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FORMAL COMPLAINT TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS COUSELOR

Brewington files this complaint against Rush County Superior Court Judge Brian Hill ("Hill") and Dearborn County Superior Court II Judge Sally McLaughlin ("McLaughlin") for failing to produce the audio record from a grand jury proceeding that is already public record. Please note that Brewington understands that I.C. § 35-34-2 governs and protects the confidential nature of grand jury proceedings, however the grand jury record in question is already public record. Hill and/or the Dearborn Superior Court II took a "because we said so" approach in denying Brewington's request as Hill failed to provide any statutory reason for nondisclosure of the grand jury audio despite the fact that Hill had long since released the evidence and transcripts from the same proceedings into the public record. In a public record request addressed to McLaughlin (formerly Blankenship), dated January 29, 2016, Brewington requested copies of audio discs from the grand jury proceedings relating to Brewington's criminal case, Cause No: 15D02-1103-FD-00084. [See attached appendix for Brewington's request] Hill, who served as special judge for the majority of Brewington's criminal proceedings in 2011 following McLaughlin's recusal, issued an order [See appendix for February 4, 2016 Order] stating the following:

"The Court declines to grant the request for audio recordings from the Grand Jury proceedings occurring on February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011. Mr. Brewington has alleged that these audio recordings were admitted into evidence at his criminal trial, however, the Court finds that they were not, and there's been no sufficient reason set forth which would necessitate the release of said audio recordings."

It should first be noted that Hill's order also addresses a separate request by Brewington for copies of the audio from several hearings in Brewington's criminal proceedings [See appendix. The Dearborn Superior Court II requires individuals wishing to listen to court audio outside of the courthouse to pay for their own copies. Hill threatens to hold people in contempt if they share copies of the public records with other individuals.] Unlike Brewington's request for audio from the grand jury proceedings, Hill granted Brewington's request for the court audio from the criminal proceedings despite the court audio not being admitted into evidence during any proceeding. As for Hill's claim that Brewington alleged the grand jury audio was admitted into evidence during the criminal proceedings, Brewington made no such claim. In fact, Brewington's request specifically acknowledged the audio version of the grand jury record was not physically admitted during trial:

"Judge Hill's AMENDED ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES resorts to splitting hairs on the technicality that an actual audio record

from the Grand Jury proceedings was not physically admitted during trial, unlike the written record of the proceedings in the form of transcripts, that Hill authorized to be released."

Brewington's January 29, 2016 request made reference to prior rulings by Hill regarding requests for the same audio records made by other individuals. [Please note that prior to January 29, 2016, Brewington has never filed a public records request with the Dearborn Superior Court II and other requests and orders mentioned herein are independent of Brewington's January 29, 2016 request] In an order dated January 12, 2012 [Included in Brewington's January 29, 2016 request], Hill stated the following:

The Court Reporter is hereby ORDERED to prepare compact disc audio recordings of the following requested hearings:

a. Grand Jury proceedings of February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011 and March 2, 2011.

Hill also ordered the Court Reporter of the Dearborn Superior Court II to prepare copies of audio recordings from several other hearings from Brewington's proceedings including the pretrial hearing of July 18, 2011. Without explanation or warning, on February 2, 2012 Hill filed an Amended Order Releasing Audio Copies [Also included in Brewington's January 29, 2016 request] stating:

- 1. Subsequent to the issuance of those two Orders, the Court has discovered that no audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011 were admitted into evidence in this cause, therefore, these audio recordings are not a record in these proceedings.
- 2. The Final Pretrial Conference/Bond Reduction Hearing which had originally been set on July 18, 2011 was continued on the State's Motion and no hearing took place on that date. If a telephonic conference with counsel was held on that date, it was merely an effort to reschedule and find an agreeable date and no recordings were made. Therefore, no audio recording exists for July 18, 2011.
- 3. For the above stated reasons, the recipients' request for audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011 and March 2, 2011 and a Pretrial Hearing for July 18, 2011 are rendered moot because there are no such audio recordings existing in this case.

The most prominent issue regarding Hill's response to Brewington's request is that Hill denied Brewington's request while rendering prior requests "moot." Hill wrote,

"No such audio recordings exist[ed] in this case" in his denial prior requests for audio records. Unbeknownst to the casual reader, Hill's contention that the hearing on July 18, 2011 never took place was clearly erroneous. The pretrial hearing that occurred on July 18, 2011 was the hearing where the prosecution informed the defense that the nature of Brewington's indictments could be gleaned from the "complete transcript of the grand jury proceedings." [See appendix for Deputy Prosecutor Joe Kisor's statements appearing on page 21 of the transcripts from the July 18, 2011 hearing.] At no point has Hill or any other party claimed the record of the grand jury proceedings remained confidential under I.C. § 35-34-2 because Hill admitted both the grand jury transcripts and exhibits into evidence during Brewington's bond reduction hearing on August 17, 2011. [See appendix for page 20] of transcripts from August 17, 2011 hearing.] However, it was during the hearing on August 17, 2011 that the prosecution ceased to use the term "complete" to describe the transcripts from the grand jury proceedings by stating, "State's [exhibit] 4 is the Grand Jury testimony in this case your honor." Given the sparse interaction between the prosecution and the members of the grand jury, one would question how a panel of laypeople would understand their roles as grand jurors in the absence of any record of instruction by the state at the beginning of the proceedings. In certifying the transcripts from the grand jury [See appendix], Barbara Ruwe, Reporter of the Dearborn Superior Court II, stated:

"That upon the hearings of the grand jury in this cause, I transcribed all of the statements of the witnesses given during the hearings."

In Wurster v. State 715 N.E.2d 341 (Ind. 1999) the Indiana Supreme Court applied Criminal Rule 5 to the recording of grand jury proceedings which provides the recording "of any and all oral evidence and testimony given in all cases and hearings, including both questions and answers, all rulings of the judge in respect to the admission and rejection of evidence and objections thereto, and any other oral matters occurring during the hearing in any proceeding." [Excluding jury deliberations and occasions when jurors are alone] Indiana statute provides no authority that grants prosecutors the ability to arbitrarily "create" a record of proceeding by ordering the selective transcription of a normally secretive grand jury process. Even holding a prosecutor could order a court reporter to transcribe only the testimony of witnesses during a grand jury proceeding, the transcripts from the grand jury proceeding on March 2, 2011 are void of any witness testimony. The final day of the grand jury proceedings involved only a brief explanation by Negangard of how Brewington's internet writings crossed the lines of free speech and then Negangard proceeded to give a general reading of the criminal statutes for the jurors to consider. The Dearborn Superior Court II cannot tailor a transcript of a grand jury proceeding to meet the needs of a prosecutor and authorize omissions from the grand jury record without informing the defendant, especially in a case

where the prosecution offers the transcripts, or the prosecution's version of the transcripts, to serve as the basis for mounting a defense against the prosecution's case. Brewington is unaware if the Dearborn Superior Court II and/or the Office of the Dearborn County Prosecutor manipulated the record of the grand jury proceedings but Brewington is left scratching his head as to why the Dearborn Superior Court II would go to such lengths to prevent the release of the audio of a legal proceeding that the Court already deemed to be admitted as a public record. Hill reiterated that the record of the grand jury was indeed available to the public during the final pretrial hearing on September 19, 2011 [See appendix]:

"This matter is set today for a final pre-trial conference with a jury trial set to commence on October 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. A couple of the issues that we had, um, for consideration today, um, first of all back in August, I think it was even maybe prior to our last bond reduction hearing, the State had made a motion to release Grand Jury Exhibits which was granted and those were actually admitted into evidence at the bond reduction hearing that was held on August 17th. I believe that was the date it was. Being that those have been admitted as public record, there was a question by Defense counsel, we just had a brief conference in chambers before coming out on the record to make sure that those were allowed to be released to the Defendant and yes, that is the case and I don't, uh, there were some conversations between Mr. Negangard and Mr. Barrett about getting that transcript and that might happen I think immediately after this hearing today."

Hill confirmed that the record of the grand jury was admitted as public record. Despite the prosecution's claim that Brewington's defense could rely on the "complete transcript" record of the grand jury to decipher the general indictments, Hill failed to allow Brewington and his public defender to have access to any specific charging information until less than two weeks before Brewington's jury trial commenced on October 3, 2011. Two weeks to prepare a defense seems almost like a gift in lieu of Hill's original attempt to force Brewington to trial on August 16, 2011. The order vacating the August 16, 2011 jury trial was filed on August 17, 2011. The order releasing the record of the grand jury was filed on August 23, 2011. [See appendix for Chronological Case Summary (CCS) entry] No objections were ever made by Brewington's public defender Bryan Barrett. Rush County Superior Court Judge Brian Hill appointed and allowed Rush County Chief Public Defender Bryan Barrett to continue representing Brewington despite Hill knowing that Barrett refused speak with Brewington prior to trial while denying Brewington the right to play any role in preparing a defense.

As Brewington expects any potential response to this complaint from Hill or the Dearborn County Superior Court II to be accompanied by an argument that Brewington's complaint is conspiracy-laden, the fact still remains that in 2012 Hill first ordered the clerk to prepare copies of the audio from the grand jury proceedings and then later rendered the requests moot claiming that the grand jury audio did not exist. Rather than render Brewington's request moot, Hill denied Brewington's request. If there is a provision in Indiana law that differentiates a paper transcript record of a grand jury proceeding from an audio record of the same proceeding, Hill failed to offer that provision in the Court's denial. Brewington originally assumed that by rendering prior requests moot, Hill was without jurisdiction to order the release because Hill only presided over Brewington's case and the record of the grand jury was maintained by the court of Dearborn Superior Court II Judge Sally McLauglin. When Brewington made a request for the grand jury records four years after Hill rendered prior requests moot, Hill denied Brewington's request stating "there's been no sufficient reason set forth which would necessitate the release of said audio recordings." Hill confuses the law regarding the release of public records as the burden falls squarely on the shoulders of the public agency to prove why the records should not be accessible by the public.

Brewington's inclusion of extraneous examples of conduct not directly related to Brewington's public record request for grand jury audio is simply an attempt to provide the Counselor with some perspective as to why the Dearborn Superior Court II refuses to release the audio record from an already public record without reason. The actions of Judge Brian Hill and the Dearborn County Superior Court II are at best suspicious. The worst case scenario is Hill and former Indiana Supreme Court applicant Dearborn Superior Court II Judge Sally McLaughlin are obstructing access to public records in a case where McLaughlin's Court Reporter assisted Dearborn County Prosecutor F. Aaron Negangard in manipulating the record of a grand jury proceeding to deny Brewington of a fair trial. Indiana Administrative Rule 9(D)3 states, "If a Court Record, or portion thereof, is excluded from public access, there shall be a publicly accessible indication of the fact of exclusion but not the content of the exclusion." The "complete transcript of the grand jury proceedings" is void of any notations indicating that any information was redacted during the transcribing of the grand jury audio. No party or person has provided any written "notice to the Trial Court identifying the transcript page and line number(s) containing any Court Record to be excluded from Public Access; and the specific Administrative Rule 9(G)(2) or 9(G)(3) grounds upon which that exclusion is based."

I.C. 5-14-3-2 defines the term "public record" broadly to include any writing, paper, tape recording that is either created, received, maintained, used, filed, or generated on magnetic or machine-readable media. Three weeks after Hill's January 12, 2012

order for the court reporter to prepare copies of the grand jury audio, Hill arbitrarily represented the grand jury audio as something other than just an electronic form of the record equally represented by the paper transcripts. A claim that there is more information in the audio of the grand jury than what exists in the transcripts of the same proceedings is acknowledging that the transcription of the grand jury audio is not accurate and Brewington was denied a fair trial. Making matters even more suspicious is the fact Brewington was indicted for making, what Dearborn County Prosecutor F. Aaron Negangard claimed to be "over the top" and "unsubstantiated statements" about court officials. Brewington was convicted of criminal defamation but his convictions were upheld based on alleged "hidden threats" though the term "hidden threat" does not appear anywhere in the audio or transcripts from the criminal proceedings and does not appear anywhere in the paper representation of the grand jury record. The Dearborn Superior Court II has not offered any statutory exception justifying the Court's failure to disclose the electronic version of the grand jury record that is already a public record. Brewington attempted to resolve the issue with an Amended Request for Grand Jury Audio [See appendix for Request dated February 8, 2016] but the Dearborn Superior Court II failed to respond. Brewington sent a Public Records request to Dearborn County Prosecutor F. Aaron Negangard in the chance the grand jury audio was maintained by the Office of the Dearborn County Prosecutor but Brewington received no response from Negangard as well. [See appendix for Request to Negangard Hill and the Dearborn Superior Court II had at least four opportunities to provide a legal reason why not to release the audio version of the grand jury record. Other than claiming the audio did not exist, the only reason Hill provided for not releasing the audio was that Brewington did not give a "good enough" reason to release a copy of the digital record. Page 1 of the grand jury transcript [See appendix] is void of any introduction or explanation of the proceedings. The written record of the grand jury documents Prosecutor Negangard's opening statements to be, "Alright, we would call our first witness, Michael Kreinhop. Would you swear in the witness?" If the audio record demonstrates any communication between Negangard and the grand jury prior to Negangard calling his first witness, then Barbara Ruwe, court reporter of the Dearborn Superior Court II, illegally altered an official court record, presumably on behalf of Dearborn County Prosecutor F. Aaron Negangard. Further suspicion of potential omissions appear on page 284 of the grand jury transcripts [See appendix]. At the end of Prosecutor Negangard's questioning of witness Angela Loechel, Ms. Loechel says, "Okay, thank you." The next line is Negangard stating, "Okay are we on record. Let the record show that we're reconvening after our morning break, um, we'll show that the State has called Heidi Humphrey before the Grand Jury." Unless Prosecutor Negangard quietly led the jurors out of the room between Ms. Loechel's testimony and going back on the record after morning break,

the record of the grand jury was altered. Any manipulation of the grand jury record to intentionally harm Brewington's constitutional right to a fair trial would almost certainly be grounds for immediate dismissal of the convictions that caused Brewington to be incarcerated for 2.5 years.

A copy of this complaint and links to the transcripts of the grand jury proceedings and other documentation can be found on www.danbrewington.blogspot.com. As the above case involves concerning behavior by government officials, Brewington is forwarding a copy of this complaint and supporting documentation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office, 8825 Nelson B Klein Pkwy, Indianapolis, IN 46250 as well as the United States Attorney's Office, 10 W. Market St, Suite 2100, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Daniel P. Brewington

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APPENDIX

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Brewington's January 29, 2016 Public Record Request for copies of audio discs from the grand jury Request for copies of public records from Grand Jury

January 29, 2016

Dearborn County, Indiana Superior Court II Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Formerly Blankenship) 215 W High St 2nd Floor Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 812.537.8800

Dear Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship):

Pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (Ind. Code 5-14-3), Requester would like copies of the following public records pertaining to the case of State of Indiana vs Daniel Brewington, Cause No: 15D02-1103-FD-00084:

Please provide copies of the audio discs from the Grand Jury proceedings occurring on the following dates:

February 28, 2011

March 1, 2011

March 2, 2011

To ensure specificity in an effort to assist employees of the Dearborn County Superior Court II in complying with this request, this Requester references material downloaded from the following blog post published by a "Sue Brewington" http://danbrewington.blogspot.com/2012/03/missing-records-from-brewington-case.html. Special Judge Brian D. Hill, from Rush County, Indiana Superior Court, authorized the release of the audio from the above Grand Jury proceedings in an ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES file stamped January 12, 2012. [Order and unsigned letter from Dearborn Superior Court II, dated January 13, 2012, attached hereto as "A".] However, Special Judge Brian D. Hill issued an AMENDED ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES file stamped February 02, 2012 [Attached hereto as "B"] stating that "no audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011 were admitted into evidence in this cause, therefore, these audio recordings are not a record in these proceedings." Though it is unclear why Judge Hill rendered the prior request most three weeks after granting the release of the audio from the Grand Jury proceedings, it remains certain that Judge Hill did not deny nor prohibit the release of the Grand Jury audio. A review of the Chronological Case Summary ("CCS") of the Criminal Docket in the above case shows that Judge Hill issued the order to release Grand Jury Exhibits on August 23, 2011, roughly a week after the original trial date was scheduled for August 16, 2011. [Please note that this timeframe is not a mistake on the part of the Requester. See CCS, attached hereto as "C". Judge Hill scheduled the above matter for trial prior to authorizing the release of the grand jury transcripts outlining the nature of the indictments.]

Judge Hill's AMENDED ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES resorts to splitting hairs on the technicality that an actual audio record from the Grand Jury proceedings was not physically admitted during trial, unlike the written record of the proceedings in the form of transcripts, that Hill authorized to be released. Rule 5 of the Indiana Rules of Criminal Procedure allows the record of cases and hearings to be maintained in the form of shorthand notes, stenographic reporting, and audio recordings and Rule 7 of the Indiana Administrative Rules sets forth the parameters of record archival in Judicial Retention Schedules. In Wurster v. State, 715 N.E.2d 341 (Ind. 1999) at 346, the Indiana Supreme Court wrote, "The manner of recording evidence in trial courts is governed by Criminal Rule 5" and applied the rule to maintaining a record of grand jury proceedings with the exclusion of "the deliberations and voting of the grand jury and other discussions when the members of the grand jury are the only persons present in the grand jury room." In opinions such as Runyon v. State, 923 N.E.2d 440 (Ind. App. 2010), the higher courts in Indiana often use terminology such as "What we have gleaned from the record is..." Transcripts are currently the most prominent form of maintaining the record of court cases and proceedings due to their convenience to attorneys and the courts but even transcripts are going through a progression. Computer software has replaced the manual process of transcribing records from stenograph notes and audio recordings with typewriter. The advent of iPads and other electronic media viewing devices is slowly eliminating the paper transcript. With the advance of technology, it is not inconceivable that the near future will see justices on the United States Supreme Court with ear pieces reviewing audible court records just as many people "read" audible editions of books through Amazon or iTunes, which is more conducive to those who are visually impaired and individuals with learning disabilities. Whatever technology brings, one thing remains constant; the court record remains the same regardless of the medium in which it is stored. Requester provides the above explanation to preemptively defuse any potential claim that the release of the Grand Jury audio is still bound by I.C. § 35-34-2-10(a) regarding unauthorized disclosure of grand jury information, a Class B misdemeanor. The record of grand jury proceedings became a reviewable public record when Judge Hill allowed the State to admit a digital copy of the Grand Jury Exhibits into evidence, which includes a digital copy of the transcripts from the proceedings. Other than transcribed records being more expensive as well as presenting more of a challenge to those with visual and/or learning impairments, the transcribed record is the same legal record as the electronic audio medium from which it was transcribed, which means the audio record from the aforementioned Grand Jury proceedings is already a releasable public record. Any argument that the audio record from the grand jury proceedings differ or are less reliable than the electronic record of the transcription of the audio is a direct blow to the reliability of the function of the court reporter.

"Okay we're on record." This is the opening statement of Dearborn County Prosecutor F. Aaron Negangard at the beginning of the final day of Grand Jury proceedings on March 2, 2011. This represents the beginning of the audio record for the day as the Official Court Reporter of the Dearborn County Superior Court II, Barbara Ruwe, certified that "the foregoing transcript, as prepared, is full, true, correct and complete." The March 2, 2011 proceeding did not hear any witness testimony, rather the proceeding focused on procedural instructions from Negangard that the grand jurors could indict Brewington for making "over the top, um unsubstantiated statements" about Dearborn County Court Officials. The transcript of the audible record also establishes that Negangard cued the court reporter during the proceedings when to properly start and stop the recording of the official record. Release of the audio record of the Grand Jury proceedings will demonstrate this. If the release of the audio record of the Grand Jury proceedings demonstrates additional comments, arguments, or other audible content not available in the transcribed audio record, then public accountability is necessary. Any contention that the Official Court Reporter of the Dearborn County Superior Court II transcribed only portions of the audio record that the prosecution claimed to be part of a "official record" is an assertion that the Official Court Reporter of the Dearborn County Superior Court II selectively transcribed an official audio record in an manner to assist the prosecution in depriving a defendant of charging information. This would be particularly troubling in light of the Dearborn County Superior Court II temporary "losing" audio records from, at least, the July 18, 2011 pretrial hearing in the above cause. Transparency in the matter is essential to ensure public trust in otherwise secretive grand jury proceedings.

Requester is aware Honorable Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship), a current interviewee for the position of Indiana Supreme Court Justice, recused herself from Requester's original criminal proceeding seven (7) days after the arraignment hearing of the above cause, where she set Requester's bond at \$500,000 surety and \$100,000 cash in the absence of any evidence of potential danger or flight. Honorable McLaughlin (Blankenship) cited a conflict of interest due to the professional/personal relationship with an alleged victim in the case, Dearborn County, Indiana Circuit Court Judge James D. Humphrey. Requester asks that Honorable Judge McLaughlin (Blankenship) play an administrative role in processing this request to stave off potential problems associated with employee(s) operating under Dearborn Superior Court Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship). Even in light of Judge Hill's finding that the actual audio record of the Grand Jury proceedings were not part of the above listed cause, the Dearborn County Superior Court II still retains jurisdiction over the release of the audible record of the Grand Jury information and said release is simply an administrative function at this point as Hill has long since authorized the release of the transcription of the audible record of the Grand Jury Information. If another entity retains authority over the release of said audio record, please provide the name and contact information of that entity/agency. Requester requests that all documents emanating from the Dearborn County, Indiana Superior Court II regarding this matter have the appropriate Dearborn County, Indiana Superior Court II letter head as well as the signature of the party responsible for the correspondence. If Requester's written request is denied, Requester assumes Honorable Judge McLaughlin (Blankenship) will oversee her staff in ensuring the refusal is in writing and include a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and the title or position of the person responsible for the denial. Indiana Code § 5-14-3-9(c).

I understand by seeking a copies of these records, there may be a copying fee. Please inform me of the costs prior to making the copies. I can be reached at employed or by email, contactdanbrewington@gmail.com.

According to the statute, you have seven (7) days to respond to this request. If you choose to deny the request, please remember you are required to respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial; so Requester has the ability to name the party issuing the denial in an action in an appropriate court per Indiana Code § 5-14-3-9(e).

A copy of this request can be found on <u>www.danbrewington.blogspot.com</u> for your convenience. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully,

Daniel P. Brewington, Requester

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STATE OF INDIANA

DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT II

COUNTY OF DEARBORN

CAUSE NO. 15D02-1103-FD-084

STATE OF INDIANA,

Plaintiff

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VS

DANIEL BREWINGTON,
Defendant

CLERK OF DEARBORN CIRCUIT COURT

ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES

COMES NOW THE COURT having received an Access to Public Records

Request from Sue A. Brewington.

And the Court having reviewed said request and being duly advised in the premises now FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

- The Court Reporter is hereby ORDERED to prepare compact disc audio recordings of the following requested hearings:
 - a. Grand Jury proceedings of February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011 and March 2, 2011.
 - b. Initial Hearing of March 11, 2011.
 - c. Pretrial Hearing of June 17, 2011.
 - d. Pretrial Hearing of July 18, 2011.
 - e. Bond Reduction Hearing of Aug. 17, 2011.
 - f. Final Pretrial Hearing of Sept. 19, 2011.
 - g. Jury Trial October 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2011.
 - h. Sentencing Hearing of October 24, 2011.

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- 2. The Court Reporter is also instructed to prepare a compact disc audio copy of the compact disc admitted into evidence containing the interview of Keith L. Jones by Shane McHenry admitted into evidence on August 17, 2011 and letter read by Daniel Brewington at the September 19, 2011 Pretrial Hearing.
- Sue A. Brewington shall be responsible for a reasonable copying fee 3. pursuant to I.C. 5-14-3-8.
- 4. The release of these audio recordings are hereby specifically limited to the personal review of said recordings to Sue A. Brewington all The recipient, Sue A. Brewington, is barred from broadcasting or any way publishing these records in any manner. Violation of this Order may result in contempt proceedings.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 12th day of January, 2012.

BRIAN D. HILL, Special Judge Dearborn Superior Court II

Distribution: Honorable Brian D. Hill Prosecuting Attorney Bryan E. Barrett Jeffrey E. Stratman Sue Brewington



DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT II Sally A. Blankenship, Judge

January 13, 2012

Ms. Sue A. Brewington

Judge Blankenship referred this matter to Judge Hill regarding the release of copies of audio discs from the State vs. Brewington hearings and trial, as Judge Hill was the appointed special Judge in this matter.

Judge Hill has issued the enclosed Order relating to the release of the audio discs.

The cost of copying the discs is being reviewed and the cost you would be responsible for should be able to be calculated and reported to you within the next seven (7) days, prior to copying any discs as you requested. Once this sum is provided, depending on the Court schedule these should be available within the next thirty (30) days.

STATE OF INDIANA

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DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT II

COUNTY OF DEARBORN

CAUSE NO. 15D02-1103-FD-084

STATE OF INDIANA.

VS

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AMENDED ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES

COMES NOW THE COURT having previously issued an Order Releasing Audio Copies to Sue A. Brewington on January 12, 2012 and to Matthew P. Brewington on January 24, 2012.

And the Court being duly advised in the premises now FINDS that those two orders should be amended as follows:

- 1. Subsequent to the issuance of those two Orders, the Court has discovered that no audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011 were admitted into evidence in this cause, therefore, these audio recordings are not a record in these proceedings.
- 2. The Final Pretrial Conference/Bond Reduction Hearing which had originally been set on July 18, 2011 was continued on the State's Motion and no hearing took place on that date. If a telephonic conference with counsel was held on that date, it was merely an effort to reschedule and find an agreeable date and no recordings were made. Therefore, no audio recording exists for July 18, 2011.



3. For the above state reasons, the recipients' request for audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011 and March 2, 2011 and a Pretrial Hearing for July 18, 2011 are rendered moot because there are no such audio recordings existing in this case.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 27th day of January, 2012.

BRIAN D. HILL, Special Judge Dearborn Superior Court II

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Honorable Brian D. Hill
Prosecuting Attorney
Jeffrey E. Stratman
Matthew P. Brewington
Sue A. Brewington

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CHRONOLOGICAL CASE SUMMARY CRIMINAL DOCKET, DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT 2

FOR CAUSE NO: 15D02-1103-FD-00084 STATE VS BREWINGTON, DANIEL **JUDGE BRIAN D HILL**

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APPENDIX

February 4, 2016 Order out of Dearborn Superior Court II

Special Judge Brian Hill

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February 4, 2016

Daniel Brewington

Mr. Brewington:

The Court has issued the attached order. The cost of copying the discs is being reviewed and the cost you would be responsible for should be able to be calculated and reported to you within the next seven (7) days prior to copying any discs as you requested. Once this sum is provided, depending on the Court schedule these should be available within the next thirty (30) days.

Brian Hill, Special Judge Dearborn Superior Court II February 5, 2016

Daniel Brewington

Mr. Brewington:

The cost of copying the discs will be \$115.50. Please inform the Court in writing if you want the Court to copy the discs and after the Court receives that, I will notify you in writing when they would be ready to be picked up.

Barbara Ruwe, Court Reporter

Dearborn Superior Court II

STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT II

COUNTY OF DEARBORN

CAUSE NO. 15D02-1103-FD-084

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DANIEL BREWINGTON

CLERK OF DEARBORN CIRCUIT COURT

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR RELEASING AUDIO RECORDINGS

COMES NOW Daniel Brewington having made two (2) separate written requests for copies of audio discs from various proceedings regarding the above referenced cause.

And the Court having reviewed said requests now FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

- The Court declines to grant the request for audio recordings from the Grand Jury
 proceedings occurring on February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011. Mr.
 Brewington has alleged that these audio recordings were admitted into evidence at
 his criminal trial, however, the Court finds that they were not, and there's been no
 sufficient reason set forth which would necessitate the release of said audio
 recordings.
- As to Mr. Brewington's second request, the court reporter is hereby ordered to prepare compact disc audio recordings of the following hearings:
 - a. Initial hearing of March 11, 2011.
 - b. Pretrial hearing of June 17, 2011
 - c. Pretrial hearing of July 18, 2011 "
 - d. Bond reduction hearing of August 17, 2011 -
 - e. Final pretrial hearing of September 19, 2011 -
 - f. Jury trial of October 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2011
 - g. Sentencing hearing of October 24, 2011

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- Daniel Brewington shall be responsible for a reasonable copying fee pursuant to 1.C.
 5-14-3-8.
- 4. The release of these audio recordings are hereby specifically limited to the personal review by Daniel Brewington. The recipient, Daniel Brewington, is barred from broadcasting or in any other way publishing these records in any manner. Violation of this order may result in contempt proceedings.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 4th day of February, 2016.

BRIAN D. HILL, Judge Rush Superior Court

Distribution
Honorable Brian D. Hill
Prosecuting Attorney
Daniel Brewington



DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT II Sally A. McLaughlin, Judge

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APPENDIX

Public Record Request for Court Audio, including "missing" audio from July 18, 2011 hearing. Said hearing was subsequently found after Hill's initial order claiming the hearing never took place.

Request for copies of public records

January 29, 2016

Dearborn County, Indiana Superior Court II Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Formerly Blankenship) 215 W High St 2nd Floor Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 812.537.8800

Dear Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship):

Pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (Ind. Code 5-14-3), Requester would like copies of the following public records pertaining to the case of State of Indiana vs Daniel Brewington, Cause No: 15D02-1103-FD-00084:

Please provide copies of the audio discs from the hearings occurring on the following dates:

March 11, 2011	Daniel Brewington arraignment hearing
June 17, 2011	Daniel Brewington pre-trial hearing
July 18, 2011	Daniel Brewington pre-trial hearing
August 17, 2011	Daniel Brewington bond reduction hearing
September 19, 2011	Daniel Brewington final pre-trial hearing
October 3,4,5,6, 2011	Daniel Brewington criminal trial
October 24, 2011	Daniel Brewington sentencing hearing

To ensure specificity in an effort to assist employees of the Dearborn County Superior Court II in complying with this request, this Requester references material downloaded from the following blog post published by a "Sue Brewington" http://danbrewington.blogspot.com/2012/03/missing-records-from-brewington-case.html. Special Judge Brian D. Hill, from Rush County, Indiana Superior Court, authorized the release of the audio from the above hearings in an ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES file stamped January 12, 2012. [Order and unsigned letter from Dearborn Superior Court II, dated January 13, 2012, attached hereto as "A"] However, Special Judge Brian D. Hill issued an AMENDED ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES file stamped February 02, 2012 [Attached hereto as "B"] stating that "no hearing took place on [July 18, 2011]." This hearing did in fact take place as the below Requester was present when Judge Hill set the matter for jury trial on August 16, 2011, just minutes after the Requester's public defender, Bryan E. Barrett informed the Court he was unaware of which of the Requester's actions the State alleged to violate Indiana law and where Barrett stated he did not have copies of the State's evidence against Requester.

Requester is aware Honorable Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship), a current interviewee for the position of Indiana Supreme Court Justice, recused herself from

Requester's original criminal proceeding citing a conflict of interest due to the professional/personal relationship with an alleged victim in the case, Dearborn County, Indiana Circuit Court Judge James D. Humphrey. Honorable McLaughlin (Blankenship) stepped down shortly after the above listed arraignment hearing after setting Requester's bond at \$500,000 surety and \$100,000 cash, based on psychological testing appearing in a child custody evaluation report nearly four (4) years prior to the arraignment, from a civil divorce proceeding that recommended near-equal parenting time for Requester. Requester does ask that Honorable Judge McLaughlin (Blankenship) play an administrative role in this request to stave off potential problems associated with employee(s) operating under Dearborn Superior Court Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship) as the orders from the Court indicate the court reporter at the time, who was Barbara Ruwe, lost or misplaced the audio from the pretrial hearing dated July 18, 2011, which was subsequently found. As documents downloaded from the above blog post indicate that explanations of missing records and interpretations of law from the Dearborn County Superior Court II came in the form of an untitled and unsigned document and a Post-it note [Attached hereto as "C" and "D", Requester requests that all documents emanating from the Dearborn County, Indiana Superior Court II regarding this matter have the appropriate Dearborn County, Indiana Superior Court II letter head as well as the signature of the party responsible for the correspondence. If Requester's written request is denied, Requester assumes Honorable Judge McLaughlin (Blankenship) will oversee her staff in ensuring the refusal is in writing and include a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and the title or position of the person responsible for the denial. Indiana Code § 5-14-3-9(c).

I understand by seeking a copies of these records, there may be a copying fee. Please inform me of the costs prior to making the copies. I can be reached at or by email, contactdanbrewington@gmail.com.

According to the statute, you have seven (7) days to respond to this request. If you choose to deny the request, please remember you are required to respond in writing and state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial; so Requester has the ability to name the party issuing the denial in an action before an appropriate court per Indiana Code § 5-14-3-9(e).

A copy of this request can be found on www.danbrewington.blogspot.com for your convenience. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Daniel P. Brewington, Requester

Respectfully.

contactdanbrewington@gmail.com

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DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT II

COUNTY OF DEARBORN

CAUSE NO. 15D02-1103-FD-084

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DANIEL BREWINGTON,
Defendant

CLERK OF DEARBORN CIRCUIT COURT

ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES

COMES NOW THE COURT having received an Access to Public Records

Request from Sue A. Brewington,

And the Court having reviewed said request and being duly advised in the premises now FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

- The Court Reporter is hereby ORDERED to prepare compact disc audio recordings of the following requested hearings:
 - a. Grand Jury proceedings of February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011 and March 2, 2011.
 - b. Initial Hearing of March 11, 2011.
 - c. Pretrial Hearing of June 17, 2011.
 - d. Pretrial Hearing of July 18, 2011.
 - e. Bond Reduction Hearing of Aug. 17, 2011.
 - f. Final Pretrial Hearing of Sept. 19, 2011.
 - g. Jury Trial October 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2011.
 - h. Sentencing Hearing of October 24, 2011.

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- 2. The Court Reporter is also instructed to prepare a compact disc audio copy of the compact disc admitted into evidence containing the interview of Keith L. Jones by Shane McHenry admitted into evidence on August 17, 2011 and letter read by Daniel Brewington at the September 19, 2011 Pretrial Hearing.
- 3. Sue A. Brewington shall be responsible for a reasonable copying fee pursuant to I.C. 5-14-3-8.
- 4. The release of these audio recordings are hereby specifically limited to the personal review of said recordings to Sue A. Brewington of the personal review of said recordings to Sue A. Brewington, is barred from broadcasting or any way publishing these records in any manner. Violation of this Order may result in contempt proceedings.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 12th day of January, 2012.

BRIAN D. HILL, Special Judge Dearborn Superior Court II

Distribution:
Honorable Brian D. Hill
Prosecuting Attorney
Bryan E. Barrett
Jeffrey E. Stratman
Sue Brewington



DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT II Sally A. Blankenship, Judge

January 13, 2012

Ms. Sue A. Brewington

Judge Blankenship referred this matter to Judge Hill regarding the release of copies of audio discs from the State vs. Brewington hearings and trial, as Judge Hill was the appointed special Judge in this matter.

Judge Hill has issued the enclosed Order relating to the release of the audio discs.

The cost of copying the discs is being reviewed and the cost you would be responsible for should be able to be calculated and reported to you within the next seven (7) days, prior to copying any discs as you requested. Once this sum is provided, depending on the Court schedule these should be available within the next thirty (30) days.

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COUNTY OF DEARBORN

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DANIEL BREWINGTON, Defendant Fruite DEVENER OF DEARBORN CIRCUIT COM

AMENDED ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES

COMES NOW THE COURT having previously issued an Order Releasing Audio Copies to Sue A. Brewington on January 12, 2012 and to Matthew P. Brewington on January 24, 2012.

And the Court being duly advised in the premises now FINDS that those two orders should be amended as follows:

- ١. Subsequent to the issuance of those two Orders, the Court has discovered that no audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011 were admitted into evidence in this cause, therefore, these audio recordings are not a record in these proceedings.
- 2. The Final Pretrial Conference/Bond Reduction Hearing which had originally been set on July 18, 2011 was continued on the State's Motion and no hearing took place on that date. If a telephonic conference with counsel was held on that date, it was merely an effort to reschedule and find an agreeable date and no recordings were made. Therefore, no audio recording exists for July 18, 2011.

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3. For the above state reasons, the recipients' request for audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011 and March 2, 2011 and a Pretrial Hearing for July 18, 2011 are rendered moot because there are no such audio recordings existing in this case.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 27th day of January, 2012.

BRIAN D. HILL, Special Judge Dearborn Superior Court II

Distribution:
Honorable Brian D. Hill
Prosecuting Attorney
Jeffrey E. Stratman
Matthew P. Brewington
Sue A. Brewington

Response to request on February 14, 2012 from Sue Brewington

- 1.) Request for Audio of July 18, 2011 hearing No audio of July 18, 2011 hearing as that hearing was continued as indicated on the Amended Order Releasing Audio Copies signed on February 2, 2012.
- 2.) Request for Grand Jury Audio Tapes Grand Jury audio recordings are not a record in these proceedings as indicated on the Amended Order signed on February 2, 2011. Also Grand Jury proceedings are confidential and cannot be released to anyone.
- 3.) Request for Transcripts for March 11, 2011 The requested transcripts by the Defendant have been forwarded to counsel for the Defendant.
- 4.) Request for transcript from June 17, 2011 This was a pre-trial hearing held in the Judge's Chambers that was not recorded and there is no audio tape of that hearing, therefore a transcript cannot be made.
- 5.) Request for transcript from July 18, 2011 Hearing was continued and no hearing held, therefore a transcript cannot be made.

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Pre-trial
hearing held
in chambers not recorded

Page 21 of transcripts from July 18, 2011 hearing. Dearborn County Deputy Prosecutor Joe Kisor's reference to "complete transcript of the grand jury proceedings."

1		used for that purpose as well.
2	COURT:	Well maybe I'm presuming wrong, I would
3		anticipate the State's going to be putting on some
4		specific evidence at that, for purposes of the bond
5		hearing.
6	MR. KISOR:	Uh, possibly, although there were some other
7		matters unrelated to the indictments that were
8		pertinent to the issue of bond, some subsequent
9		matters.
10	COURT:	Okay, I understand but I presume we'll hear
11	MR. KISOR:	Yes, I mean, if particularly the Court would make
12		that request. There is a, as far as I know, a complete
13		transcript of the grand jury proceedings.
14	MR. BARRETT:	I do have that.
15	MR. KISOR:	So I mean that would be what the grand jury
16		determined.
17	MR. BARRETT:	I have not had an opportunity to go over that with
18		Mr. Brewington, but that's generally the
19		information that you're relying upon?
20	MR. KISOR:	Yes.
21	MR. BARRETT:	Okay.
22	MR. KISOR:	And I would be glad to talk to you more specifically
23		more about that.
24	COURT:	Anything else that needs to be addressed on the
25		record at this time, Mr. Barrett?

Page 20 of transcripts from August 17, 2011 hearing where Judge Brian Hill allowed prosecution to admit both the grand jury transcripts and grand jury exhibits into evidence

1	COURT:	I will show State's 1 offered and admitted.
2	MR. NEGANGARD:	State's Exhibit 2 is the Court of Appeals decision in
3		this case your honor in the divorce case that I would
4		move to admit.
5	COURT:	That's State's 2. Any objection Mr. Barrett?
6	MR. BARRETT:	No objection your honor.
7	COURT:	I'll show 2 offered and admitted.
8	MR. NEGANGARD:	State's 3 is a letter from Dr. Connor from the
9		divorce proceedings.
10	COURT:	That's 3. Any objection Mr. Barrett?
11	MR. BARRETT:	No, no objection your honor.
12	COURT:	I'll show State's 3 offered and admitted.
13	MR. NEGANGARD:	State's 4 is the Grand Jury testimony in this case
14		your honor.
15	COURT:	Any objection to that Mr. Barrett?
16	MR. BARRETT:	No your honor.
17	COURT:	State's 4 is offered and admitted.
18	MR. NEGANGARD:	State's 5 is the internet postings and all the Grand
19		Jury Exhibits that were presented during the course
20		of the grand jury. It's on a CD.
21	COURT:	And those postings were the exhibits in the Grand
22		Jury?
23	MR. NEGANGARD:	Yes.
24	COURT:	Okay. Any objection to 5?
25	MR. BARRETT:	No objection your honor.

Reporter's Certificate of Dearborn County Superior Court II Court Reporter Barbara Ruwe Certifying the transcription of "all of the statements of the witnesses given during the hearings."

STATE OF INDIANA

COUNTY OF DEARBORN

Grand Jury
Daniel Brewington

IN THE DEARBORN SUPERIOR II COURT

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Ruwe, Reporter of the Dearborn Superior Court II, Dearborn County, State of Indiana, do hereby certify that I am the court reporter of said Court, duly appointed and sworn to report the evidence of causes tried therein.

That upon the hearings of the grand jury in this cause, I transcribed all of the statements of the witnesses given during the hearings.

I further certify that the foregoing transcript, as prepared, is full, true, correct and complete.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this day of June, 2011.

Barbara Ruwe

Dearborn Superior Court II

Barbara Ruwe

Dearborn County, Indiana

Page 66-67 of transcripts from final pretrial hearing on September 19, 2011 hearing where Judge Brian Hill stated grand jury exhibits/transcripts "have been admitted as public record."

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Attorney, Aaron Negangard. The Defendant appears in person and by counsel, Bryan Barrett. This matter is set today for a final pre-trial conference with a jury trial set to commence on October 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. A couple of the issues that we had, um, for consideration today, um, first of all back in August, I think it was even maybe prior to our last bond reduction hearing, the State had made a motion to release Grand Jury Exhibits which was granted and those were actually admitted into evidence at the bond reduction hearing that was held on August 17th, I believe that was the date it was. Being that those have been admitted as public record, there was a question by Defense counsel, we just had a brief conference in chambers before coming out on the record to make sure that those were allowed to be released to the Defendant and yes, that is the case and I don't, uh, there were some conversations between Mr. Negangard and Mr. Barrett about getting that transcript and that might happen I think immediately after this hearing today and as I recall, I think I may still, I'm pretty sure the transcript, I didn't bring that back. That's still at my office, so for whatever reason if Mr. Barrett needs that, it can happen in Rush County too, I suppose.

1.		Um, so that release is allowed. Um, there was also
2		the State made a motion for confidentiality of
3		juror's names and identities and that was filed on
4		August 9, 2011. Is there any response to that
5		motion for the record Mr. Barrett?
6	MR. BARRETT:	I don't object as long as we uh, or if something
7		should come up during the process. I'm sorry?
8		(Mr. Brewington conversing with Mr. Barrett) I do
9		not object. My client does object apparently your
10		honor, so I don't know if you want to
11	COURT:	And what's the nature of your objection Mr.
12		Brewington?
	MR. BREWINGTON:	Just a lack of evidence that I pose any danger to
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Chronological Case Summary entry. Hill released Grand Jury Record *AFTER*Brewington's originally scheduled jury trial

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APPENDIX Amended Request for Grand Jury Audio February 8, 2016

Amended request for Grand Jury Audio

February 8, 2016

Dearborn County, Indiana Superior Court II Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Formerly Blankenship) 215 W High St 2nd Floor Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 812.537.8800

Dear Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship):

This is an amended public records request to clarify Requester's prior request for copies of the audio discs from the Grand Jury proceedings pertaining to the case of State of Indiana vs Daniel Brewington, Cause No: 15D02-1103-FD-00084:

February 28, 2011

March 1, 2011

March 2, 2011

In this Court's ORDER ON REQUEST FOR RELEASING AUDIO RECORDINGS, filed February 4, 2016, Special Judge Brian Hill stated,

"Mr. Brewington has alleged that these audio recordings were admitted into evidence at his criminal trial, however, the Court finds that they were not, and there's been no sufficient reason set forth which would necessitate the release of said audio recordings."

A number of problems exist in Judge Hill's denial of Requester's request for the audio from the grand jury proceedings in the above case. Judge Hill made the claim that Requester "alleged that these audio recordings were admitted into evidence at his criminal trial." Requester made no such allegation. Requester went to great lengths in explaining that the written transcripts and the audio from the grand jury proceedings were simply different means of maintaining the record of the proceedings to "defuse any potential claim that the release of the Grand Jury audio is still bound by I.C. § 35-34-2-10(a) regarding unauthorized disclosure of grand jury information." Requester specified how Judge Hill's prior orders regarding the release of the grand jury audio resorted "to splitting hairs on the technicality that an actual audio record from the Grand Jury proceedings was not physically admitted during trial." Just as the grand jury audio was not admitted into evidence, neither was the audio from any hearing in the above case, yet the Court has authorized the release of the audio from all trial court proceedings in the above case to more than one individual. Requester also requested the Dearborn County Superior Court II to refer Requester to the appropriate agency responsible for maintaining the grand jury information in the case the responsibility did not fall upon the Dearborn County Superior Court II. Any claim by Judge Hill that Requester alleged audio from the grand jury proceedings was admitted as evidence during any criminal trial is not only misleading, but

is also patently false and only serves as an attempt to negatively impact Requester's credibility in future proceedings on this matter.

Another problem arising from the order out of the Dearborn County Superior Court II is the finding by Judge Hill that "there's been no sufficient reason set forth which would necessitate the release of said audio recordings." Judge Hill's contention sharply conflicts with IC 5-14-3-1, regarding disclosure of public records which "place[s] the burden of proof for the nondisclosure of a public record on the public agency that would deny access to the record and not on the person seeking to inspect and copy the record." Judge Hill's finding that Requester failed to provide a sufficient reason as to why the public should have the ability to inspect or copy the public record clearly shifts the Court's burden of proof for nondisclosure, as a public agency, to the Requester. Not only did Judge Hill's order fail to "state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record," Judge Hill's order effectively invites Requester to provide the Dearborn County Superior Court II with a list of potential reasons as to why the Court should prohibit the release of the audio. Even more troubling is the question of why the Dearborn County Superior Court II is dragging its feet in the Court's reluctance to release a public record. As Indiana law relieves Requester of the burden to demonstrate why the public record should be released, Requester offers the potential consequences associated with the release of the grand jury audio related to the above cause number:

> The transcription of the audio from the grand jury proceedings is not accurate and/or incomplete, thus demonstrating incompetence and/or misconduct in abusing the grand jury process or, in the least, the inaccurate transcription of the grand jury record.

That is the extent of any damage potentially incurred by the release of the audio from the grand jury proceedings. All evidence and testimony of witnesses before the grand jury are part of the public record because the transcripts of the audio were admitted as evidence during trial. All witnesses testifying before the grand jury also testified during the above criminal trial. If the release of the grand jury audio mirrors the restrictions set forth by the orders releasing the audio from the criminal trial, which prohibits the sharing of the audio with other persons, the grand jury audio would be limited to the ears of the Requester and any subsequent legal counsel. If the Court is concerned of "potential intentions" of what the Requester "might do" with the audio in regards to potentially sharing the information publicly, then the Court has the authority to punish Requester via criminal contempt proceedings for not following any potential orders of the court. If the court's decision to release the grand jury audio is contingent on what the Requester "might do" with the record, then the Court has already acknowledged that the records are subject to release.

The Dearborn County Superior Court II has issued three conflicting orders in response to requests for the audio from the grand jury proceedings occurring on February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011. The Court's order dated January 12, 2012, ordered the court reporter to prepare compact disk audio recordings of the grand jury proceedings. The Court then issued an amended order dated February 2, 2012 stating the audio from grand jury proceedings was not admitted during trial and the Court rendered

the request moot and failed to address the matter any further. On February 4, 2016, the Court of Judge Sally A. McLaughlin, Dearborn County Superior Court II, issued an order that erroneously claimed Requester alleged that the grand jury audio was submitted during trial. However, rather than once again rendering the request moot, the Court declined to release the grand jury audio claiming Requester failed to specify why the release was necessary. Even though the recent ruling conflicts with Indiana laws regarding the release of public records, the Dearborn County Superior Court II issued a ruling on the matter, demonstrating that the court of Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship) does have the authority to order the release of the grand jury audio in question. The Requester offers this amended request for the audio from the aforementioned grand jury proceedings to avoid wasting the resources associated with initiating an action in a court of law because the court of Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship) continues to give varying responses regarding the release of public records, which are contrary to fact and Indiana law. Any further sua sponte attempts by the Court to oppose releasing the audio from a proceeding from which transcripts have already been deemed reviewable public record can only be perceived as an attempt to provide cover for misconduct. If this Court would once again change its mind and determine it does not retain authority over the release of the grand jury audio, Requester asks that the Court staff refer him to the appropriate agency responsible for maintaining the record.

I understand by seeking copies of these records there may be a copying fee. Please inform me of the costs prior to making the copies. I can be reached at or by email, contactdanbrewington@gmail.com.

According to the statute, you have seven (7) days to respond to this request. If you choose to deny the request, Requester asks that the Dearborn County Superior Court II provide an explanation of the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record that does not conflict with Indiana Code § 5-14-3-9(e). As Special Judge Brian Hill issued three conflicting orders regarding the release of the grand jury audio, it may be necessary for Judge Hill or Judge McLaughlin to seek the appointment of a new judge for the matter given Judge Hill's advocacy against releasing the audio from an already public grand jury proceeding. The Court's resistance to transparency only serves to call into question the integrity of the usually secretive grand jury process operating under current Indiana Supreme Court applicant, Dearborn County Superior Court II Judge Sally A. McLaughlin (Blankenship).

A copy of this request can be found on <u>www.danbrewington.blogspot.com</u> for your convenience. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

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Public Record Request to Dearborn County Prosecutor for Grand Jury Audio February 8, 2016

Request for copies of Investigative Records from Grand Jury

February 8, 2016

Office of the Dearborn County Prosecutor F. Aaron Negangard 215 W High St Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 812.537.8884

Dear Dearborn County Prosecutor F. Aaron Negangard:

Pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (Ind. Code 5-14-3), Requester requests copies of the following public records pertaining the grand jury investigation in the case of State of Indiana vs Daniel Brewington, Cause No: 15D02-1103-FD-00084:

Please provide copies of the audio discs from the Grand Jury proceedings occurring on the following dates:

February 28, 2011

March 1, 2011

March 2, 2011

To ensure specificity in an effort to assist the Office of the Dearborn County Prosecutor in complying with this request, this Requester references material downloaded from the following blog post: http://danbrewington.blogspot.com/2012/03/missing-recordsfrom-brewington-case.html. Special Judge Brian D. Hill authorized the release of the audio from the above Grand Jury proceedings in an ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES file stamped January 12, 2012. However, Special Judge Brian D. Hill issued an AMENDED ORDER RELEASING AUDIO COPIES file stamped February 02, 2012 stating that, "no audio recordings of the Grand Jury Proceedings for February 28, 2011, March 1, 2011, and March 2, 2011 were admitted into evidence in this cause, therefore, these audio recordings are not a record in these proceedings." If the audio is not a record of the court in the proceedings then the grand jury audio must be considered an investigative record. As the Dearborn County Prosecutor and head of the Dearborn County Special Crimes Unit, please provide me with a copy of the audio from the grand jury proceedings. A review of the Chronological Case Summary ("CCS") of the Criminal Docket in the above case shows that Judge Hill issued the order to release Grand Jury Exhibits on August 23, 2011, roughly a week after the original trial date was scheduled for August 16, 2011.

Rule 5 of the Indiana Rules of Criminal Procedure allows the record of cases and hearings to be maintained in the form of shorthand notes, stenographic reporting, and audio recordings and Rule 7 of the Indiana Administrative Rules sets forth the parameters of record archival in Judicial Retention Schedules. In Wurster v. State, 715 N.E.2d 341 (Ind. 1999) at 346, the Indiana Supreme Court wrote, "The manner of recording evidence in trial courts is governed by Criminal Rule 5." What remains constant is the court record remains

the same regardless of the medium in which it is stored. Requester provides the above explanation to preemptively defuse any potential claim that the release of the Grand Jury audio is still bound by I.C. § 35-34-2-10(a) regarding unauthorized disclosure of grand jury information, a Class B misdemeanor. The record of grand jury proceedings became a reviewable public record when Judge Hill allowed the State to admit a digital copy of the Grand Jury Exhibits into evidence, which includes a digital copy of the transcripts from the proceedings. In playing a dual role as the Dearborn County Prosecutor and head of the Dearborn County Special Crimes Unit task force responsible for the investigation of the above case, the audio recordings from the Grand Jury proceedings are part of the law enforcement investigative record and are subject to release given that the record of the grand jury is already a public record via the transcription of the grand jury audio. The Dearborn Superior Court II has issued a number of conflicting rulings on the matter with the constant variable being that the grand jury audio was not admitted into evidence at trial. As the Dearborn Superior Court II failed to direct Requester to the public agency who maintains the grand jury audio, Requester seeks the grand jury audio from the investigatory record from the Dearborn County Prosecutor/Dearborn County Special Crimes Unit. Though an explanation or reasoning for the release of a public record is not required, despite the erroneous contentions of the Dearborn Superior Court II, Requester seeks the audio from the above listed grand jury hearings to determine if there was any misconduct by the Office of the Dearborn County Prosecutor while convening a grand jury to investigate an unconstitutional criminal defamation allegation. If Requester's written request is denied, Requester assumes Prosecutor Negangard will oversee his staff in ensuring the refusal is in writing and include a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and the title or position of the person responsible for the denial. Indiana Code § 5-14-3-9(c).

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According to the statute, the Office of the Dearborn County Prosecutor has seven (7) days to respond to this request. If the request is denied, please state the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or part of the public record and the name and title or position of the person responsible for the denial. If another entity retains authority over the release of said audio record, please provide the name and contact information of that entity/agency. Failure to release the grand jury audio only serves to cast doubt upon an already secretive grand jury process that returned indictments based on the unconstitutional criminal defamation argument made by the Office of the Dearborn County Prosecutor.

A copy of this request is viewable on www.danbrewington.blogspot.com for your convenience. The content of this request and other information regarding the release of the already public grand jury proceedings will be forwarded to other state agencies and advocacy groups supporting transparency through the release of public records. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully,

Daniel P. Brewington, Requester

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2	MR. NEGANGARD:	Alright, we would call our first witness, Michael
3		Kreinhop. Would you swear in the witness?
4	FOREMAN:	Yes. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the
5		testimony you are about to give in the matter now
6		under consideration by the grand jury will be the
7		truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?
8		And do you further solemnly swear or affirm that
9		you will not divulge any portion of your testimony
10		before this grand jury except when legally called
11		upon to do so?
12	MR. KREINHOP:	I do.
13	MR. NEGANGARD:	Um, please state your name for the record.
14	MR. KREINHOP:	Michael Kreinhop. Kreinhop is spelled K-R-E-I-N
15		H-O-P.
16	MR. NEGANGARD:	And if you could briefly give your background and
17		training in law enforcement.
18	MR. KREINHOP:	I've been a police officer and I'm in my thirty-
19		eighth (38th) year as a police officer and currently
20		hold the position of Sheriff of Dearborn County.
21		Prior to that I am retired from the Indiana State
22		Police with thirty-four (34) years of service and I
23		also worked in the Special Crimes Unit for one (1)
24		year and also I was Chief Deputy for Dearborn
25		County Sheriff's Department for one (1) year prior

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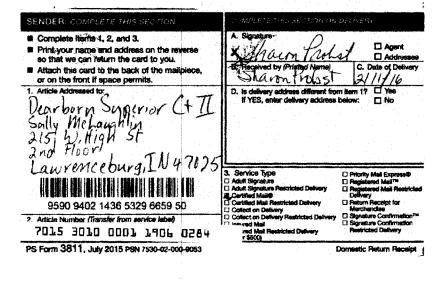
ı	MR. NEGANGARD:	Does anyone else have any more questions?
2	JUROR:	One that might be more directed to you. What state
3		did he buy this gun?
4	MR. NEGANGARD:	We'll have to call Mike back up to have him testify
5		to that. Um, any other questions for the witness?
6		No further questions. I would remind you that you
7		cannot disclose anything about the grand jury
8		proceedings to anyone. Okay?
9	MS. LOECHEL.	Okay, thank you,
10	MR. NEGANGARD:	Okay are we on record. Let the record show that
11		we're reconvening after our morning break, um,
12		we'll show that the State has called Heidi
13		Humphrey before the Grand Jury. Mr. Foreman, if
14		you would swear the witness in?
15	FOREMAN:	Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony
16		you are about to give in the matter now under
17		consideration by the grand jury will be the truth, the
18		whole truth and nothing but the truth? And do you
19		further solemnly swear or affirm that you will not
20		divulge any portion of your testimony before this
21		grand jury except when legally called upon to do
22		so?
23	MS. HUMPHREY:	I do.
24	MR. NEGANGARD:	Um, would you please state your name for the
25		record please?

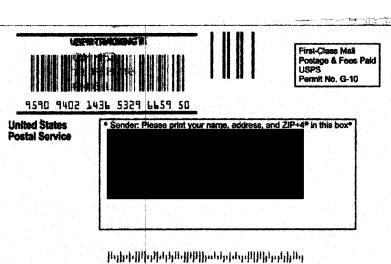
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Negangard failed to respond to the complaint.

