

# EXHIBIT H

DECLARATION OF ASHLEY [REDACTED]

I, ASHLEY [REDACTED] hereby declare as follows:

1. I was born on June 7, 1990 and am now 24 years old. I currently live in Red Bluff, California. Larry Pohlschneider is my stepfather and I lived with him as a child. He was convicted of molesting me but he never touched me in any sexual way.
2. I have had very little contact with Larry since he went to prison. He has sent me some letters when I was living with his mother, my grandmother, which I read but have rarely responded to.
3. I was molested by my biological father Albert Harris as a child. I have very few specific memories of the abuse but the memories I have make it clear to me that he did do sexual things to me.
4. When I was living with Larry I sometimes felt he was kind of mean, but this was just because I was a kid and did not know any better. Now, growing older, I realize he was just being a parent and he was doing what he was supposed to as a Dad.
5. I was nine years old when the police questioned me about Larry Pohlschneider. I was interviewed by the police or people working for the prosecutor on several occasions. I don't remember how many separate days I was asked questions, but there were at least three or four different times (some may have been on the same day).
6. On one of the times, police or someone working for the prosecutor picked me up from school and would not take us home, or let us get food, until

they were finished asking us questions. I was hungry, needed to use the bathroom, and wanted to go home during the entire time the police were asking me questions.

7. On one of the times I was asked questions, my mom was in the room at the beginning, but the person asking the questions sent her out. I was in a small interview room with one or two people asking me questions. The first time that people asked me about Larry, I told the truth. I told them that he had never touched me in any sexual way. I repeated this every time they asked.
8. Another time I was in a different room, and there were two people asking the questions. In the room with the two people, they told me that they were videotaping me. They told me that I had to "tell the truth." They implied that I had been lying when I said Larry didn't do anything to me. They told me that my brother and sister had already told them that Larry did molest us, so that they "knew" the truth and there was no reason to "lie" anymore. They said that I would have to stay and answer questions until I "told the truth." They said that I could "sit there all night." Although they never directly said that they would not let me eat until I told them what they wanted to hear, they implied it. They said things like, "I'm sure you are hungry and want to go home and eat." And then they said I had to stay until I "told the truth." It was obvious that they wanted me to say that Larry had molested me, so eventually I broke down

and told them that he had. I just told them similar things to what I could remember about what Albert had done.

9. Larry Pohlschneider never sexually molested me. I only ever said that he had because the people asking me questions kept repeating the questions over and over, and it was obvious what they wanted me to say. I wanted to get out of there very badly and eventually, I just gave in and lied, saying what they wanted to hear.
10. At no point did my mom tell me to say one thing or another to the police. She was more concerned with what happened, and she was still trying to figure out what was going on as well.
11. I went to court to set things right and tell the truth, but when I got back to my foster mom's house, she was angry and told us we were going to go to hell for lying on the Bible. She treated us badly until I gave in and said I lied on the stand.
12. I told the truth when I was in court on the witness stand. Larry Pohlschneider never touched me sexually or molested me in any way.

13. I have felt terrible for a long time about the fact that Larry got convicted of something that he never did to me. I have felt terrible about how I was treated, both in the interviews and in court. Every time I told the truth, adults told me I was lying.

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

Executed on 8.21.14 in Red Bluff, Tehama County, California.  
[Date]

  
-ASHLEY   
