

## AFFIDAVIT

I am Ronnie J. Morris and was employed by the Town of Matthews as the Chief of Police from September 1984 until October 1993.

In May 1992 I was in the Town Hall building and stopped by the Town Manager's office just to speak to him. Present was the Town Manager Barry Webb and the Town Attorney Charles Buckley.

Mr. Buckley asked me if I knew a Ginger Wright. I told him that I did not. Mr. Buckley told me that it was his understanding that she was coming to see me and was wanting to file a complaint against the town. He stated that this was an on going complaint and that Mrs. Wright had been complaining about the same issue for several years. Mr. Buckley also stated that the complaint had been investigated by him and the Town Manager and their results had been reported to the Council and Mrs. Wright. Mr. Buckley further stated that the complaint had to do with a property issue and therefore there was no criminal involvement and nothing for the police to investigate, and as far as he and the Council were concerned the issue was dead.

Mr. Buckley went on to explain that Mrs. Wright was continuing to complain to the Council, Town Hall staff members, the DA's office and the news media, all of whom were paying her no attention because there was nothing there. He stated that she, Mrs. Wright, was just a "nut case" who has nothing better to do.

At this time Mr. Buckley instructed me to find some way to keep Mrs. Wright out of Town Hall, not to take any complaint and to waste no time investigating something that had already been investigated. I asked Mr. Buckley how was I supposed to keep a citizen out of Town Hall. He stated that he didn't care and that I was to use whatever method I wanted. I asked what is going to happen when Mrs. Wright files a complaint against me. Mr. Buckley assured me that nothing would happen because he and Mr. Webb would be the ones handling the complaint.

Mrs. Wright did come to my office and wanted to meet with me concerning a complaint against the Town. I asked Lt. Robin Hunter to sit in on the

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meeting. After listening to Mrs. Wright, I told her that she did not have any criminal complaint and as far as I was concerned she had no complaint against the Town whatsoever. She insisted that she thought there was a wrong doing on the Town's part and I needed to something. At this time my tone of voice became loud and I became very rude toward Mrs. Wright with regard to her questioning me about what I should or shouldn't do. After continuing to talk down to her for several minutes, I suggested that she leave the Council members alone and to stay out of Town Hall. At this time I had Lt. Hunter to escort Mrs. Wright out of Town Hall.

After Mrs. Wright left I notified both Mr. Buckley and Mr. Webb as to what had happened. I told them that I was very rude to Mrs. Wright to the point that she was in tears as she was escorted out of Town Hall. I told both Mr. Buckley and Mr. Webb that I had done what they had asked and that I did not like it and that it would be the last time I would do something of that nature. Again I was assured that I need not to worry about anything, as they would handle any complaints resulting from my actions in this incident.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009

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COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

On this 24 day of February, 2009 before me personally appeared Ronnie J. Morris to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above Affidavit and acknowledged that he executed the same of his own free act and deed.

Allison White West  
Notary Public