

COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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**PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Index Nos. 1535-88/1290-88

—against—

**MARTIN H. TANKLEFF,**

**AFFIDAVIT**

Defendant.

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**JAMES MOORE**, being duly sworn deposes and says that,

1. My name is James Moore. I currently live at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the County of [REDACTED]

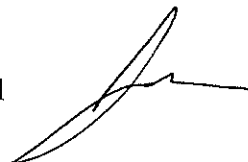
2. I am giving this statement to Toni Marie Angeli and Bruce Barket. I contacted Mr. Barket after I learned his name on the T.V. On the news on T.V., I heard that Marty Tankleff got denied for his hearing. I felt really bad when I heard that the kid wasn't going to get out, because I know he didn't kill his parents. I know Marty didn't kill his parents because Peter Kent told me that he killed the Tankleffs. Right after I heard about Marty being denied on the T.V., I got Mr. Barket's phone number and called him up to tell him that Peter Kent told me that he killed the Tankleffs.

3. After speaking together on the phone with Bruce Barket, he came out to my home with Toni Marie Angeli on Saturday, March 18, 2006. I told them how I knew Peter Kent and described when and where he told me that he had killed the Tankleff's. Relayed here in this typed statement are the same details that I told Bruce Barket and Toni Marie Angeli on March 18, 2006.

4. It was during the time when Peter Kent and I were working together at Truly Blue Pools that Peter Kent first told me that he killed the Tankleffs.

5. I worked for Truly Blue Pools, owned by Frank Messina, from 1998 until the beginning part of 2003, at which time I quit for another job. It was during 2002 that Peter Kent and I worked together at Truly Blue Pools. Peter Kent and I were one of 4 or 5 guys who would go out as a crew together to build pools in people's back yards. It would take us around 3 days to build a pool.

6. It was while we were working together building a pool on Deer Run in Wading River that Peter Kent first told me that he killed the Tankleff's. The conversation really stuck in my mind. I remember that we were grading the hopper (the slope from the shallow end to the deep end) when we got into an argument and Kent said he had killed the Tankleffs.



7. When you are working building a pool with someone, you are stuck in their company. All day you are in a hole and guys get talking about all kinds of things and sometimes people get tired and irritable, or just plain sick of each other, and arguments start. On that day out in Wading River, I got annoyed with Kent, an argument started and it was then that he told me he killed the Tankleffs by beating them with a pipe.

8 Peter Kent was a guy who would talk on and on. That day in Wading River, Kent just wouldn't stop talking bull. I ended up getting really bothered by him and finally asked him couldn't he just shut up. Kent then started threatening me, telling me that he was going to kill me. I thought he was full of it. We went back and forth a little and then I said, "Dude, how you going to kill me? You never killed no body." And Kent said, all serious like, "You wanna bet." I didn't believe him, I said, "Oh yah, who?" And Kent told me that he used a pipe to beat the Tankleffs to death out in Belle Terre. I had no idea who the Tankleffs were. I was around 8 years old at the time of the Tankleff murders and hadn't heard anything about the case. So I still didn't believe him. I said, "Oh really, and whos that?" Kent said, "Read the newspapers. It was a long time ago." It ended then because the foreman of the job told us to stop talking.

9. Peter Kent worked for Truly Blue Pools for about one season. After he stopped working there, the next time I saw Peter ~~Kent~~ <sup>Kent</sup> was in a Walmart's Department Store and it was probably sometime in late 2003 or 2004. I remember that I was with my wife, Alli, and my son James. James was maybe just over a year and was sitting up in the shopping cart.

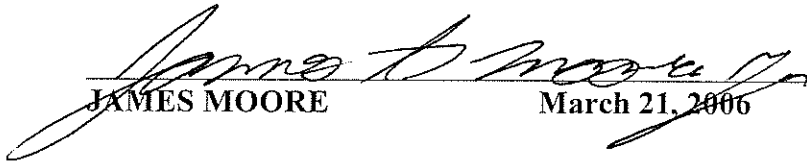
10. When I saw Kent, me, Alli and James were headed for the line at the McDonald's inside Walmart at 347 to get James something to eat. Kent was also there in the line area. He saw me and ~~we were all in line.~~ <sup>he walked up to us.</sup> The first thing out of Kent's mouth to me was, "I just got out of jail and the cops were questioning me about the Tankleff murders." He said that he was leaving for Florida. He didn't tell me what he got arrested for, but he said that he was questioned by detectives about the Tankleff case while he was locked up. I asked him are you going to get in trouble? Kent said they ain't gonna catch me. He went on to say that him and his friend (I forget the name fo his friend) were "paid to do the deed." Kent said this was so the dead guy's partner could get control of some business. He then said that he wasn't all that worried about it now though, because if they had anything on me they would have kept me in jail.

11. When I saw the stuff in the papers about the Tankleff murders and then Pete's name, it really kicked me in the head because Pete had told me he did those murders. Then, later, when I saw him in the line at McDonald's, he was talking about not getting in trouble, even though him and this guy "got paid to do the deed", because they didn't have anything on him. I really should have come forward right after Peter told me this stuff at the McDonald's, but I thought for sure the kid would get out anyway, so I didn't want to get involved. Last Saturday morning, when I heard the kid wasn't getting out, I knew I had to make the call.

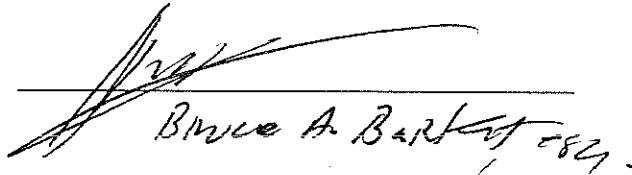
12. My wife was with me at the Walmart when I saw Peter Kent in the line at McDonald's.



I have given this statement to Bruce Barket and Toni Marie Angeli. I am giving this statement voluntarily, no one has made any promises or made any threats to induce me to make this statement, which I am giving of my own free will because it is the truth and what happened. I have read it and had it read to me paragraph by paragraph. It is the truth. I understand that any false statement I make in this statement would constitute a crime.

  
JAMES MOORE                      March 21, 2006

*Sworn to Me This 21<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2006 in the County of Suffolk, State of New York*

  
Bruce A. Barket