

AFFIDAVIT OF HECTOR SAAVEDRA

I, Hector Saavedra, state and declare as follows:

1. My name is Hector Saavedra. I was born [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I am thirty-seven years old. I currently work at Pioneer Waste Services. I have been working there for about three years.
2. I knew Obel Cruz-Garcia through my brother, Cesar Rios. I first met Obel in or around 1990 when I was about thirteen years old. My brother and I always called Obel by his nickname, "Chico." I knew Obel well when I was thirteen to fifteen years old.
3. When I was about fourteen years old, in 1991, my brother Cesar got shot in the arm. I was asleep when it happened because I had school the next day. Obel was not with Cesar when he got shot, but he came with us when we took him to the hospital. At the first hospital we went to, they told us that they probably would have to amputate Cesar's arm. Obel was shocked and told us that we needed to go to a different hospital for a second opinion. Cesar and I both told Obel that, either way, we did not have the money to pay for Cesar's treatment. Obel told us not to worry about it. We went to another hospital, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, off of Scarsdale Boulevard, where they were able to treat Cesar without needing to amputate. As he promised, Obel paid for Cesar's treatment and hospital bills. It was not even that he had that much money lying around – I remember Obel saying that he would sell one of his cars, if he had to, to pay for Cesar's medical bills. He just treated us like family. I remember seeing all this firsthand, as a child, in the hospital.
4. Obel was really good about helping out with our parents. For example, sometimes when Obel would go to the grocery store, he would pick up milk

and food to drop off with my family. It was a way of showing respect for our parents because we were so close, like family, in the same way that my family would bring food when we would go to visit our relatives in Mexico. Obel was like a family member. He would come over and eat with us. He was very respectful and very supportive of me and my family.

5. Obel also seemed to take a personal interest in me and my wellbeing, like a little brother. He would ask me about school and football. I know he didn't have family here, so I think we were like his family while he was here. Obel would always tell me to study, and he stressed how important it was for me to pay attention and do well in school. When I got a report card, Obel would want to see it to make sure I had good grades. If I earned good grades, Obel would reward me with pocket-money or a gift. If I ever needed anything for school, like clothes or books, Obel would make sure to get it for me. Overall, I just knew Obel to be a great and generous person. He never asked for anything in return for all the good deeds he did for me and my family.
6. Also around this time, I knew of Diana Garcia, her boyfriend Arturo, and her son Angelo. I knew that Diana was sleeping with my brother, Joe, and also that she was sleeping with Obel. Diana would come see Joe at the house where I lived, and I knew they were sleeping together. When Joe went to jail, I knew that Diana and Obel were together.
7. No one from Obel's defense team ever contacted me to ask me about Obel. If they had, I gladly would have told them everything I know about what a good guy Obel was. I happily would have testified at trial, had I been asked.
8. I have read and reviewed this three-page affidavit.

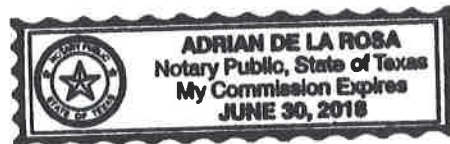
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Texas that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that this affidavit was executed on August 13, 2015 in Harris County, Houston, Texas.

Hector Sevaadra

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

Adrian De La Rosa
Notary Public, State of Texas



Notary without Bond