

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
TEXAS RANGER DIVISION

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT (NOT UNDER ARREST)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Lubbock

AS-TRIAL 05219

Before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, on this day, Thursday, August 22, 1996, personally appeared, Janie Longoria Ramirez, address is 253 East 27th No. 3, Littlefield, Texas 79339, phone number is (806)385-7204, who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says:

I met Alberto Sifuentes on August 2, 1996. Mary Helen Gallegos asked me if I could take her to Muleshoe to pick up Alberto Sifuentes, who was Mary Helen's boyfriend. I told her okay and I invited Ruddy DeLaFuentes. We all went to Muleshoe in my car about 9:00 PM. Mary Helen was driving my car, she drove directly to Alberto's house. Alberto was outside waiting and came to the car. Mary Helen and Alberto talked for a while outside the car. We got out of the car and were outside talking to one another. Mary Helen asked Alberto if he was ready to go to Littlefield. Alberto said yes but he said he needed to find Oscar because he had the money to buy beer. We drove around in Muleshoe until we located Oscar. Alberto invited Oscar to go with us. We then drove to Clovis, NM and purchased some beer. We then returned back to Littlefield about 1:00 AM. We all stayed up till about 2:30 AM at Rudy DeLaFuentes's house and we left to my apartment. (Myself, Mary Helen, Alberto Sifuentes and Oscar). We stayed up to about 5:30 AM on August 3, 1996, asked me to take him, Mary Helen and Oscar to a motel. I drove them to Plains Motel and left them there. I went home at 6:00 AM and slept till about 9:00 AM. I got up and got dress and went to Plains Motel to pick them up. Alberto, Mary Helen, Oscar went back to my apartment with me. I came to Lubbock with my family and left Alberto, Mary Helen and Oscar at the apartment. I returned back about six o'clock that evening. We stayed there at the house for awhile until about 10:00 PM. We went to a keg party in Bula, Texas. Alberto and Oscar were drinking. We stayed there until about 12:30 AM and then left the party. We returned back to Littlefield, we arrived about 1:00 AM. We stayed up and talked for awhile. Alberto, Mary Helen and Oscar slept over that night Adam my son was the only child there with me.

On 08-04-96, at about 8:00 AM Mary Helen got up and left my house walking to her brothers, she wanted to borrow his car to take Alberto and Oscar back to Muleshoe. Mary Helen came back to pick up the two men in her brothers car. They left at about 8:20 AM to Muleshoe. Mary Helen called me later that day at about 11:00 AM, she said she took the men back to Muleshoe. I did not see her or talk to her until that night about 8:30 PM or 9:00 PM. I was admitted in the hospital for a bladder infection and Mary Helen was told that I was there so she came to visit me. Mary Helen asked if she needed to stay in case I need some help. I said yes, only if she wanted to. Mary Helen stayed over that night. Nothing unusual happen that night. Next morning on 08-05-96, Mary Helen stayed with me all that day. I let her use my car at about 2:00 PM, Mary Helen wanted to go take a shower and get a change of clothes. Mary Helen came back about a hour later. The afternoon normal we were just watching T.V. I was in a lot of pain during this time and was dozing off because of the medication that I was taking. The Doctors prescribed Demerol for pain and a I had a IV bottle which has an antibiotic. I am not sure about the time but the phone rang that night. I think it was about 12:00 AM that the phone call came in. I am not sure of who answered the phone, it could of been me or Mary Helen but it was my daughter Valerie that was calling on the phone. All I remember was Mary Helen talking to Valerie and asked her if Alberto was at my house (where Valerie was calling from). All of the sudden Mary Helen started to talk in Spanish to Alberto. Mary Helen was telling Alberto I don't want to talk to you and then she said no. The conversation was very short. Mary Helen then hung up the phone and told me that it was Alberto. Mary Helen said that Alberto

wanted to talk to her and she said "I don't want to talk to you", Alberto then said, never again? Mary Helen said no. After Mary Helen told me this, she called back to my house and spoke to Valerie. Mary Helen asked if Alberto was still there. Valerie said no that he had already left. I asked for the phone and talked to Valerie and told her to lock the doors and go to bed because it was late. After I hung up with Valerie I kept dosing off and waking up, I remember seeing Mary Helen there in my room every time that I would wake up. I never really fell asleep till about six that morning which was August 6, 1996. I finally woke up about noon that day. I was watching T.V. and heard on the news that a murder had occurred at Jolly Rogers that night. I heard the description of the two Hispanic males, one with long hair and one with short hair and a gold car. I was surprised that it was a coincident that Alberto and Oscar were at my apartment that weekend and that Alberto had called late that night. I started to think that maybe it was Oscar with Alberto at my house when Alberto called. to the hospital. I got frighten and I called home. I talked to Adam and asked him what color of car Alberto was in last night. Adam told me that it was like a yellowish looking car. I became more frighten for my kids safety and I called the Police Department in Littlefield. about 12:10 PM, on August 6, 1996. The dispatcher answered the call, and I started to tell her that I thought I knew the men that fit the description on the news of the incident that occurred at Jolly Rogers. The dispatcher transferred me to Lt. Rick McDowell. I gave him the first names of the men I thought that fit the description. I did not know their last names. I told im that it maybe Mary Helen boyfriend that lived in Muleshoe and his name was Alberto and he had long hair. I also told him that Alberto has a friend named Oscar that had short hair. I then told Lt. McDowell that Mary Helen could tell him their last names and could tell them where they lived. Lt. McDowell then said he was going to talk to Mary Helen and try to find out more information. After I hung up with Lt. McDowell I called Mary Helen at her sisters' house about 12:20PM. I told her about the incident and told her that Alberto and Oscar fit the description that was given on the news. I also told her that I called Lt. McDowell and told him about Alberto and Oscar. I then told her that Lt. McDowell would get in contact with her. While I was on the phone with Mary Helen, we were trying figure out if it could of been Alberto and Oscar. I had a gut feeling that it could of been them. Mary Helen also expressed to me that she had a gut feeling that it could of been Alberto and Oscar. I talked to Mary Helen only for about ten minutes and then hung up. At about 2:00 PM Mary Helen called me at the hospital from my house and said that the city police was going to pick her up. Mary Helen was going to show them where Alberto lived in Muleshoe. Mary Helen came back to the hospital and told you that she did go to Muleshoe. Mary Helen told me that she was scared and worried that it could of been Alberto. Mary Helen looked worried all that afternoon and was praying that it was not Alberto.

Darryl D. Arellano

Witness

Witness

Linda Ramirez
Signature of Witness

Date: 08/22/96 Time: 9:07 AM

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of August, 1996.

Dorinda B. Franklin
NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for the
State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 10-19-98

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