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Ohio Parole Board
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Dear Parole Board Members,

I am writing to you as you consider the case of William T. Montgomery on March 8, 2018. I was one of the jurors that heard Mr. Montgomery's case in 1986.

I understand that you will be considering the fate of Mr. Montgomery and that he is currently scheduled for execution on April 11, 2018.

Given the circumstances and gravity of Mr. Montgomery's execution date, I felt it was important to let you know I am now aware of additional facts of this case that were not presented to me and the other jurors.

Today I am aware that a police report was made in 1986 where numerous witnesses reported seeing Debra Ogle alive on March 12, 1986. These witnesses were high school classmates of Ms. Ogle. This police report was not provided to the jury in this case. I understand that Mr. Montgomery was ordered a new trial based on this evidence being withheld many years after the conviction.

I am also aware that other pieces of evidence had not been introduced at the trial including that police recovered a pair of tennis shoes from Glover Heard's home. I am aware that these shoes were characterized by police and investigators to have blood and mud on them.

Neither of these pieces of information was shared with the jury.

I believe that had I known about this evidence, I may have had less confidence in the testimony and role of Glover Heard. I certainly would have had more questions. Thirty years later, it is difficult to say whether I would have voted differently, however, the information I know today does give me some pause.

I do recall that Mr. Heard was given a deal by prosecutors of 15-years to life in exchange for his testimony against Montgomery. I also recall that the prosecution's theory of this case was that

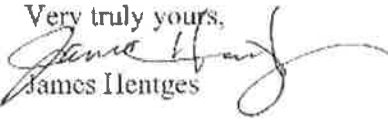
Debra Ogle was killed first and that the murder of Cindy Tinchcr was done in order to conceal the murder of Debra Ogle.

I am also aware that in 2012 a medical examiner reviewed the case and that based on this review, the examiner concluded that Debra Ogle was likely to have been killed closer to March 12, 1986.

As a juror who served on this case, I want to have absolute confidence that the outcome is correct since death is the punishment.

Had life without the possibility of parole been an option in 1986, I very well may have been more comfortable with that sentence.

Very truly yours,


James Hentges