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Andrew:

I called Nancy back and this is what she told me:

Her husband works for a company that provides services for Sentara. He overheard one of the jurors from Cameron's trial, a Sentara employee, talking to everyone at work about the case. It was after trial but before sentencing. The juror was pretty glib about it, like it didn't matter, and saying things like there was not really enough evidence to convict Cameron, that the jurors didn't really know what to do, but that eventually they decided to convict him.

She said her husband really didn't want her to call us and will not repeat the juror's name to her for this reason, but she remembers it was an unusual name - something like "Keshon" - and she would recognize it if she heard it.

She knows Cameron through her son, who was friends with Cameron's younger brother Collin, but does not have contact with the family and knows nothing of Cameron's disappearance. She just wants to help if she can - she knows nothing will bring Jack Korte back but she hopes she can at least save Cameron's life. She doesn't know if this information would cause a mistrial or not, but she did read in a legal journal that each mistrial increases the defendant's chance of acquittal.

I told her I would bring this to your attention and told her we appreciated the call.

Thanks.

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To: ic
From: FD
Sent: 3/08/2012 9:15AM
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>> "Would like to speak to a paralegal for Andrew Sacks regarding Cameron Crockett's
>> case, has a legal question for you"

19 March 2012

Judge Frederick Lowe, Mr. Andrew Saks, Virginia Commonwealth Attorney, and Clerk of Virginia Beach Circuit Court:

My name is Melvin Velez and I am a resident of Virginia Beach. I have information that my wife has given to Mr. Saks previously concerning the recent case of Cameron Crockett. Cameron was convicted in Virginia Beach Circuit Court on 01 March 2012. On 02 March 12, I spoke by phone to one of the jurors on this case in reference to a business matter. At that time this juror mentioned that his recent absence had been due to his jury duty for this case and that he would also need to be off on Monday for the hearing regarding the subsequent sentencing. The juror stated to me the defendant's name and that there was division and indecision among the jurors and that he, in fact, had believed the defendant to be innocent. But he said a decision had to be made, and they did. He also spoke of the pending sentencing, stating some jurors wanted a great amount of time and that some jurors wanted less time for this defendant. He told me which case he was serving on; he did not know that I was aware of the case and had a remote connection to the defendant.

I am not sure, but I think this kind of communication may not have been appropriate. I do not believe the juror meant to cause harm, but I do think he violated the instructions given to him by the judge for this case.

There is so much at stake in this case; one young man's life was lost; the future of another young man's life is now at risk also. I just want to do the right thing myself. I think letting the key persons in charge of this case know that this case might have been jeopardized due to this juror's indiscretion and violation of court instructions. The verdict had been rendered, but the sentencing had not, and the case was not closed nor was it open for discussion.

The juror in question's first name is Kaseem, and I could identify his second name from a roster. If I am needed, I will help in any way possible. Whether Cameron is guilty or innocent, he deserves a fair trial.

Melvin Velez

3/21/12

Melvin Velez

Date

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Notary Public

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