STATE OF WISCONSIN: CIRCUIT COURT: MANITOWOC COUNTY

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) Case No. 05-CF-381
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) Honorable Judge Angela Sutkiewicz,
) Judge Presiding
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AFFIDAVIT OF DENISE HEITL

Now comes your affiant, Denise Heitl, and under oath hereby states as follows:

- I am of legal majority and can truthfully and competently testify to the matters contained
 herein based upon my personal knowledge. The factual statements herein are true and
 correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I am of sound mind and I
 am not taking any medication nor have I ingested any alcohol that would impair my
 memory of the facts stated in this affidavit.
- 2. Teresa Halbach took senior portraits of my son in Fall 2005. I didn't personally know Teresa and this was the first time I had hired her to take photos. To the best of my recollection, a co-worker referred me to Teresa.
- 3. Before October 31, 2005, Teresa had called me to let me know that the prints were ready to be picked up and to ask that I call her back to set up a time for me to pick them up. I called Teresa back on October 31, 2005, and wound up leaving her a voice message.
- 4. She called me back a little later on October 31, 2005, and told me that we could schedule a time for me to pick up the pictures. My recollection is that she called me around 11:30 a.m. on October 31, 2005. I have reviewed a page from Ms. Halbach's telephone



records, labeled **Exhibit A** and attached and incorporated to this affidavit. I recognize my telephone number, 920-360-2455, line 19, at 11:35:13 a.m. My memory is refreshed by reviewing **Exhibit A** that my conversation with Ms. Halbach occurred at 11:35 a.m. on October 31, 2005. At that point, she told me that she was driving but that she would pull over to check her calendar before scheduling my appointment. She said she worked for a car magazine taking photos of cars and she was on her way to an appointment. She didn't say where she was going or who she was meeting.

- 5. During our conversation on October 31, 2005, at 11:35 a.m., Teresa checked her calendar and we scheduled an appointment for the following day at her studio in Green Bay for me to pick up the pictures. I went to the studio in Green Bay on November 1. Teresa did not show up for my appointment with her. While I was waiting for Teresa, an older man who I took to be Teresa's boss at the studio showed up and I told him that I had an appointment with Teresa to pick up pictures. I remember that he commented that it was strange that Teresa missed my appointment. He found the pictures and gave them to me.
- 6. Later, I was interviewed by the police. I don't remember the date of the interview, but I know that it was before Steven Avery's trial. One detective interviewed me at work. I can't remember the name of the office or which agency he was from. I told him all of the information contained in this affidavit. That was the only contact I had with law enforcement that I can remember. I was not contacted by law enforcement to appear at Steven Avery's trial as a witness.
- 7. Nothing has been given or promised to me in exchange for this affidavit.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT

Denise Heitl

State of Wisconsin County of Row M

Subscribed and sworn before me this <u>43</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2017.

Notary Public