

**AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF Lowndes

COMES NOW Affiant Sheriff Mike Arledge and states under oath that he has personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and that said facts are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and ability, stating the following:

1. I am qualified to give this Affidavit, being over the age of 18, and having never been convicted of the crime of perjury or subornation of perjury.
2. I live in Lowndes County, Mississippi, where I have lived for approximately 35 years.
3. I am employed as the Sheriff of Lowndes County, Mississippi, a position I have held for approximately 5 years. I have served in law enforcement for over 30 years.
4. I know Officer Canyon Boykin through professional relationships and am aware that he has recently been charged for manslaughter for events that occurred on October 16, 2015 in Columbus, Mississippi. Since that night, there has been continuing media coverage, both in the newspapers and on television, of this matter in Lowndes County. There has also been widespread public speculation surrounding the events of October 16, 2015, and I have seen multiple public protests and marches in support of Mr. Ricky Ball. My observation and professional opinion is that large sects of the population in Lowndes County have an opinion about this case without knowing the facts of what actually happened.
5. Due to the public's prejudgment of the facts involved with Officer Boykin's criminal charge, and the public's prejudgment of Officer Boykin himself, and due to the public's grudge and ill will towards Officer Boykin, Officer Boykin cannot have a fair and impartial trial in Lowndes County, Mississippi.



Further, Affiant sayeth not.

Mike Arledge  
Sheriff Mike Arledge

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me, on this the 14 day of September, 2016, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Rita Flory  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/25/2020

