

Exhibit 8: Affidavit of Susan Simmons

AFFIDAVIT OF SUSAN SIMMONS

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, on this day personally appeared Susan Simmons, who after being by me duly sworn did on her oath depose and state the following:

"My name is Susan Simmons. I am over the age of eighteen years and have not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude in the State of Texas or any other state or federal jurisdiction, and am not in any way disqualified to make this Affidavit. In addition, I am physically and mentally qualified and competent to make this Affidavit.

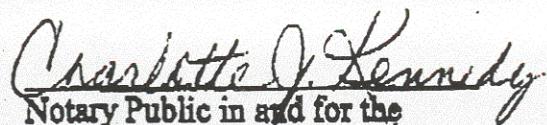
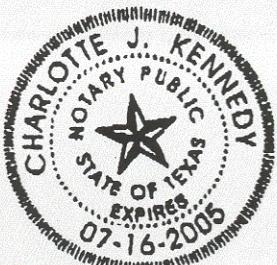
"Stephen Cooper drafted the affidavit that I signed on August 20, 2002. To the extent the affidavit suggests that Sandra Halsey's stenographic notes from the trial of Darlie Routier are *unreliable, untrustworthy, or inaccurate*, it is not correct. Rather, Halsey's notes are *incomplete* in places due to misstrokes and other occurrences that might normally occur during trial and can be made complete by listening to the audiotapes. I stand by my courtroom testimony that the problem with the Halsey record was one of editing, not recording. If Halsey had proofread the transcript she received from her scopist, Halsey's record would look like mine.

"Further affiant sayeth not."


Susan Simmons

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 6th

day of January, 2003, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.


Charlotte J. Kennedy
Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas