

BEFORE THE WEBSTER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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CURTIS W. RUBY,	)	CASE NO.
Appellant,	)	
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v.	)	
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WEBSTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)	)	AFFIDAVIT OF BONNIE CAMPBELL
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Defendants.	)	

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I, Bonnie Campbell, swear and affirm as follows:

1. I was elected Attorney General of Iowa in 1990 and served through 1994. I am the only woman to have held that office in my state. I focused on protecting Iowa's consumers, strengthening Iowa's domestic violence laws, and increasing funding for victim compensation programs and shelters. I also wrote what became a model statute on anti-stalking for states around the country.

2. I chaired the Consumer Protection Committee of NAAG (National Association of Attorneys General), as well as the Federal Trade Commission and Food and Drug Administration Working Groups of NAAG.

3. I was selected by President Bill Clinton in 1995 to head the Justice Department's newly created Violence Against Women Office. In that capacity, I tried to bring victim-rights reform to the country's criminal justice system. *Time* magazine in 1997 named me one of the 25 most influential people in America. As director of the Justice Department's Violence Against Women Office, I oversaw a \$1.6 billion program to provide resources to communities for training judges, prosecutors, and police and to provide services and shelter to victims.

4. In 1996, I was chosen to serve on the President's Interagency Council on Women, chaired by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. I also headed the Justice Department's Working Group on Trafficking and was instrumental in the creation of a U.S. treaty with Italy on ending trafficking in women and girls. I subsequently was appointed by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to represent the United States in international negotiations on the creation of an International Criminal Court. I was a member of the U. S. Delegation to the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995. I continue to speak regularly on the subjects of domestic violence, victims' rights, human rights, and international trafficking in human beings.

5. The Iowa Crime Victim Assistance Board constitutes the foundation of the Iowa's efforts to assist victims of crime. Membership and authority for the Crime Victim Assistance Board was established in Iowa Code Chapter 915.82 effective July 1, 1989.

**915.82 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE BOARD.**

1. A crime victim assistance board is established, and shall consist of the following members to be appointed pursuant to rules adopted by the department:
  - a. A county attorney or assistant county attorney.
  - b. Two persons engaged full-time in law enforcement.
  - c. A public defender or an attorney practicing primarily in criminal defense.
  - d. A hospital medical staff person involved with emergency services.
  - e. Two public members who have received victim services.
  - f. A victim service provider.
  - g. A person licensed pursuant to chapter 154B or 154C.
  - h. A person representing the elderly.

Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the discharge of their duties.

2. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to program policies and procedures.

3. A victim aggrieved by the denial or disposition of the victim's claim may appeal to the district court within thirty days of receipt of the board's decision.

The Iowa Attorney General appoints members to the Board for three-year terms of service. The Board establishes Administrative Rules and assists in directing the Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Division. The Board determines distribution of state and federal funds to community victim service programs, law enforcement agencies, prosecutor offices, and other state departments. And the Board conducts hearings and renders decisions on appeals from victims regarding the decisions of the Crime Victim Compensation Program.

6. In December 1993, the officer representing law enforcement on the Board resigned her position. I solicited nominations to fill the law enforcement position on the Board. Bonnie Hagan, Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Outreach Center in Fort Dodge nominated Officer Curt Ruby of the Fort Dodge Police department for the Board position representing law enforcement officers across the state.

7. Ms. Hagen said in her nomination:

Officer Ruby has proven to be a positive force in encouraging changes in domestic abuse and sexual assault cases within law enforcement and legal agencies in Webster Co. and across Iowa. His work is well known statewide. Officer Ruby was instrumental in the development of a training video for the ILEA on the issues of dynamics, sensitivity and response of law enforcement in domestic and sexual assault cases. Officer Ruby has never failed to respond in a positive, helpful manner to any of our requests in domestic or sexual assault cases in our work with victims. I believe that Mr. Ruby would be an asset to the Crime Victim Assistance Board. He truly cares about these issues.

8. Officer Curt Ruby was appointed by me to represent law enforcement on the Crime Victim Assistance Board In February 1994. He attended his first Board meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of that same month.

9. During Officer Ruby's appointment to the Crime Victim Assistance Board, he attended sixteen meetings of the Board. He assisted with law enforcement training and victim advocate training on many occasions, and continued to do even after he left the Board.

10. When he completed the open term, I appointed Officer Ruby to a full three-year term on the Board in July 1994. Officer Ruby resigned from the Crime Victim Assistance Board in March 1997. He had accepted a new position with the Webster County Sheriff Office and felt that he needed to dedicate all of his time to his new position.

11. Curt Ruby was a valuable and fully participating member of the Board.

I hereby swear and affirm that the above and foregoing are matters within my personal knowledge and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Bonnie Campbell  
Bonnie Campbell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

Eleanor R. Dingeman  
Notary Public State of Iowa

