

AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED], hereby certify that I am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to testify and aver as follows:

1. I went to Woodlawn High School all four years and graduated in 1999.
2. I met Asia McClain during my freshman year at Woodlawn, and she and I became very close friends. Over the next few years we remained friends, but were not as close as we were our freshman year. We have been friends on Facebook for a while but mostly to the extent of liking one another's photos. Her last name is now Chapman.
3. Within a few days after Adnan Syed was arrested in 1999 for killing Hae Min Lee, Asia and I were in Ms. Graham's co-op class with [REDACTED] when Asia told us she believed so much in Adnan's innocence she would make up a lie to prove he couldn't have done it. This started a very heated argument between Asia and [REDACTED] that I had to step in and calm them down. At no time during this conversation and argument did Asia mention why she believed in his innocence. Though she did say she believed that he just didn't seem capable of doing something like that. She did not say that she had seen Adnan on the day the girl was killed and she did not say that she had a conversation with him in the library. She and [REDACTED] were arguing because she was saying she would make up a lie to help him and my sister was telling her how serious the situation was, that she could get into trouble, and she should not lie because a girl was dead.
4. This topic did not come up again and I assumed that Asia came to her senses and decided not to get involved.
5. Sometime in late 2014, I heard about the podcast and when I listened to a few episodes I realized Asia had gotten involved. On November 7, 2014, I messaged Asia through Facebook, and told her I did not know that she had been involved. I was trying to get a reaction from her by sending her a message and calling her out. She did not respond. My chat with Asia is included.
6. On December 28, 2014, Asia sent me pictures on Facebook of a three page letter I had written her when I was a freshman and when we were very close. Three page letter attached.
7. The next time Asia sent me a message was March 2, 2016. She sent a group message to me and [REDACTED] with a picture from what I think was our high school co-op class. Since there are other people in it I am not including that photo but I do have it. [REDACTED] Asia and I all chatted about it. This group chat is included. When I said "Yes, Asia, we had co-op with you." That was because I knew she knew that we were all in that class and because I know she remembers the argument we all had too.

8. I did not plan to do anything with my information because I did not ever think anyone would believe her and I did not think Adnan would get a new trial. When I heard that he got a new trial, I sent her a long message saying I hoped she could live with herself. I then blocked her.

9. I had a few sleepless nights after that thinking about whether I should come forward. My sister and I talked about it. After a few days I decided I needed to let someone know. I sent an email on July 07, 2016, to the SA handling the case. Email included.

10. I did not hear from anyone for a few days but then was contacted by a police detective on July 22, 2016.

11. I am willing to tell what I know in court if that is needed. I do think it is sad what Asia is doing.

12. I did not know Adnan or Hae. I am not doing this for any reason except because it is the right thing to do. I have spoken to my family and we ask that everyone respect our privacy. I do not want to do any interviews with anyone unless it is needed for court.

13. I am prepared to participate in any court proceedings, if necessary.

I SOLEMNLY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY AND UPON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING PAPER ARE TRUE.

Dated: _____

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