary.
11. Steven and I have used a video camera many times in our relationship to tape various aspects of our relationship. Everything on the tape was voluntary.
12. I understand that an outsider looking in may have issues with what happened on this tape. However, as the Court could also see if the Court ever viewed the tape, which I know the Court has not at this point in time, while the act was happening, my sister called.
13. Steven Samuelson allowed me to talk to my sister on the phone, and obviously, if I needed help or assistance from law enforcement, I would have asked for it.
14. I simply request of the Court the following: the Court vacates the conviction of Steven Samuelson and reset this matter for trial. If the Itasca County Attorney's Office still wants to prosecute Steven Samuelson, that's fine.
15. I am willing to give this affidavit to the Court. I would prefer to not testify in front of a jury unless absolutely needed.
16. Chad Sterle obtained a tape which was stolen from my possession. He has no right to possess. I in no way gave him permission.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

X Kelli R. Samuelson  
Kelli R. Samuelson

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010



Subscribed and sworn to before me this

18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010.