

June 22, 1984

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a document attesting to my knowledge of and my life long friendship with P.F. Lazor.

I have been a friend of P.F.'s for Twenty Eight Years, as kids we played together went to the same schools and church. We haven't seen each other very much over the past ten years, however even when he moved to California we remained close friends and kept in touch with each other.

P.F. is the type of person people looked up to including myself. Whenever he wanted something he went all out for it. Unlike many others I know, struggling to get what they want out of life he never stepped on anyone or was dishonest in order to reach his goals. I was inspired by him, and that's why his arrest and conviction took me by such a great surprise.

He came back to Michigan for a few months before all this happened, and we spent some time together. I am enclosing a letter I received from him shortly after that visit in hopes that it will help you see the type of person he is, and how doing what he has been accused of would be so out of character.

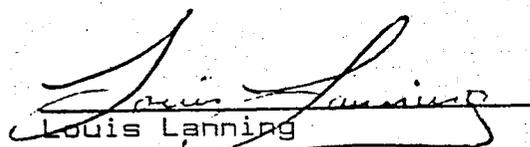
On my recent visit to Vacaville Prison to see P.F. my conversation with him confirmed my life time evaluation of him, and that's why I can honestly say I do not have a doubt in my mind of P.F. Lazor's innocence.

I would just like to sum it up by saying I hope you take the time to look at P.F.'s background. I know it must be hard to look at some letters, trial transcripts and whatever else is involved and try to make a decision about someone's life. I feel his continued imprisonment would be a great loss to everyone that knows him now, and everyone who might not get the chance to know him if he has to remain in prison.

Thank you,

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I solemnly swear under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.


Louis Lanning

6-25-84
Date

EXHIBIT 5