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## ***Criminal Polygraph Examiner***

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### **REPORT OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS**

EXAMINEE: Lee Mongerson Gilley, SPN # 03260756  
EXAM DATE: January 23, 2025  
EXAM TYPE: Specific Issue-Murder

### **SYNOPSIS:**

On Thursday, January 23, 2025 Mr. Lee Mongerson Gilley was administered multiple polygraph examinations regarding the instant offense for which he is charged: Capital Murder in the 497<sup>th</sup> District Court, Harris County, Texas in 2025. Mr. Gilley is represented by his attorney, Mr. Dick DeGuerin of Houston, who has requested these examinations.

### **PRE-TEST INTERVIEW:**

Upon arrival, Mr. Gilley was asked to read and sign a release authorizing the examiner to proceed with the interview and examinations and to release a copy of this report to his attorney only. He read and signed the release and the interview began at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Gilley appeared alert, on time and properly oriented for his examination. He identified himself with Texas Driver License # 42241956. He resides at 816 Allston Street, Houston, Texas.

Mr. Gilley stated he was born on August 14, 1986 in Greenville, South Carolina. He is thirty eight years old. He was raised in Greenville, graduating from J.L. Mann High School in 2004. He subsequently graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2008. He has not served in the armed forces.

His parents reside in South Carolina. He has two brothers. He was married to Christa Bauer for seven years until her death in October 2024. Their two children are: Madeline, age four and Gannon, age two.

Mr. Gilley is self-employed as a consultant in the field of computer software.

### **CASE FACTS:**

The basis for these examinations is a District Court Arrest Warrant for Lee Gilley based on Houston Police Incident Number 1415384-24 wherein the Mr. Gilley is alleged to have caused the death of his wife, Christa Gilley on October 7, 2024 at their residence located

at 816 Allston Street, Houston, Texas. The attached affidavit stated Houston Police and the fire department were dispatched to the location following a 911 call from Mr. Gilley who reported his wife as unconscious and not responding.

Subsequent investigation indicated Christa Gilley had physical markings on her face, visible petechiae on the outer edges of her eyes, and ruptured blood vessels within her eyes, although Mr. Gilley asserted to investigators she had previously suffered an incident of hemoglobin anemia. She was also diagnosed as having fractures to her sternum and ribs commonly resulting from cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences also identified fractures to the hyoid bone in her neck and hemorrhaging to the muscle tissue in her upper back between her shoulder blades.

Christa Gilley was pregnant with their third child at the time of her death.

#### **EXAMINEE'S STATEMENT:**

Mr. Gilley identified the alleged victim in his case as his wife, Christa Gilley. He stated on October 7, 2024 he took the children to school, went to work and also purchased a new car, all in the same day. Upon learning he had purchased the vehicle, Christa became upset and after he returned home she yelled at him in front of the children.

After helping bathe the children and putting them to bed, Christa went to sleep in their bedroom and Mr. Gilley continuing working on the couch in the living room until 11:00 or 11:30 p.m. Thereafter, he walked into the bedroom and observed her laying diagonally face-up in their king-size bed.

According to Mr. Gilley, "I turned on a light. She looked just terrible with the sheets bunched up on her and she wasn't responding". Mr. Gilley stated he called 911 and performed CPR on Christa while waiting for paramedics to arrive.

Mr. Gilley also explained that in 2023 Christa had a medical episode of hemoglobin anemia where the blood cells don't transport oxygen which caused her to be hospitalized.

During today's interview, Mr. Gilley denied inflicting any injuries to Christa and stated his only physical contact with her was performing CPR while waiting for first responders to arrive following his 911 call.

#### **EXAM ADMINISTRATION:**

The following relevant questions were formulated for Mr. Gilley's initial examination based on the case facts and the results of the pre-test interview. All questions were reviewed with him prior to exam administration and his answers follow in parentheses:

- DO YOU KNOW HOW CHRISTA DIED? (NO)
- DID YOU DO ANYTHING TO CAUSE CHRISTA'S DEATH? (NO)
- DID YOU WANT CHRISTA TO DIE? (NO)

#### **EXAMINER'S ANALYSIS:**

This examination was administered utilizing the U.S. Air Force MGQT format, a Federally validated technique. It is the opinion of this examiner that there were no significant physiological responses on any of the charts to the relevant questions in this series.

Mr. Gilley's examination is evaluated as **NO DECEPTION INDICATED.**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF SECOND EXAMINATION**

The following relevant questions were formulated for Mr. Gilley's second examination based on the case facts and the results of the pre-test interview. All questions were reviewed with him prior to exam administration and his answers follow in parentheses:

- ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, DID YOU GRAB CHRISTA BY HER NECK? (NO)
- ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, DID YOU PUT ANY PRESSURE ON CHRISTA'S NECK? (NO)
- ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, DID YOU CHOKE CHRISTA? (NO)
- ON OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, DID YOU IMPEDE CHRISTA'S BREATHING? (NO)

#### **EXAMINER'S ANALYSIS:**

This examination was administered utilizing the U.S. Air Force MGQT format, a Federally validated technique. It is the opinion of this examiner that there were no significant physiological responses on any of the charts to the relevant questions in this series.

Mr. Gilley's second examination is evaluated as **NO DECEPTION INDICATED.**

#### **ADMINISTRATION OF THIRD EXAMINATION:**

The following relevant questions were formulated for Mr. Gilley's third and final examination based on the case facts and the results of the pre-test interview. All questions were reviewed with him prior to exam administration and his answers follow in parentheses:

- DID YOU ADMINISTER AN INTOXICATING DRUG TO CHRISTA BEFORE SHE DIED? (NO)
- DID YOU GIVE CHRISTA ANY TYPE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE BEFORE HER DEATH? (NO)

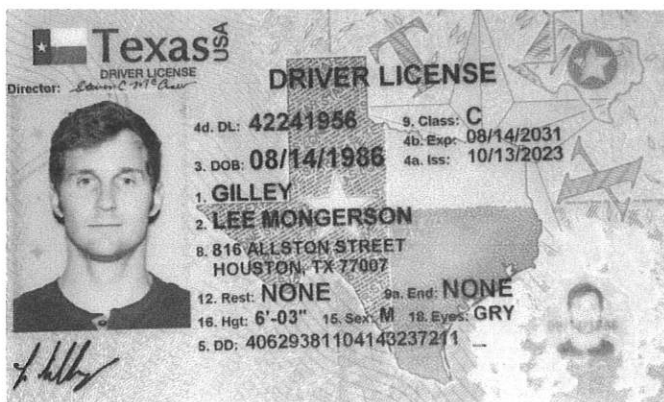
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Mr. Gilley's third examination is evaluated as **NO DECEPTION INDICATED.**

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### **Degrees and Specialized Training**

B.S. Criminal Justice  
University of Texas at Arlington 1978

**United States Department of Justice**  
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Drug Enforcement Administration  
700 Army Navy Drive  
Arlington, Texas 22202

**Basic Polygraph Examiner Training 1986**  
Sturm School of Polygraph (APA certified school)  
Houston, Texas

**Federal Polygraph Examiner Training 1993**  
**U.S. Department of Defense Polygraph Institute**  
U.S. Army Base, Fort Mc Clellan  
Anniston, Alabama

### **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

**Certified Federal Polygraph Examiner 1993**  
United States Department of Justice

Licensed Polygraph Examiner, State of Texas # 998.  
Licensed Polygraph Examiner, State of Louisiana # 700  
Certified, Joint Polygraph Committee on Offender Testing (JPCOT)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of Police Polygraphists  
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