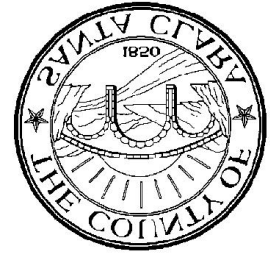


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**RE: Antolin Garcia-Torres, SCC docket #213515**

Dear Mr. Royce,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today regarding your consultation in this case in the area of human trafficking. This letter confirms our office agreement to retain you to consult regarding the sex trafficking aspect of the case. Our office agrees to pay you for your time at your hourly rate. This agreement is in no way contingent on your findings in this matter. I am seeking your unbiased and professional judgment in this matter. You are now part of the defense team, so do not discuss this case with third parties without my approval.

This case involves the disappearance of a 15 year old girl who never made it to school on a Friday. Her cell phone was found in a field close to her house the following day. Her clothes and personal belongings were found hidden among cacti next to a nearby work shed. On her jeans, the crime lab found low level mixtures of DNA with four or more contributors. The crime lab created a possible profile from the mixture and ran it through CODIS and got 12 hits including Antolin. They excluded 11 of the profiles and focused on our client. A search of his car revealed a hair belonging to Sierra La Mar on a rope in his trunk. There was a small amount of DNA on the rear driver side passenger arm rest consistent with La Mar. A few common fibers on her sweat shirt consistent with Antolin's car fibers. Lastly, there was a mixture of DNA on a pair of work gloves in the car consistent with La Mar. The government never found a body and evidence that she was killed is weak. The government's theory for her killing is her disappearance, including from social media, that Antolin acted alone and could not have kept her alive because he's been in custody. It's obvious the government is seeking death to compel Antolin to reveal the body.

Antolin is adamant that he never had any contact with LaMar and that he is completely innocent. He cannot explain the DNA evidence on the jeans nor can he explain the evidence in his car. The defense will be that the forensic evidence was transferred to Antolin's car. There was a black car seen in the area of LaMar's house and later Antolin is seen talking to a guy in a similar car. Antolin says that he routinely would help strangers who needed a jump or jack and help strangers change a flat. He has difficulty remembering dates but does recall helping a guy in a black car

change a flat. An issue with this defense is that we cannot connect the black car to the kidnapping of LaMar other than the car was in the area of her bus stop at the time she went missing.

Antolin is also charged with three older cases for attempting to carjack three women at Safeway when he was 17 years old. The only evidence against him in the Safeway cases is a thumb print on a battery inside a stun gun left at the scene of one of the assaults. Antolin worked at the Safeway and would regularly repackage batteries then restock them. The defense is that the suspect must have stolen or purchased a battery that Antolin repackaged at the Safeway.

Your expected role will be to educate the jury regarding human trafficking specifically in the sex trade arena. We are presenting your testimony as an alternate theory to the government's theory that she is missing so she must be deceased. There was evidence that she could not live with her father in Fremont because he is a convicted sex offender who molested her friends and possibly Sierra. She was causing her mother and boyfriend to break up because the boyfriend felt Sierra was a bad influence on his younger daughter. Sierra was a party girl who experimented with drugs and would spend weekends socializing with older males in the Fremont area.

Please call or email me if you have any questions, need more evidence, and when you are ready to discuss. I have included a statement of fact with more details of the case.

Thank you for your excellent work.

Sincerely,

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