

**VOLUNTARY STATEMENT
(NOT UNDER ARREST)**

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Jose Acevedo II

am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal

offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to James Hilburn
Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purposes it may serve.

I am 14 years of age, and I live at 509 West 3rd St. Littlefield, TX

Alberto came over like at 12:00 A.M. or 11:00 P.M on 8-5-96. He just came to see if Mary Helen was here. They drove up in like a yellow car. It look like a long car. There was 2 other people with him. There was a Male and a Female. The male had short hair. Alberto has long hair. Alberto was wearing a black jean pants, with a blue long sleeve shirt. The other man was in the car. All I got to see was his hair and I forgot what he look like. I didn't get to see the female that good but I saw long hair to realize that it was a girl.

Jose Acevedo II

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I have read each page of this statement consisting of 1 page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Witnessed at 3:28 PM this 6 day of August 19 96

WITNESS: James Hilburn Jose Acevedo II

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TEXAS RANGER DIVISION

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Lubbock

Before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, on this day, Tuesday, August 20, 1996, personally appeared, Jose Luis Acevedo, address is 509 West 3rd Street, Littlefield, Texas 79339, phone number is (806)385-5350, who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

On August 5th, 1996, around 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM I was at Adam Balderas house, his mother is Janie Ramirez. I was there just to visit we had gone to visit Janie Ramirez who was in the hospital in Littlefield. It was me, Adam Balderas, Valerie Balderas at this location. I don't know the address of the place but I know that they are some apartments on East 27th street on the corner on that block. We were talking on the phone to friends for about a thirty minutes. We started to talk on the phone about 9:00 PM and kept on talking to friends. Around 11:00 PM or 12:00 AM we heard a car drive up into the parking lot of the apartments. I looked out the kitchen window, we were not sure if they were coming to Adams apartment. I was able to see a car that looked yellow, it was a long car with four doors. I saw the driver who had short hair and looked tall. I saw a man in the passenger side with should length hair. We did not know still if they were coming to the house. The car drove up to Adam's apartment. The man with long hair got out of the car. I shut the blind and went to talk to Valerie. The man rang the door bell. Adam walked to the door and answered it. It was Alberto. Alberto was wearing nice looking black jeans and a long sleeve, blue, solid, silky shirt. The shirt was a button up shirt. Alberto was wearing black cowboy boots, he was also wearing a cowboy hat. I think that Alberto may have been drinking, I guess he wanted to take Mary Helen out somewhere. Alberto came in asking for Mary Helen who is a good friend of Janie Ramirez. Adam told him that Mary Helen was at the hospital with Janie Ramirez. Alberto asked Adam what room number Janie was in. Adam told Alberto that Janie was in room 132. Adam said I show you where it is at Alberto. I guess Alberto asked Adam to call Mary Helen at the hospital instead. So Adam called about five after Alberto first walked to the apartment. Adam got the phone and called the hospital and told Mary Helen that Alberto was there. Adam gave the phone to Alberto. Adam sat down at the table. I was on the couch talking to Valerie. I could hear Alberto talked to Mary Helen. Alberto spoke only in Spanish and I could not understand him. Alberto seem to be normal and carried a normal tone of voice as he spoke on the phone. I did understand some words. I was able to pick up some little words like "por que" which meant why not or why?. I could tell that maybe Mary Helen did not want to see Alberto. I guess she was mad at Alberto. Alberto talked to Mary Helen about three to four minutes and did then he said bueno which meant I guess. Alberto hung up the phone and walked out the door. Adam walked him out and shut the door. Adam looked out the door and told me he saw a lady in the car. I had planned to spend the night at Adam's so I did. The next day my mom told me that someone murder Angie Cruz at Jolly Rogers.

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Gulley A. Arredondo

Witness

Phil McDowell

Witness

Jose Arado

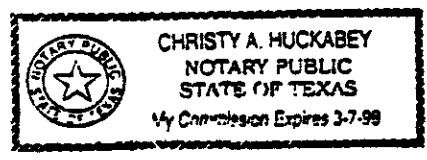
Signature of Witness

Date: 08/20/96 Time: 9:03 AM

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 20th day of augst, 1996.

Christy A. Huckabay

NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the
State of Texas



My commission expires: 3-7-98