

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
TEXAS RANGER DIVISION

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT (NOT UNDER ARREST)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Lubbock

AS-TRIAL 05187

Before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, on this day, Monday, August 19, 1996, personally appeared, Mary Helen Gallegos, address is 809 Williams Street, Littlefield, Texas 79339, phone number is (806) 385-3029, who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

MH On August 5th, 1996, I was at Lamb Health Care Center visting a friend by the name Janie Ramirez who was in the hospital for bladder infection. I went to the hospital about six thirty or seven o'clock in the evening on this date August 5th, 1996. I was sitting there visiting and watching T.V. and about 11:30 PM, the phone rang and it was Janie's daughter (Valerie Balderas), she said Alberto there at Janie's house and wanted to talk to me. I told Valerie that I did not want to talk to Alberto. I stayed on the phone and Valerie gave the phone to Alberto. Alberto asked me so you don't want to talk to me anymore? I told him I did not want to talk to him or see him. When I told him that I did not want to talk to him, he said Okay. So I hung up the phone I thought that was weird because he usually argues or tries to have it his way. Not a minute later I called back to Janie's house, phone number is (806)385-7204, which is located at 253 East 27th Street Apt Number 3 that was where Valerie and Alberto were when I spoke to Alberto. Valerie said that Alberto had already left, I asked Valerie what did he have to say. Valerie said he did not say anything, she said he looked like he was smiling and left. He did not say anything to her. I asked Valerie who Alberto was with; she said he was was not with Oscar DeLaRosa a friend that Alberto lived with. She said that he was with an older man and a older lady with long hair who was sitting in the middle of the car between Alberto and the older man. I asked her if the older man was Oscar. Valerie said it was not Oscar, and said it was some other man she had never seen. Valerie then said that Alberto was driving a gold car that she had never seen before that night. I asked her if it was a fat man or skinny man; she said it was a skinny man. The reason I asked her that question was because I was trying to figure out who Alberto was with. I just tried to think who it was. I then told Valerie, okay just lock the doors, and if he came back (Alberto) to call to the nurse's station and tell them that it was an emergency and to please ring Janie Ramirez's room. Valerie said okay and I gave the phone to Janie. This was about five or ten minutes after I had spoken to Alberto. I had already planned to stay at the hospital that night so I did.. I wanted to be there just in case Janie needed some help. Also because I did not want to see Alberto, in the past when we were dating he would call or come by my house after a disagreement. The next day which was August the 6th, 1996, about 12:00 noon Janie Ramirez called me at her house (I was taking care of her kids) and she told me that a lady had been shot at Jolly Rogers. Janie said the news had given a description of the people and the car that they were driving. Janie said that one had short hair and one had long hair. She also said that they were driving a gold car. I was just trying to think who had a gold car. I remember that Jesus a friend of Alberto had a gold car. Janie said the description of the two men described Alberto and the other man that was with Alberto last night. Janie said but they (the news) did not say anything about the lady. I could not watch the news on her T.V. because she did not have cable. Janie said she would call me if she heard anything else on the news. Janie said she was going to call the police in Littlefield to tell them that the description fitted some guys that she knew. Janie did call about 12:30PM and spoke to Lt. Rick McDowell she told him that I might know who fit that description that robbed and murdered the lady. Between 12:30PM and 1:00PM Lt. McDowell called me at Janie's house and asked me if I thought the description of the suspects that were described on the news were the same men that Janie described to him. I said they could be and I could take them to Muleshoe

and show them where they lived. Lt. McDowell said he would make arrangements to pick me up at the apartment, when Officer Roger and Officer Ponce showed at the apartment I told them to pick me up at the hospital because I had to take Janie's car to the hospital. The Officers picked me up at the hospital and we went to Muleshoe. I showed Officer Ponce and a local Muleshoe officer where Jesus lived. I went to Muleshoe Police station and waited for the Officers to take you back to Littlefield. When we returned back to Littlefield, that afternoon Officer Roger asked me if I would give a statement. I said yes.

Rachel A. Arredondo

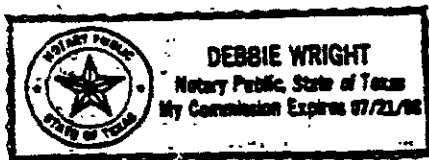
Witness

Mary Helen Salgado  
Signature of Witness

Date: 08/19/96. Time: 3:53 PM

Witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 19th day of August, 1996.



Debbie Wright  
NOTARY PUBLIC; in and for the  
State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 07/21/98