

AFFIDAVIT OF CESAR AMADO RIOS

I, Cesar Amado Rios, state and declare as follows:

1. My name is Cesar Amado Rios. I have known Obel Cruz-Garcia since around 1990 or so. We got to know each other through mutual friends. I have always known Obel by his nickname, Chico.
2. At the time that Angelo Garcia was kidnapped, I knew Chico well. I had lived with him and his wife, Angelita, when they lived in an apartment called the Willow Creek Apartments. I lived there for a year or two around 1992. I also knew Diana Garcia and Arturo Rodriguez and Diana's son, Angelo.
3. Around the time Angelo was kidnapped, Chico was having an ongoing sexual relationship with Diana. Other people knew about it as well. On the day Angelo was kidnapped, Chico was over at Diana's apartment earlier in the day.
4. I remember I saw Chico that morning, the day it all happened. Later that night, Chico called me and asked me to go to Diana's house. This happened before the kidnapping occurred. Chico told me to go get some stuff out of a safe and take it to a motel off of 225. When I got back to the apartment, the cops were there. Diana told me later that the kidnapping happened right after I left, because she thought it was me at the door, like I had walked out and was trying to coming back inside.
5. I heard that the people who did this ransacked Diana and Arturo's apartment, like they were looking for something. That's why I never understood why people thought Chico was involved. He knew I had already gone over and moved the stuff from the safe, so if it were him he would not have had any reason to look for something else.

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6. Chico had a big heart and was a good friend to me. He was close to my parents and would do anything to help them out. He was really respectful and treated us like family. He bought me my first car. It was a 1983 Buick Regal that he gave me as a gift.
7. I was shot three times with a twelve gauge shotgun in 1991. I was shot in the arm and the back. I called Diana, and Diana called Chico. Diana came to pick me up at my friend's place where I had run after I got shot. Diana drove me to the hospital and Chico met us at the hospital. The first hospital said they had to amputate my arm, but Chico said no. We ended up going to Southeast Memorial Hospital, and they said they could save my arm. But I did not have insurance. Chico said he would take care of it. He put down the title of his car and went and got some money, and he told the hospital to operate.
8. After Angelo was kidnapped, I was interviewed by some detectives from the Houston Police Department. I remember talking to one person on the defense team briefly, but I never spoke with them again after that. I was around and would have been happy to help Chico. I was available to testify during Chico's trial in July 2013. Had I been interviewed by Chico's defense team, I would have told them everything that I have stated in this affidavit and would have testified to the same had I been called as a witness.

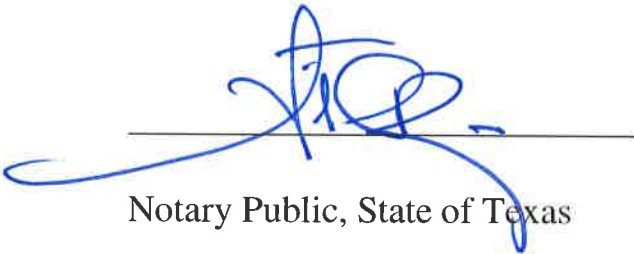
9. I have read and reviewed this three-page affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Texas that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that this affidavit was executed on August 13, 2015 in Harris County, Houston, Texas.

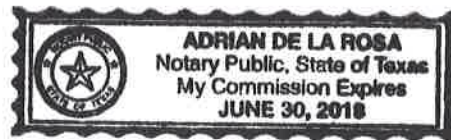


Cesar Amado Rios

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 13, 2015.



Notary Public, State of Texas



Notary without Bond