

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

LESLIE W. SHIPMAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. 16-cv-692

DONALD SOWELL, et al.,

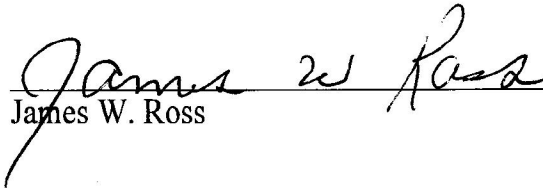
Defendants

DECLARATION OF JAMES W. ROSS

My name is James W. Ross, I am greater than 18 years of age and competent to testify, and I do testify as follows under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and based on my own personal knowledge, as witnessed by my signature below:

I am employed by Jerry Williams, a business partner of Les Shipman. I called Ronnie and Melony Bassell about late payments on a truck that they purchased from Jerry and Les. Ronnie said the Montgomery County Auto Theft Task Force told them that they did not have to make payments because the vehicles might have been stolen. Ronnie then threatened to shoot me if I came to his home to pick up the truck. About 30 minutes later, I received a call from an officer named John from the Montgomery County Auto Theft Task Force. He told me that he could not stop me from collecting payments, but that Jerry and Les did not have a license to finance vehicles and that I should not be collecting payments because of an ongoing investigation (in the previous version of my declaration, I erroneously indicated that I was told that I "should be" collecting payments). Tina Fox also purchased a vehicle from Jerry and Les, and she told me that Joe Sclider told her not to make payments because of the investigation.

THE DECLARANT SAYS NOTHING FURTHER.


James W. Ross

Date: 9-30-16