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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Heath Stocks
ADC #110429

In 1997 and 1998, as the Special Prosecutor of the Jack Walls Rape cases in Lonoke County, I learned information relevant to the 1997 murder charges to which Heath Stocks pleaded guilty. In the course of our investigation I learned that the Public Defender knew or should have known about Jack Walls' involvement in the murders of Joe, Bonnie and Heather Stocks. This information came from interviews with Heath Stocks' minister, maternal grandmother, as well as the defendant himself.

While my prosecutorial duties involved reviewing facts related to the rape by Jack Walls, of the defendant, and not related to the murders he committed, I was, and remain, strongly convinced that Heath Stocks was not afforded a fair trial, nor adequate representation.

Therefore, I believe it is appropriate that this matter be reviewed to determine whether it should be submitted to the Governor for clemency, or, other legal steps should be taken. Let me emphasize that I'm not advocating the defendant's release, only that I, as an officer of the Court, uncovered critical evidence that should have been brought out in the 1997 murder case, but wasn't.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty C. Dickey".

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