I, Veronica (Vicky) Johnson, being duly sworn on oath make the following statement:

to Harry G. Dawson, who has identified himself to me as an investigator employed with United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Investigative and Enforcement Services (USDA, APHIS, IES).

I have been informed by Mr. Dawson that USDA, APHIS, IES has initiated an investigation into theft by deception of two (2) horses owned by me. After receiving a telephone call message on 05/14/12, I returned Mr. Dawson's call and agreed to meet with him on 05/15/12. On Tuesday, 05/15/12, I meet with Mr. Dawson at Kelley's Restaurant in Harvard, Illinois; and Dr. Glen Lehr, my veterinarian, was also present during most of my interview.

I provided to Mr. Dawson my mailing address, phone number and email address, as follows: P.O. Box 33, Harvard, Illinois 60033; telephone number is 847-346-6996; email address is vichysecho@yahoo.com.

I believe based on the draft "Affidavit" that Mr. Dawson constructed and what was included, omitted and misrepresented, that was sent to me to review, edit and sign, that Mr. Dawson is attempting to dismiss any claim that I have on my horses and conceal the theft by deception of my two mares by Marvin and Misti Olson amongst other crimes that I believe I have been perpetrated upon me by both Marvin and Misti Olson, Keith Tongen and others yet to be determined.

I endeavored to see if I could find the "right home" for two (2) of my horses that I had for 15 years. Suzy and Echo are both very friendly, come when you call, love to be petted and brushed, and would adjust well to a loving home. Suzy is an 18 year old bay mare, and Echo, a 15 year old red roan (gray) mare. They both have some medical concerns, so the selection of the "right home" were they would be comfortable and cared for was important for them and me. If I could not find what I thought was the "right home", I would have kept them indefinitely.

Marvin and Misti Olson told me they wanted my horses to be pasture pals with their mini and donkey on their 15 acre pasture. They also told me many things regarding the fencing and shelter and care they would provide and they agreed that if didn't work out, I would get them back. I asked directly if they were going to take and sell them for slaughter and was told "oh no, we would never do that. We are animal lovers."

On April 15th, 2012, I let Marvin and Misti Olson take my two mares, Suzy and Echo, to live on their 15 acre pasture, fenced with cattle panels, which included a run in shed, to be pasture pals with their mini and donkey, to help keep their 15 acre pasture down, where they would be petted and brushed, and brought into an enclosed barn during severe weather, where Marvin Olson had built pen stalls, and returned if it didn't work out.

In Mr. Dawson's presence, Dr. Glen Lehr did state that on 2/21/2012, he did prescribe "bute", 2 gram dosage per day as needed, together with 40cc penicillin injected daily for a period of 5 to 7 days for inflammation and an abscess in Suzy's right front. I did administer the medications, as directed. I did administer "bute" to my mare Echo, under the direction and supervision of my vet, Dr. Dalitsch, on and off over the course of a couple months when she developed "Sweeney" where her shoulder muscle diminished and sweated away for approximately 7 months after she rammed a post, and she was in a lot of pain. Echo was also attended to by my vet, Dr. Dalitsch, and administered medications, when she was born and was discovered with a swollen head and large wounds on her legs.

I did administer de-worming medication, Ivermectin to both mares in February 2012.

I have been and will continue to search for my two mares until I find them through every channel, agency, media and means that I can. At this time, all I have is lies. No one is willing to tell me the truth in regards to where my horses are located. I have made and sent out flyers that state that any documents received for my horses have been falsified, as no one knows their medical history but me and my vets. I am also communicating information on horse forums, boards, and groups.

I have read the above statement, been given the opportunity to make changes and corrections, and affirm that it is true & correct to the best of my knowledge.