

AFFIDAVIT OF RYAN RITTMAYER
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

I, **Ryan Rittmeyer**, being duly sworn according to law, do hereby depose and state under penalty of unsworn falsification to authorities, pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am the individual previously identified as “Victim Number 10” in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s prosecution of Gerald “Jerry” Sandusky.
2. I testified in proceedings beginning in 2011, culminating in Mr. Sandusky’s criminal trial in June 2012.
3. At the time of my first interview with the Pennsylvania State Police in November 2011, I was 24 and employed at Berry Plastics, and with my wife and her family. I had been previously incarcerated when I was 19 and spent two years in a correctional facility in PA.
4. I was approached by state investigators who told me that my role was critical to stopping a predator. They emphasized that other alleged victims were reluctant to come forward and repeatedly encouraged me to believe that Mr. Sandusky had molested me—despite my lack of clear or certain memory of any such conduct.
5. Following my contact with law enforcement, I was referred to civil counsel, including attorney Andrew Shubin—who represented numerous claimants pursuing damages from Penn State—and attorneys from the firm of Ross Feller and Casey. I received a civil settlement of \$5.5 million, from which my attorneys took approximately 40% about a year after my testimony, something that the prosecution assured me would occur.
6. I did not participate in therapy or formal memory-recovery sessions. Only later did I learn that much of the prosecution’s case relied on highly controversial theories of recovered memory, and that many accusers, like myself, were encouraged to reconstruct traumatic narratives despite significant memory gaps.
7. Throughout the pretrial process, I was told—both directly and indirectly—that trauma may have fragmented my memory, and that I could safely affirm details I did not fully recall. I was assured this was common and even expected.
8. Over time, my story changed. My testimony evolved. This evolution was not deliberate deception but the result of emotional strain, repeated exposure to leading questions, intense investigative pressure, and psychological manipulation.
9. I was led to believe that failing to testify in the manner prosecutors expected would allow a dangerous man to escape justice. I internalized their version of events to the point of confusion between memory, suggestion, and expectation.
10. I recall being coached during extensive pretrial meetings—one lasting approximately six hours—where I was repeatedly asked to revisit and reframe my account until my responses aligned with what appeared to be desired by the prosecution team.
11. During these meetings, I felt I could not leave. The prosecution had arranged my travel and lodging. I was kept in a small office, and the repetition of key themes suggested I would not be released until I gave answers that confirmed the case narrative. I eventually complied, though my internal uncertainty never fully resolved.

12. I was also told my identity would remain confidential and that I could testify anonymously. That promise proved untrue, and I have since faced public exposure.
13. The testimony I gave was shaped by systemic influences, not personal experience—by investigators and prosecutors whose professional and reputational interests were tied to my cooperation.
14. I was not made aware at the time that my statements would be used to secure a de facto life sentence for Mr. Sandusky. Nor was I informed that I might be legally and publicly bound to those statements for the remainder of my life.
15. I was misled repeatedly during the process, particularly by prosecutor Joe McGettigan. I now regret my role in facilitating what I have come to view as a deeply flawed prosecution.
16. I have received no compensation or benefit for submitting this affidavit. I do so voluntarily and without coercion. I am aware of the legal significance of this sworn statement.
17. I also understand that the statute of limitations for any alleged perjury connected to my prior testimony has expired. However, I maintain that I did not commit perjury. I testified to what I had come to believe under the influence of authoritative voices, at a time when I feared retribution for noncooperation. My statements were not willfully false, but induced under extreme psychological and institutional pressure.
18. I anticipate criticism for this affidavit. But I feel morally and legally obligated to clarify the record and speak truthfully about what happened. Remaining silent now would only deepen the harm.
19. I ask the courts, and any fair-minded reader, to consider that my testimony may have reflected not willful falsehood, but a tragic convergence of memory uncertainty, professional suggestion, prosecutorial coercion, and my own vulnerability.

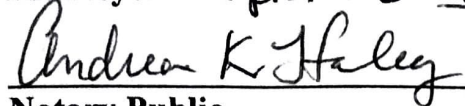
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Executed this 30th day of June, 2025.



Ryan Rittmeyer

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 30th day of June, 2025, by Ryan Rittmeyer. As provided FL Driver's License as identification.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 2 August 2028
Andrea K. Haley

