

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BEXAR §

DECLARATION OF MATTIE LONG

My name is Mattie Long. I am a resident of Bexar County, Texas. I am over twenty-one years of age and I am competent to make this Declaration. Except where stated that I have been told by someone else, all the facts stated here are within my personal knowledge

1. Berthena Bryant, the deceased victim, was my sister. Quintin Jones is my grandnephew. He was convicted and sentenced to death for the killing of Berthena Bryant in *State v. Jones*, Cause No. 0744493-A, in Criminal District Court Number One, Tarrant County, Texas. I am writing this to ask you to spare his life and not execute him. Let him spend the rest of his life in prison.
2. Berthena Bryant was about fourteen (14) years older than me. I called her Bert. Even though there was a big age difference between us, Bert and I were very close. She was like a mom to me. She was my sister and my best friend. We were close ever since I was young and my mom died when I was twelve (12) years old.
3. My dad did not want me living with him so he sent me to live with my older sister, Aqulla Jones. I lived with Aqulla until I finished high school and was married. After I married, I moved to Fort Worth TX, where Bert lived. Bert and I had been close, but after I moved to Fort Worth, Bert and I became even closer.
4. Bert was everything to my brother and my sisters too. Our parents have passed away and all of my siblings have passed away also. I am the only living sibling of Berthena.
5. When Bert was in her 70's, her husband passed away and I would go to her house everyday and eat breakfast with her and also I would go

over there at lunchtime. I would drive her to the store, and the bank, and the post office. We remained very close throughout the years.

6. Quintin's mother did not want him when he was born. Quintin did not have a good mother to raise him up. I heard that she was addicted to illegal drugs. Quintin lived with his mother off and on. Quintin's mother warned Quintin that she was going to get a gun and shoot him. My sister, Bert, and I are the reason that Quintin is alive today.
7. After Quintin's mother threatened to kill him, Quintin called me and told me about it. I invited him to live with me in my home in Fort Worth. He moved into my home when he about 14 years old and stayed until he was about 17 years old. When Quintin was living with me, he brought his grades up.
8. After he stopped living with me, he did not finish school. I believe that Quintin was using illegal drugs when he killed my sister. I write Quintin and sometimes visit him at the prison. Quintin is remorseful and he has changed for the better. He is not the same person and has grown up.
9. Because I was so close to Bert, her death hurt me a lot. Even so, God is merciful. Quintin can't bring her back. I can't bring her back. I am writing this to ask you to please spare Quintin's life.

I have read all of the paragraphs in the statement above, and declare under penalty of perjury that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATE: 9/24/2019

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