

AFFIDAVIT OF SPECIAL AGENT ELLEN RIPPERGER

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Ellen Ripperger, make the following unsworn declaration, under penalty of perjury:

1. I have been employed by the United States Secret Service (Secret Service or Agency) as a GS-1811 (special agent criminal investigator) since May 19, 2002.
2. I have been a certified polygraph examiner in the Secret Service Forensic Services division since March 27, 2013.
3. On September 18, 2014, I administered the polygraph examination of Complainant [REDACTED]
4. On September 18, 2014, I recorded the polygraph examination of Mr. [REDACTED] using a microphone that plugs into my Secret Service laptop computer.
5. After I recorded the preamble to Mr. [REDACTED] examination, I unplugged the microphone from the laptop so that I could listen to the introduction. This is my usual practice, and I do this to verify that the audio recording software is functioning properly.
6. After I listened to the preamble, I plugged the microphone back into my laptop to record Mr. [REDACTED] examination.
7. Throughout the September 18, 2014, polygraph examination of Mr. [REDACTED] the display screen on my laptop monitor indicated that the audio recording software was functioning properly.
8. I checked my laptop monitor several times during the polygraph examination of Mr. [REDACTED] to confirm that the audio recording was functioning.
9. Because my laptop indicated that the audio recording software was functioning properly, I did not stop the examination to listen to the recording, aside from when I listened to the preamble. This is my usual practice when conducting polygraph examinations.
10. After Mr. [REDACTED] polygraph examination, the original digital file of the audio recording has remained on my Secret Service laptop computer, which is standard practice for the Forensics Services Division (FSD).
11. After Mr. [REDACTED] polygraph examination, a digital copy of the audio recording has remained in the shared drive of the FSD, which is standard practice for the FSD.
12. I have never destroyed or altered any audio recording of a polygraph examination, including the audio recording of Mr. [REDACTED] examination.
13. The copy of the audio recording provided to Mr. [REDACTED] in response to his Complaint is an accurate and complete copy of the original audio recording of his polygraph examination.

14. I do not typically listen to the audio recordings of polygraph examinations after I have conducted them, unless the subject of the examination made a relevant admission that I want to review.
15. Mr. [REDACTED] did not make any relevant admissions during his examination. Accordingly, I did not listen to the audio recording after his examination was complete until I searched for documents in response to his Complaint.
16. Two other audio recordings of polygraph examinations that I conducted around the date of September 18, 2014 had similar deficiencies as the recording of Mr. [REDACTED] examination due to what appears to have been a microphone malfunction.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Ellen Ripperger

Executed on 13th, of October, 2016
(Day) (Month)