

DECLARATION OF
MELINDA TRAVIS

Melinda Travis declares:

1. I am Melinda Travis and reside at [REDACTED], Spokane, Washington 99223.
2. In 1999, I was driving southbound on Post Street in Spokane, Washington, on my way home accompanied by my two young sons, currently ages [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], respectively.
3. While I was driving, I glanced up at the north side of the River Park Square parking garage and was shocked to see that there was a gaping hole in the side of it. One of the barriers that retain vehicles within the garage had completely collapsed and I could see the front of a vehicle hanging through the gaping hole and off the edge of the garage.
4. The vehicle and the collapsed barrier were located several stories above the street level and across from Spokane City Hall building. Shocked at what I was seeing, I pointed it out to my two young sons.
5. I was out of town on April 8, 2006, when Jo Ellen Savage died after her vehicle fell from the River Park Square parking garage. Therefore, I did not see the media coverage of this tragic event until after my return on April 12, 2006.

Given the 1999 occurrence, I followed the media coverage with respect to the Savage occurrence with substantial interest. I expected the public was or would become aware of the 1999 occurrence and the similarity between it and the event which resulted in Ms. Savage's death.

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It became clear to me, however, that there was not general knowledge of the 1999 occurrence despite the fact it occurred across from City Hall. It was not mentioned, for instance, in any of the media coverage I saw or read.

Given the similarity of the occurrences, I contacted [REDACTED] that represent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to inform them of the 1999 event.

6. I did not know Ms. Savage and do not know any of her family or friends.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 18th day of July, 2006, at Spokane, Washington.



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