

5. On April 15, 2012, I purchased a car to help me get around. With a car loan, I purchased a 2007 Infinity G35.

6. A few days later, on or about April 21, 2012, my son was driving my car. Officers with the Metropolitan Police Department claimed to find a small amount of drugs in his possession. The police seized my car. My son was ultimately not charged with a crime.

7. I have never given anyone permission to possess drugs in my car. I had no knowledge that any drugs were in my car.

8. I was at home in Charlotte, North Carolina when the incident occurred. My son and I had driven to Washington, D.C. to visit family after purchasing the car. My son wanted to remain in D.C. for a couple of extra days over the weekend, so I took a bus back to Charlotte because I did not want to drive that long distance by myself. Within the next day or two, the car was seized before my son made the return trip to bring my car back to me.

9. I have been without my car since the police took it on April 21, 2012.

10. At no time in the nearly three months that I have been without my car have police provided me any chance to contest their decision to take my car or any chance to challenge their decision to keep my car for months until I can go to court.

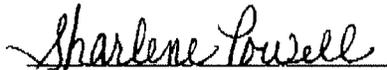
11. Police told me that I would have to pay \$1,772 in order to contest the seizure of my car. I borrowed that money because I did not have enough money to pay the amount they wanted. I paid that money to police on May 24, 2012.

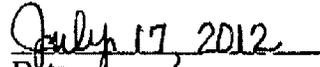
12. At great cost to me, I bought the car in April because I needed to get around. My injury makes it difficult for me to walk and to take public transportation. I needed to purchase the car so that I could take care of the basic tasks that I need to do every day, such as going to the

store, getting to medical and therapy appointments, going to church every Sunday, and seeing friends and family.

13. The loss of my car has been very difficult for me personally, physically, socially, and financially. Even though I now have either to stay at home or to spend extra resources finding other transportation, I am still stuck paying \$329 per month on my car note even though the police have my car.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.


Sharlene Powell


Date