

## AFFIDAVIT OF JOSE MARTIN VALDEZ

I, Jose Martin Valdez, state and declare as follows:

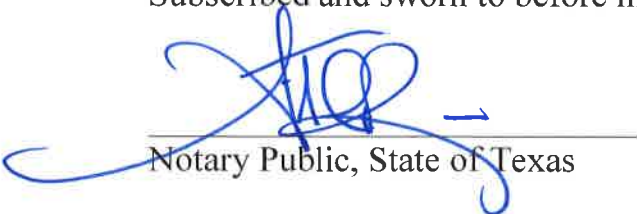
1. My name is Jose "Joe" Valdez. I have known Obel Cruz-Garcia since around 1989. I have always known Obel by his nickname, Chico.
2. I was the first one in my family to meet Chico. I met him through another friend when we all went out to eat. That first time we hung out, we just really got along. After that we started hanging out often. I would say we hung out almost every day. After I got locked up, Chico started talking to my brother Cesar.
3. In the years leading up to the kidnapping of Angelo Garcia, I was friends with Diana Garcia and Arturo Rodriguez. I actually knew them before I met Chico. We lived in the same apartment complex for a while. Cesar and I would go over there sometimes and Diana would cook for us. She'd make us breakfast, lunch, and dinner sometimes. I did not know Chico at this time. I met him later.
4. Diana and I would have sex together sometimes. When I first started messing around with Diana, she was with Arturo. What happened was that she caught him messing around with another woman. She came to me and wanted to have sex, so we did. After that, we would have sex any chance we got, though it was hard because Arturo was around sometimes. Diana and I would often have sex, even though she was with Arturo. To my knowledge, Diana was also messing around with other guys, including Chico. I was not surprised that she was messing around with other guys. I found out about Chico and Diana messing around from my family. The time period that Chico and Diana were having sex was around the same time Angelo was kidnapped.

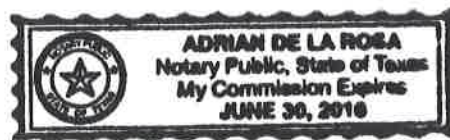
5. Chico was a good friend to me and my family. Back in those days, we would not like to bring our friends around our family, but Chico was different. He would come around. He treated my mom and dad with the utmost respect. I remember he would come over and tell my parents, "Let's go out to eat somewhere nice." He would take them out to eat at these nice restaurants. He would buy them gifts for Christmas. He treated my parents like they were his parents. He was really good to them and very respectful. He would tell us to be respectful to them. Whenever I was in prison, Chico would send me money for commissary. He was generous like that with everyone. I believe he paid for Diana and Arturo's phone.
6. After Angelo was kidnapped, I was interviewed by some detectives from the Houston Police Department, but I was never contacted or interviewed by anyone on Chico's defense team. 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 if they had asked me to be a witness.
7. I have read and reviewed this two-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 20, 2015 in Harris County, Houston, Texas.

  
Jose Martin Valdez

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 20, 2015.

  
Notary Public, State of Texas



Notary without Bond

