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On December 5, 2007, Toledo Ohio attorney Karyn McConnell-Hancock was reported missing by family members.

When McConnell-Hancock was located near Atlanta, Georgia on December 8, 2007, she alleged two (2) white males and a black female had kidnapped her from outside a Toledo courthouse.

On December 10, 2007, after returning to Toledo, McConnell-Hancock was interviewed by Detective Vince Mauro of the Toledo Police Department. During the course of the interview, McConnell-Hancock agreed to a Computer Voice Stress Analysis examination. The examination, which was performed by Toledo Police Detective Jay Gast, resulted in deception being indicated on behalf of McConnell-Hancock concerning relevant questions. Following the examination, lead investigators confronted McConnell-Hancock with the deceptive results as well as other inconsistent details of her account that came from the pre-exam interview. Subsequently, McConnell-Hancock admitted to investigators that she had concocted the kidnapping hoax. As a result of her confession, McConnell-Hancock is facing criminal charges in Toledo Municipal Court.

Detective Gast had recently attended the NITV training and was certified in Voice Stress Analysis by Senior Instructor Michael McQuillan on November 3, 2007. The utilization of the CVSA as well as interview techniques taught by the National Institute for Truth Verification were instrumental in assisting with obtaining the actual account from McConnell-Hancock. The Toledo Police Department has been utilizing the CVSA equipment in excess of eight (8) years. Currently, the Toledo Police Department has two (2) detectives certified by the National Institute for Truth Verification in voice stress analysis.

Respectfully,

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