

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
AUGUSTA DIVISION

IN RE JOSEPH NEAL, JR.)
) No. MC-112-008
)

DECLARATION

I, Caroline Neal, do hereby declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am 24 years of age and make this Declaration in Support of Joe Neal Jr.'s request to vacate his suspension from practice in this federal district.
2. I was indicted, along with my ex-husband, Joe Neal, Jr., in the Superior Court of Richmond County for rape, Case No. 12 RCCR 373. After Joe Neal, Jr.'s rape case was dismissed and he plead guilty to 3 misdemeanors, I entered a guilty plea to a single count of serving alcohol to someone under the age of 21 and was sentenced to one year probation.
3. When I told Joe Neal, Jr., that Melina Sprankle was going to come over to our house the evening of December 16, 2011, he said he didn't want company, but I invited her over anyway because she was upset over family and relationship issues.
4. Joe Neal, Jr., never forced himself on Melina Sprankle in any fashion. I never

forced myself on Melina Sprankle in any fashion.

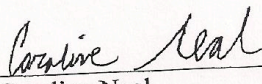
5. After Joe Neal, Jr., and Melina Sprankle began having sexual intercourse on the night of December 16, 2011, she was moaning like she was enjoying herself.

6. As I informed the Assistant District Attorney before Mr. Neal's trial, Melina Sprankle was the first one up the stairs in our house and she was the first one in the bed.

7. After December 16, 2011, I sought divorce counsel from attorney John B. Long, who had represented me earlier. He told me that he could not represent me because he knew Melina Sprankle's father, who had called him several times about suing Joe Neal, Jr., in a civil case. Mr. Long told me that he probably would not handle that case because the fee from any recovery wouldn't justify bringing the lawsuit, and that I should consult with Mr. Tisdale because of the possibility that there would be a conflict.

8. I make this Declaration freely and voluntarily. No one has forced me to sign this and I am signing this Declaration because it is true.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing 8 paragraphs are true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on the 17 day of September, 2012, in Augusta, Georgia.


Caroline Neal