

Ohio Parole Board
770 W. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43222

February 23, 2018

Dear Parole Board members,

My name is Sidney E. Thomas Sr., and I was a juror on the case of William T. Montgomery in 1986, in Toledo, Ohio.

At that time, I was not told about a police report that stated witnesses reported seeing Debra Ogle alive the early morning hours of March 12, 1986. I recall that the prosecution stated Ms. Ogle was killed first, and that Ms. Cynthia Tincher was killed second as a way of covering up the first murder.

If I had been provided that information, I believe I might have voted differently in this case.

I am now aware that an expert medical examiner examined the autopsy and coroner's report. I am aware the new report found that Ms. Ogle was likely killed around March 12, 1986 and not as we were told on March 8, 1986.

If I had been provided that information, I believe I might have voted differently in this case.

I did have some doubt that Mr. Montgomery was guilty at the trial. In 1992 I made an affidavit where I said that I believed in 1986 that Mr. Montgomery could have been rehabilitated due to his age.

Given the information I have today, I am not sure I would have found Mr. Montgomery guilty or voted for the death penalty.

It is my belief that I should have been given all the information that was known when considering this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sidney Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sidney E. Thomas Sr.