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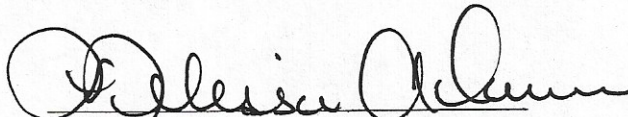
BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this 2nd day of OCT; 2003, personally appeared MELISSA GAIL ADAMS, who being sworn by me on his oath, deposed and said the following:

This statement is concerning the radical changes in my son's behavior after being on Paxil for only 19 days. The changes came on slowly, he started becoming more hyperactive, agitated, obsessive, and his speech became faster and slurred. Barton's once modest, shy, and kind spirit was no longer there. The son who we knew was no longer with us. He had a wild look in his eyes; they were so wide open he seemed to not even blink.

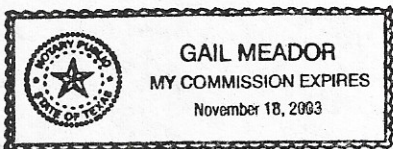
Everyone in our family and friends started to notice this difference in him even friends from church. Unfortunately, the family was not able to get him help or realize just to the extent he needed help before he harmed 2 other teenagers. This was totally out of character for Barton. Barton was the type child growing up that gave his brand name clothes away to children less fortunate than him. If anyone needed help with a ride somewhere, he was right there and would not even ask for gas money. Barton would go to church when his family did not attend.

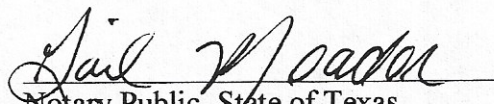
After my son was arrested, he continued on Paxil, in fact the jail increased his dose from 20mg to 30mg. I went to his attorney Mr. Greg Westfall several times to explain the bizarre behavior Barton was exhibiting. That he had never acted in such a manner in the 19 years of his life. Barton would not even make eye contact with me, he would stand and take his finger and press it on every screw whole in the visiting booth, and then walk in circles or try in the tiny visiting booth as though I was not even there. Barton would say things as if he wished the last bullet his friend Jason loaded would have shot him, and then casually tell me, well you'll get over it. He would have never say anything of that nature knowing he was my only child and how much I love him. Trying to have a conversation with him was next to impossible; he would stare at me and never answer as if he was not even there or hearing me. The letters I received never made any sense, I would show his attorney, and he would say this is very strange, but let me show you something I got in the mail that is even weirder, then he would pull one out that Bart had written him. Barton would call my house at 5:00a.m. and hang up on me several times in a row. Barton's attorney mentioned to me on several occasions strange behaviors he had heard of during Bart's interrogation with the police the night he was arrested, just one in particular, Barton smarted off to the judge that set his bail, and by saying, he could have \$350,000.00 by the morning. Jason Tucker, the friend that who was arrested with him, was also there and in shock at the behavior he was witnessing from my son, and who had been his friend since they were 9 years old. The night before the trial we visited with the attorney and told him we did not think Barton was competent to stand trial, that he seem to be in a world of his own. Mr. Westfall did not seem to understand completely what we were explaining since he never addressed the issue. But, when the trial started he would call us afterwards on his cell phone, sounding angry saying he did not even know what court room Barton was sitting in, meaning he was not even comprehending anything that went on.

There was never a more kindhearted child than Barton, so to sum up his behavior in one sentence would be, Barton went from shy, modest, and kind young man to someone who was out of control and had no conscious, or concern for human life, including his own after the ingestion of the drug "PAXIL".


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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this 2nd day of
oct 20 03, to which witness my hand and seal of office.




Notary Public, State of Texas