

AFFIDAVIT OF DONALD BUFFKIN

I, Donald Buffkin, of P.O. Box 403 Mauldin SC 29650 affirm that the following statements are true and accurate to the best of my recollection:

1. I contacted Jeffrey MacDonald's defense counsel of my own accord via e-mail on May 22, 2003. The reason I did not contact them earlier is because, at the time Gregory Mitchell made these statements to me, I believed them to be "bar talk" and "exaggeration". However, over the years, I have seen television programs about the case, and Jeffrey MacDonald's naming of Gregory Mitchell as one of the assailants in this crime, and begin to think Mitchell's statements were true and worth reporting.

2. I knew Gregory H. Mitchell from 1980 until his death in 1982. During this time, he told me of his involvement in the MacDonald murders.

3. I grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina, and met Gregory Mitchell at the Hull Bar in Charlotte, sometime in 1980. At the time I knew Gregory Mitchell and frequented the Hull Bar, where Mitchell was also a regular patron, I lived at 601-F 26th Avenue South, North Myrtle Beach, Horry County, North Carolina. I built and owned a home at this address and lived with my (now ex) wife, Carol (Nemky) Buffkin of San Antonio there for 6 years. Gregory Mitchell and his wife, Patricia, attended my wedding to Carol in San Antonio in 1981.

4. My occupation at the time I knew Gregory Mitchell was working construction (Buffkin and Christinbury Constuction). I was 21 years old at that time. I moved from North Myrtle Beach to Wingate, North Carolina in 1986 or 1987. I traveled with my father's company (Coastal Industries) for about four years as a sales representative selling industrial cleaner. I did not complete high school

and I do not have a GED. My work has been in construction, sales, and the manufacture of waterslides. I have been divorced once, and I have two children, a girl who is now 16 and a boy who is now 18. I have been remarried since December 31, 1997.

5. The Hull Bar was approximately 3 and ½ hours from my home. The bar was located in a strip plaza. At one end was a barbershop. There was also a grocery called Harry Teeter in the strip plaza. I believe I was introduced to the Hull Bar by Gregory Mitchell's partner, Don Mills, of M&M Electric.

6. I spoke to Gregory Mitchell each time I was at the Hull Bar, which was usually once a month during the period 1980-82. Gregory Mitchell stated to me, on at least two occasions between 1980 and 1982, that he was "involved" in the MacDonald murders and that "he was there". Gregory Mitchell stated to me that "what they [the government] said about MacDonald isn't true". Gregory Mitchell also stated to me that his reason for being involved in the murders was that Jeffrey MacDonald "wouldn't do what they [Mitchell and his friends] wanted." His manner and affect were those of remorse. Gregory Mitchell also stated that he was "mad" at Jeffrey MacDonald because he and some friends from Vietnam were involved in sending heroin back to the United States in bodybags and that he believed MacDonald was "on the receiving end". He went to the MacDonald home to demand money or "dope". My impression of these statements was (at the time) not believing or disbelieving.

7. It was well known to me, and others who knew Gregory Mitchell, that he was "definite alcoholic and pot smoker" at the time I was acquainted with him. I recall him as being about age 31, not tall (5 foot 4 inches to 5 foot six inches), stocky build, sandy brown hair, full beard.

8. I was aware that Gregory Mitchell worked for the M&M Electric Company.

9. I recall being in the company of another regular Hull Bar patron, Bryant Lane, who I believe could corroborate my account of Gregory Mitchell's statements. Don Mills, Gregory's partner at M&M Electric, was also present on some occasions (now deceased). The owner of the Hull Bar was named Charlie. I believe his last name was McCoy, but I am not certain. Charlie's wife worked for Gregory Mitchell and Don Mills. Bryant Lane was in construction or worked for an electrical company; I am not certain which.

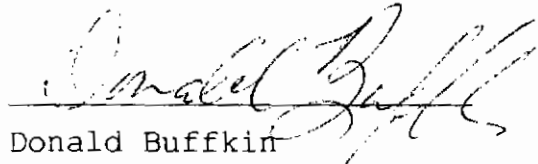
10. I recall Gregory Mitchell having an African-American "army buddy" who served in Vietnam with him. Gregory Mitchell stated that this man, Bobby Jones of Orangeburg, South Carolina, accompanied Mitchell to the MacDonald home on Feb 17, 1970.

11. I visited Gregory Mitchell at his home on several occasions during the period 1980-1982. I do not recall the address of the home, but it was in Charlotte, North Carolina. It was a small one story ranch house on a hill off of South Boulevard and Emorywood near Londonderry Road. To get to the Mitchell home, I made a right turn and the house was second on the right. It had a steep driveway, was made of brick, and had no garage.

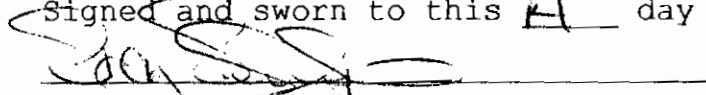
12. Gregory Mitchell owned two dogs - a Lhasa Apsao named Bandit, and another dog of the same breed. I gave Gregory Mitchell a poodle named Peaches that had belonged to my stepmother. The poodle mated with Bandit, and in 1981, I took one of the resulting puppies.

13. At the time I knew Greg Mitchell, I was not aware of the MacDonald case and I didn't know that the case Mitchell was referring to involved people being murdered. In the years following 1982, I related Mitchell's

admissions to my mother, stepfather, father, and my current wife. I do not recall Jeffrey MacDonald's trial. The first program I saw about the case was the mini-series FATAL VISION, after Mitchell's death in 1982. I attended Mitchell's funeral.


Donald Buffkin

Signed and sworn to this 11 day of June 2005


Notary Public

My commission expires Dec 12, 2005

