

Exhibit C

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

JOHN DOE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:08 CV 575

Judge Frost

Magistrate Judge King

DECLARATION OF STEPHEN SHORT

Stephen Short, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares as follows:

1. My name is Stephen Short and I have personal knowledge of all matters set forth in this declaration. I am the Superintendent for the Mount Vernon City School District and have been in that position since January 1, 2008.

2. In August 2008 I received a phone call from John Freshwater who asked that his personal items in his classroom be returned to him. I personally looked through the items from Mr. Freshwater's classroom to separate his personal items from school materials. I made a list of those personal items I located after reviewing all of the materials in his classroom and made an inventory of those materials I was returning to him. That handwritten list is attached as "Exhibit A." On or about August 15, 2008, Mr. Freshwater came to my offices and retrieved those materials from me. The materials that I provided to John Freshwater on or about August 15, 2008 are often referred to as the "five armloads" or "five armfuls" of materials.

3. I have reviewed the pictures of the five armloads of materials that Mr. Freshwater claims he received from me. These pictures are attached as "Exhibit B" and were also attested to and attached as an exhibit to a pleading and affidavit filed by John Freshwater in the case of *John Doe, et al. v. Mount Vernon City School District Board of Education, et al.*, No. 2:08-cv-575 (Doc. No. 97-9).

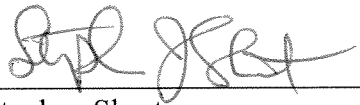
4. Nearly all of the items depicted in Exhibit B are not part of the five armloads of materials that I gave to Mr. Freshwater. For example, I never, at any time, provided Mr. Freshwater with his poster depicting former President George W. Bush praying with his cabinet. Similarly, I did not give Mr. Freshwater skulls or a large piece of wood.

5. In addition, many of the items from the five armloads of materials that I gave to Mr. Freshwater were not depicted in Exhibit B. For example, I provided Mr. Freshwater with a dial 911 poster, Pledge of Allegiance posters, a bible called "God's Game Plan - Athlete's

Bible,” the Bible he kept on his desk in his classroom (which is also known as a “Living Bible”), and a booklet entitled *Anabolic Outlaw*, none of which are depicted in Exhibit B.

6. I have attended all of the hearing dates in the termination proceedings against John Freshwater as the representative of the Mt. Vernon City Schools. Until June of this year, Mr. Freshwater always placed the Bible he had in his classroom (the “Living Bible”) out in front of him during the termination hearing. Something apparently happened with that Bible and Mr. Freshwater replaced it. At the hearing on June 22, 2010 he had with him a bible entitled the “God’s Game Plan - Athlete’s Bible.” To the best of my recollection, that Bible, which has noticeably ruffled edges, appeared to be the same God’s Game Plan-Athlete’s Bible I gave to Mr. Freshwater with the “five armloads of materials” I provided to him in August 2008 and which appears on the inventory I made (attached as Exhibit A).

7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on June ~~21~~²⁹, 2010.



Stephen Short

Exhibit A

(To Short Declaration)

Christiane CD's

Pledge of Allegiance
Posters

Sand project

- Bags of sand
- Pop bottles - 2 liter
- Plastic cups
- Clock radio

Tape player - TV-cords

Desk - items

pens pencils, paper clips

2 King James Bible / 1 Living Bible

Football

Post it notes

Spoons

Lotions

Sound - Fork tuner

Lamp - 911 poster

Wrestling Tapes

Anabolic Outlaw - 9

God's ~~Athlete's~~ Game Plan - Athlete's Bible

Beaker

Cup

Box w/Buttons

2 Chicken Soup for the Soul

Instructional Leadership Notebook

Grabe

Pictures - Family

Pictures spoons

Accent Science Catalog

1001 Fantastic Facts - Book

Winners vs Losers

Parachute

Fossil rock

Phone books

Student - Tender - MVNU

Volcanoes - Book

Newspaper Clippings

MV News - Astronomy

Astronomy

Rock & Mineral Set

Clippings - Kids

Work-out Belts

Softball

Rocks

T-shirts

E-mails from son

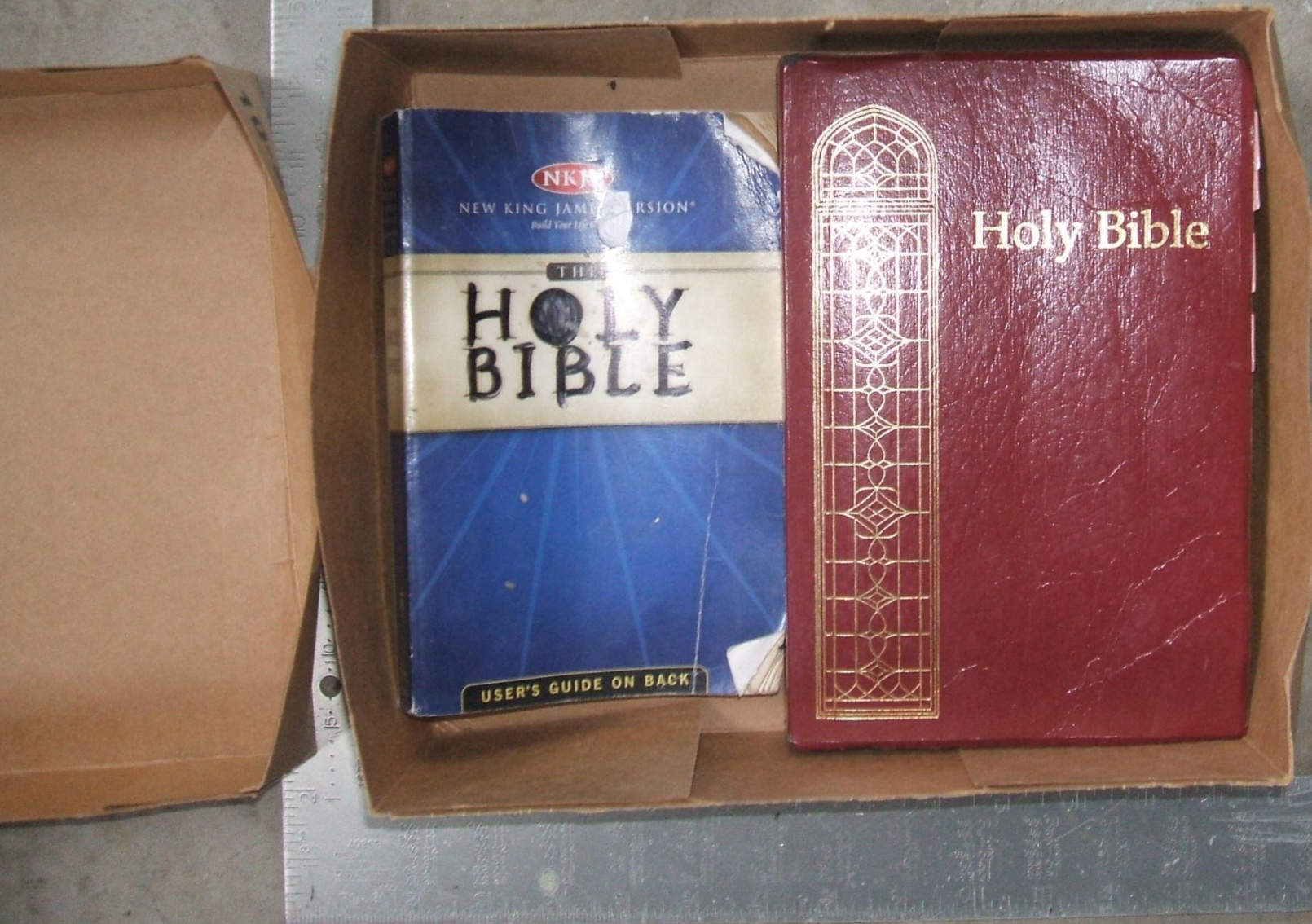
Exhibit B

(To Short Declaration)

Items Provided by Steve Short to John Freshwater August 2008



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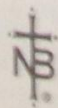
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John FreshH2O

In 1874, sparked by pressure from greedy contractors supplying the reservations, and by cattlemen, lumber men and settlers hungry for Apache land - Washington approved a policy of concentrating the Apaches on a select few reservations. During the winter of 1875, and spring of 1876, the 9th was transferred to the District of New Mexico under command of Colonel Edward Hatch. Two companies were stationed at Fort Bayard, one at Fort McRae, two at Fort Wingate, three at Fort Stanton, one at Fort Union, two at Fort Selden and one at Fort Garland.

☆ "Gila River - San Carlos, Arizona" ☆

Unfortunately, the main Indian reservation was at San Carlos, Arizona, a desolate wasteland despised by the Apache. The independent lifestyle and culture of the Apaches and their hatred of the San Carlos reservation insured the hostilities that were to come. The renegade Apaches that periodically fled the reservations were highly skilled horsemen with a superior knowledge of their ancestral lands. Under the command of skilled warrior leaders like Skunya, Nana, Victorio and Geronimo, the Apaches proved to be an elusive and worthy adversary for the troopers of the 9th Regiment.


On 24 January 1877, a scouting party from Fort Bayard commanded by Lt. Henry Wright, with six men of Company "C" and three Navajo scouts, was surrounded by a party of 40 to 50 Chiricahuas in the Florida Mountains, near Deming, New Mexico. Weapons were fired and then used as clubs. In the center of the melee Corporal Clifton Greaves fought like a cornered lion and managed to shoot and bash a gap through the swarming Apaches, permitting his companions to break free. For this heroic action, Corporal Greaves was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

On 18 September 1879, troopers from Companies "B", "C", "E" and "G" of the 9th Cavalry were ambushed by Victorio, War Chief of the Warm Springs Apaches, at Las Animas Creek in the Black Range of New Mexico. Conflicting reports put the number of troopers killed at either five or six, along with either two or three Navajo scouts. Several troopers were awarded Congressional Medals of Honor, having saved the wounded troopers.

John,
Thanks for sharing your summer adventures with me.
I was truly interested in the Buffalo soldiers story.
They were called Buffalo soldiers by the Native Americans
because of their wavy hair + fierce fighting ability - like a
buffalo. I know some info I found on the
web - perhaps you can promote a History Day

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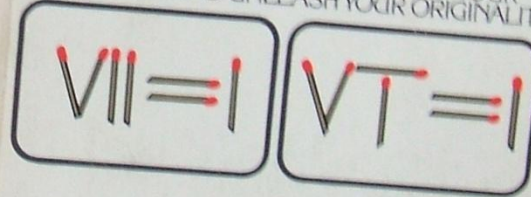
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