

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FELONY DIVISION 1

STATE OF FLORIDA,

vs.

Case No.: 2020-CF-3014

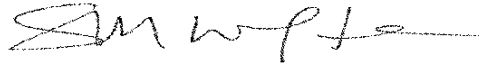
ASHLEY CHRISTINA BENEFIELD,

Defendant.

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COMES NOW the court to give notice that the attached email was received in the court's assigned divisional email account.

This _____ day of August, 2024, at Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida.



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Stephen M. Whyte
Circuit Court Judge

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From: pines-visitor.0y@icloud.com
Sent: Saturday, August 3, 2024 12:19 PM
To: Circuit Criminal Division 1
Subject: Judge whyte benefield case

Dear judge my name is Adam i have been trying to contact u for many many months i hope this find u well this is ref Ashley benefield murder trial case i have some details that may help u in the case I would of come forwards soon but I didn't know the trial was happening or that Ashley had acted out on her plans

In 2018/2019 me and Ashley spoke on Facebook and Facebook messenger I had messaged Ashley and we had had long chats back and forth for many months getting to know each other we shared our life's up and downs

Ash had shared many things with me and she expressed many times that she was unhappy and that she had fears that he meaning Doug was going to take her baby away from her and that she will be alone and have nothing

She shared with me that he kept following them and staying in his car watching them she said she was scared and worried that he may do something to harm her

I said had she done anything to hurt Ashley in the past she said yes I didn't know anything about guns or that she was going to carry out the murder however she had asked me to to harm Doug and that she would be safe and she also said that we could be together I stated no way that's crazy what is he really doing to u for u to want to harm him she always kept changing the subject around into me and at the time she stated to me she had over a million dollars in life insurance and also army benefits that she would get each month I do not know if this is true

We spoke for some months after this questions she kept on and on about doing this she also said that she was do things around the house to make it look like he was doing things to harm her but I fact he did nothing we spoke about moving guns around taking little trips so she could come up with planting things or also coming up with an opportunity to end his life she also sent me photos of the house and other details she also hated her older child she stated she fort about little things and that Doug always stuck up for the older child

She was very flirtatious and desperate to maintain contact however I didn't want to be part of this she kept messaging me and calling me on Facebook I give us permission to look at the chats between us

I'm in fear of coming forwards and being involved with her again and being out on national tv and she scares me a lot