

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF PARDONS
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
JAMES NICKOLOPOULOS

As attorney for the applicant, I have made a very careful investigation of the circumstances attending the homicide and the trial of the case of State of Utah vs James Nickolopoulos, now in the State Prison, Number 4133.

The name of the victim of the homicide was Dan Carros who for a long time had been a warm friend and intimate associate of the defendant. Shortly before the homicide the younger of two daughters of one Gust Panopolis complained to the defendant that immorality was practised by Gust Panopolis then residing at Salt Lake City, with two daughters. The defendant met Panopolis and talked with him in the interest of the older daughter. A violent altercation arose between the two and either on that occasion or shortly afterwards the night before the homicide the defendant fearing for his life was pursued by Panopolis and took refuge at the house of a neighbor. The defendant then called police headquarters and was escorted by a policeman to the home of his brother Peter Nickolopoulos where defendant resided with his brother, his brother's wife and seven children and the aged father of the defendant. The following evening after a day and night of fear and anxiety on the part of the defendant he heard a knock at the kitchen door and approaching the door which was partly of glass he thought he saw the form of his enemy Panopolis. In great fear the defendant seized a gun and shot through the window. Defendant learned the next morning that he had shot his dearest friend instead of shooting the man who had the