



## DECATUR CIRCUIT COURT

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May 2, 2011

Hon. Randall T. Shepard  
Chief Justice of Indiana  
Indiana Supreme Court  
200 West Washington, #304  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: State of Indiana v. Daniel Brewington  
Dearborn Superior Court II  
Cause No. 15D02-1103-FD-84

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

On April 14<sup>th</sup> you appointed me as special judge in the above matter. Since then I have acquired copies of the appropriate court documents and scheduled a pretrial conference for May 11, 2011. Upon reflection, however, I am wondering if I should preside in this matter. I have known Judge James Humphrey, one of the alleged victims, for 25 years and consider him to be a good friend. I honestly believe I could handle this case fairly and impartially but I am concerned about the perception.

I would appreciate your guidance.

Very truly yours,

John A. Westhafer, Judge  
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