

I have not had a good sleep since the 25th of June. When I kneeled, I thought of your case. I saw something 9 years ago. Now I must speak out. It was a wrong against you. I can no longer be silent. Now I know silence is as bad as the act. Please understand I don't want the same fate as Taylor Eskridge. I have to care for my family. I can address the things I saw this way. This is best for me for now. Later may be different. I may have more courage.

It would have been catastrophic if Ms. Eskridge would have seen the documents in the sealed envelope from your case. The documents could have ended careers. The whole record of community support and letters from your bond hearing were gone for a reason when your direct appeal reached the Criminal Appeals Court. It was missing so they would assume the local court's rulings were accurate. It was missing because someone did not want the court to ever see who you were before you were charged. They were adamant about it. This ensured your sentencing and case would not be overturned. Many people knew this. The record had to be kept somewhere if someone made a fuss about it missing. Inside of an envelope, it is easy to claim it's a mistake. It's a common practice.

Many people in Memphis knew of you and your wife's "secret" life. You tried to be discreet. It was futile. Much information came in from the places around town the two of you often visited. It always does in a high profile juicy charge. Everybody knew details about the sex habits of you and her. A lot of people volunteered a lot of information. The news was all over our building soon after your charge. Was it not crystal clear why the investigators began asking witnesses about choking during sex out of "nowhere"? Was it not crystal clear why some of the case notes were about sexual topics in a murder investigation which was supposed to be about spouses fighting? Reasons for asking did not come out of "nowhere". Information had to be kept somewhere if it came to light. When information is in an envelope it is easy to claim mistake. It should have been obvious when your lawyers were able to call so many witnesses for your PPCR. Scores of witnesses should have been at your trial. The information on you and her was widespread. Members of the bar knew too.

Years passed and no one made a fuss over your bond hearing documents. No one made a fuss about the information on you and her in the clubs. Nobody was going down for supressing evidence. Davis wasn't going to show Taylor your file under any circumstances. Doug was not supposed to show Taylor your whole file, especially the envelope. He goofed. She lost her practice because she saw it and because she is a good honest person. Your PPCR attorneys did not go far enough. Your attorneys did not ask the right people the right questions. It is not their fault. They fought hard. There was only so much they could do. Many did not want a catastrophe from your case. Not everyone was okay with the games played on you. When these things happen to White

people, the ending is different. It is more fair. You were wronged. We who knew and stayed silent were also wrong. There are other prosecutors who know this. In court they did not tell the truth. The injustice was so obvious to the 201 community. There were Black lawyers who knew you personally. They hated it the most. They did not want Taylor's fate either. White lawyers felt it was okay as long as they were not involved. Now I know it was not okay. Respect for division one was lost. Writing this may not help much. You will know some truth. The forces you were against are more powerful now than they were then, but don't underestimate the power of the truth.

I am sorry I don't have more courage. I have to take care of my family. The documents I have included may help a little. They are some of the originals from 15 years ago. The Criminal Appeals Court was never supposed to see them. These were insurance. I understand why prosecutors never wanted the court to see this side of your life. The documents prove you were basically a good man. Good luck. You and your family will be in my prayers. You did not deserve this.