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Mr. Walker,

Based on our collective review of our office's file in CF-1982-1067, State of Oklahoma v. Jimmy Dean Stohler, the facts regarding Mr. Stohler's involvement and culpability for the death of Michelle Powers is as follows:

- Mr. Stohler joked for years about killing Michelle Powers
- Mr. Stohler regularly brought up to Robert Doss and others the fact that he wanted Michelle Powers dead
- Months prior to murder, Mr. Stohler began to take actions to set plan in motion, including talking to other police officers in hypotheticals about how they would kill somebody
- Mr. Stohler initially thought about killing Michelle Powers with a gun with a defaced serial number
- Mr. Stohler also thought about using a knife to kill her
- Eventually Mr. Stohler went to a hunting supply store and purchased the crossbow used as the murder weapon
- After purchasing cross bow, Mr. Stohler had a conversation with a person about purchasing bolts with more "stopping power"
- During this conversation, Mr. Stohler purchased the poison tipped arrows used in hunting large animals that contained paralysis agent
- Several weeks prior to the murder, Mr. Stohler laid in wait outside Michelle Powers residence with the intention of committing the murder himself
- Mr. Stohler wore a change of clothes underneath his clothes in anticipation of changing his appearance after committing the act

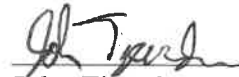
- Mr. Stohler's attempt was interrupted and, in his statement, he claimed that at that point, he looked to find someone else to commit the actual murder
- Mr. Stohler claimed to have recruited a co-worker at the United States Postal Service and told him he would pay him \$500 to murder Michelle Powers
- Mr. Stohler testified in the jury trial against this individual (Butch Ensminger) that he provided the crossbow and poison tipped arrow and Ensminger carried out the murder; however, viewed objectively, the only evidence that suggests Ensminger is the actual killer is Mr. Stohler's testimony
- Objectively, Mr. Stohler is the person who had the motive, had been discussing it for years, had purchased the crossbow and the poison tipped arrows, and fled the State for six months after learning he was becoming a suspect

If there is any additional clarification needed regarding the facts of this case, do not hesitate to contact either of us at the numbers listed above.

Respectfully,



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