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EXHIBIT G –Defective Plea

Note: The purpose of this evidence is neither to point fingers nor absolve blame, but solely to illustrate that the public narrative at the time was not accurate.

Overview: Justin did not admit guilt regarding the facts established by the criminal complaint (police report). He instead remained silent when asked by the judge, “Are the facts as set forth in that criminal complaint true?” and a “no contest” plea was entered by default. Justin’s appellate attorney later confirmed that he had grounds to appeal as his plea was legally defective due to the lack of admission of guilt.

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The evidence herein is from 2017—the tail end of the case. It was reviewed by a private investigator and filed as a part of the 2022 legal action: Wisconsin Circuit Court – Walworth County (2022CV000728), and Wisconsin Appellate Court – District II (2023AP000644).



All identifiable information has been redacted out of respect for the privacy of individuals and their current lives. All the original, unredacted evidence has been stored away indefinitely.



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Justin Did Not Admit Guilt to the Criminal Complaint's Narrative

- a) The plea hearing transcript reflects that, in court, Justin did not acknowledge the criminal complaint's narrative of events as being factual (he remained silent when the Court asked if the facts were true). Imagine if Justin had spoken up and said, "This narrative isn't true, your honor. It's completely blown out of proportion." How would that have been received by the court in an adversarial criminal justice system? Try and put yourself in his position on the hot seat and ask yourself what you might do. It's not an easy choice in the heat of the moment.

5 THE COURT: Let's start with 16CF384, which
6 are the sexual assault charges and the charges
7 surrounding that.
8 Have you reviewed that criminal complaint?
9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, ma'am.
10 THE COURT: Are the facts as set forth in
11 that criminal complaint true?
12 THE DEFENDANT: (Pause.)

- b) Justin's family did hire an appellate attorney, and this attorney acknowledged in one of his documents that Justin's plea was technically defective because he did not have an admission of guilt. Because there was no admission of guilt, Justin did have valid grounds to appeal, according to his attorney. He did not appeal, however, because that wouldn't have thrown the case out, it would have just brought it back to square one—and Justin didn't want to keep putting his family through that process with the media circus and long, frightening court appearances, etc.

I advised you that, regarding case 16CF384, the plea transcript was defective in one respect and that the defect was not overcome or corrected by the plea paperwork. It appeared to me the court did not sufficiently obtain your admission to the factual basis for the charge. The record should have clearly reflected the facts being used to support findings of guilt.



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Proof of Justin’s Intent to Try and Seek an Appeal

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT RACINE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2016CF0384

JUSTIN D. BEATON,
Defendant.

**WIS STAT. §809.30(2)(B) NOTICE OF INTENT
TO PURSUE POSTCONVICTION RELIEF**

Defendant Justin D. Beaton intends to seek postconviction relief from the judgment ordered to be entered on March 14, 2017 (sentencing on May 30, 2017;
