

LaBonte cont. from page 35

prove the truck Lonnie was driving on June 8 did not enter the sandy road at any time.

Conclusion

None of the physical or forensic evidence in this case implicates Lonnie LaBonte, or Russell LaFleur, or Melissa Brannon in the murder of Misty Morgan and Sarah Cleary. In contrast, Gabriel Saxton admits he was with Morgan and Cleary at the scene of their murder prior to and after they were murdered, that he robbed items from both women, and that he even stole Cleary's boots from her corpse. Furthermore, he admitted to someone hours after the murders that he had committed the "perfect murders." It is consistent with what is known about the crimes to conclude that Saxton perjured himself at Lonnie's trial to save himself from two capital murder convictions and a likely death sentence.

Justice has not been served for society in Lonnie LaBonte's case because all the known evidence points to the real murderer of Morgan and Cleary being protected from prosecution by an agreement with Mont-

gomery County D.A. Michael McDougal to testify favorably for the prosecution.

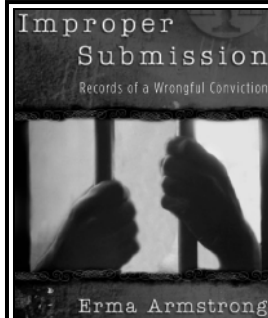
We all expect the judicial system to not fail victims. Victims deserve justice. It is equally important that the judicial system not create additional victims by wrongly convicting innocent persons. Please do what you can to help right the wrong done to Morgan, Cleary, Lonnie, LaFleur, Melissa, and our families. If you don't ... who will?

The Texas Center for Actual Innocence is currently reviewing Lonnie's case.

Lonnie LaBonte can be written at:
Lonnie LaBonte 1003685
Polunsky Unit
3872 FM 350 South
Livingston, TX 77351

Lonnie's outside contact are his parents:
Philip and Betty LaBonte
681 Portico
Livingston, Texas 77351
Email: freerson@livingston.net

There is Petition to Free Lonnie LaBonte at:
<http://gopetition.com/online/5162.html>



This is the story of Karlyn Eklof, a young woman delivered into the hands of a psychotic killer by traffickers in porn and mind control. She witnessed a murder and is currently serving two life sentences in Ore-

gon for that crime. *Improper Submission* by Erma Armstrong documents:

- The way the killer's psychotic bragging was used by the prosecution against Karlyn.
- The way exculpatory evidence was hidden from the defense.
- The way erroneous assertions by the prosecution were used by the media, judges reviewing the case, and even by her own lawyers to avoid looking at the record that reveals her innocence.

Paperback, 370 pages, Send \$10 (postage paid) (check, m/o or stamps) to:

Justice Denied
PO Box 68911
Seattle, WA 98168

Or order from JD's website, <http://justicedenied.org>

Oral Sworn Deposition of Melissa Brannon on February 10, 2004

Excerpts from pages 26-29, 32-33

All questions (Q.) by Attorney Janice Baldwin. All answers (A.) by Melissa Brannon. Michael (Mike) McDougal is District Attorney for Montgomery County, Texas.

Q. And who suggested to you that it would be the better idea?

A. Mike McDougal offering me deals and whatnot.

Q. Okay. Can you remember and can you say in his words exactly what he said to you?

...
A. Also he had, right before the trial, he had told me that if I would have made this statement that I was fixing to make at the trial from the day one, I would have never been in jail, they would have let me go the first day. I would have never had to sat in there. [Jailed

for 20 months] So if were to make this statement and help the state on this trial, that I have a strong possibility of being

able to go home.

Q. Okay. Did he ever say directly to you to tell something other than the truth. And when I say "he" I mean Michael McDougal. **Did Michael McDougal ever say to you to tell something other than the truth on the witness stand?**

A. Yes.

Q. All right. Do you ever remember him using those exact words or was it just done by innuendo?

A. Both. He had innuendo, and he also told me **when I testified to make sure that I tell the court that we had no deals and that he has not promised me anything, and that he really reiterated that I have to make sure that I tell them that we have no deals and he had not promised me anything because he could get in**

trouble otherwise.

Q. And he said those specific words, "he could get in trouble?"

A. Oh, yeah, that he could get in trouble.

Q. Okay. So let me ask you this, had the deal been made to dismiss your case prior to your testimony in the LaBonte case?

A. Assumably so. verbally, you know, verbally not, it was kind of a wink-type deal. He couldn't come out and tell me this was what he was going to do for me, but he insinuated to the fact that this was what was going to happen if I did this for him but he couldn't promise or guarantee anything for the sake of the law. It had to be this way.

Q. Because he knew he would be doing something illegal

A. Exactly.

Q. Is that what your intimidation was?

A. Very much so.

Q. And after your testimony in the LaBonte, in the 410th District Court, did you

thereafter receive a motion and an order to dismiss the case against you?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember seeing that motion at any time?

A. Yes.

Q. And do you remember that motion in part saying, "Due in large part to her testimony, Lonnie LaBonte was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Her testimony revealed that she had been present at the time of the murders but that she had nothing to do with planning or participating in them."

A. Right.

Q. "Subsequent to giving such testimony, the Defendant did submit to a polygraph examination conducted by the Federal Bureau of Examination," excuse me, "of Investigation which indicated that she was telling the truth."

A. Right. **The FBI never gave me a polygraph.**

Q. Okay. So you are saying that this statement in this particular motion to dismiss that you were given a polygraph examination by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, never happened?

A. Correct.

...

Q. Okay. Let me ask you this. Are you under the influence of any drugs or alcohol today?

A. No.

Q. And you have already told me that no one forced you or coerced you or paid you anything to come here at this time and that you are simply here to set the record straight and to see that justice is done.

A. Correct.

...

Q. ... And you are absolutely sure that this is the correct and true statement that you are giving today.

A. Right. It's always been from the get-go until two weeks before trial.

Melissa Brannon's entire 36-page deposition is available at, http://justicedenied.org/issue/issue_33/brannon_02102004.pdf