

Subj: Dr. White excerpt
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Here is the excerpt from our expert witness disclosure which relates to Dr. White:

Dr. Lawrence T. White

Dr. Lawrence White is a Professor of Psychology at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin. He received a Ph.D. in Social and Personality Psychology at the University of California at Santa Cruz. Dr. White has been a professor of psychology and legal studies at Beloit College in Wisconsin since 1984. He regularly teaches courses on statistics, research methods, forensic psychology, and social psychology. He has conducted research on the reliability of witnesses; this research was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. He has published more than a dozen articles and research reports in refereed journals and edited books. In the past 18 years, he has consulted on more than 100 criminal cases in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. He has testified as an expert witness in Wisconsin courts on approximately 25 occasions about the reliability of eyewitness identifications, the reliability of children's testimony, and best practices when children are interviewed, or risk factors for false or unreliable confessions. He has read widely on police interrogation procedures and the factors associated with true and false confessions. He previously taught an advanced seminar titled "The Psychology of Interrogation and Confession." He has made conference presentations on several occasions about the problem of false or unreliable confessions. A copy of his curriculum vitae is attached.

Dr. White may be called to testify if evidence is presented at the Steven Avery trial of alleged statements made by Brendan Dassey, or if Brendan Dassey himself testifies. Dr. White would likely testify about risk factors which may cause individuals to provide false or unreliable statements to police. These include particularly vulnerable subjects such as children or individuals with low intelligence or mental disorders, who are often easily confused, unusually compliant or especially suggestible. Numerous studies in recent years have found juveniles and people with low intelligence and/or poor memory to be more compliant and are more likely to provide false or unreliable statements to police or adult authority figures. Dr. White has studied research on various police interrogation techniques, some of which were used on Brendan Dassey in this investigation, and would testify that certain techniques can elicit false or unreliable statements from vulnerable individuals.

Dr. White may also testify that his review of police interrogations of Brendan Dassey and school and mental performance records of Dassey reveals numerous risk factors which are known to increase the likelihood of inducing false or unreliable statements. These included Dassey's low I.Q., near 70, and unusually poor memory capabilities, which would combine to make him especially suggestible and acquiescent. Further, the techniques used by the police in their multiple interviews of Dassey include many instances of pressure by the interrogators (including statements that unspecified people in the DA's office were pressuring the interrogators to issue criminal charges against Dassey), leading questions, repeated questions (which often lead to changed answers) questions which "leak" information and suggest certain responses, efforts to shape his statements by resort to praise and other positive reinforcers, and other tactics associated with false or unreliable statements.

Dr. White may testify that a false or unreliable confession may be induced by interrogation of an individual who is especially vulnerable, or by the use of psychological pressure by police interrogators. Either factor alone can induce false or unreliable statements, but such statements are especially likely to occur when both factors are present. Dr. White may testify that in his opinion both factors are present in this investigation, as Brendan Dassey presents as an especially vulnerable individual who was subjected to psychological pressure in various forms during the interrogations by the law enforcement agents in this case.

Good luck.
 -Jerry

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