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To whom it may concern:

My name is Charles Lellan, and I fell out of Palo Pinto County TX. My bad jurist story is this. A prospective juror lied during voir dire by omitting to know anyone involved in my case. My DA was named Tim Ford and this juror Shawn Wharton is his cousin.

During voir dire the panel was asked if they knew anyone involved with the case, and plenty of people knew, but Shawn Wharton sat quietly as people were struck. Not only ~~and~~ was Shawn Wharton kin to DA Tim Ford he was my neighbor, and I got into a fist fight with his older brother while Shawn was a bystander. Shawn Wharton also dated one of the DA's wives (Shelly Barton). I told my lawyer all this, and she told me if he got on the jury we could call a mistrial, but when the time came the judge took him in chambers where Shawn told him he could give an unbiased opinion.

My lawyer questioned a couple of jurors after my trial, and one of them told her that Shawn Wharton had said during deliberation the there was no way he would ever find me innocent, but would come down on time.

Sincerely,  
Charles Lellan