

DECLARATION OF GREGORY FRANCISCO

I, Gregory Francisco, declare the following:

1. My name is Gregory Francisco. My address is [REDACTED].
My date of birth is [REDACTED].

2. In 1999 I lived at [REDACTED], directly across the street from Steve Herrera and Nilda Tirado. I testified at Jeff Prible's trial in 2002.

3. I was friends with Steve and Nilda. They would invite me and my wife over for get-togethers and barbecues. I used to shoot pool with Steve in his garage. My daughters were friends with their daughters and would play together. I'd say Steve was well-liked in the neighborhood.

4. I met Jeff Prible through Steve. I knew they were involved in drug dealing and both did cocaine, but I didn't know the details because I wasn't involved in any of that myself. Jeff seemed like an OK person to me.

5. I was at Steve's house the night before the fire. We played pool in the garage. I was there when Jeff arrived. I could tell Jeff and Steve had been snorting cocaine by the way they were acting. I can tell when people have done more than drink alcohol. I left Steve's house around 8 pm to go home and watch a movie my wife had rented from Blockbuster. I don't know what Steve and Jeff did after I left, and I don't know what happened leading up to the fire later that night. I was the one who discovered the smoke the following morning and got my wife to call 911.

6. I wasn't aware of any major problems between Steve and Nilda. They may have had typical couple problems. Steve never told me about anything between Jeff and Nilda, but I strongly believed Jeff and Nilda were in a relationship because of the way they looked at each other. She was a very beautiful woman. I remember telling my wife that I thought something was happening between Jeff and Nilda. I distinctly remember seeing Jeff walk into Steve's

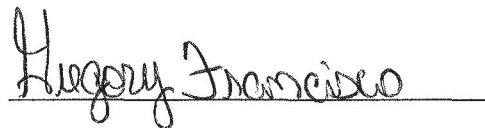
house when Steve was not home sometimes. I don't know whether Nilda was home then, but I know Steve wasn't.

7. I knew Nilda's parents, too. Her father had done some repairs for me. They were good people. I was the one who had to call them and tell them there was a fire at the house. After all this, they fixed the house and sold it. I'm pretty sure Nilda's mother went crazy and had to be medicated. I think they moved to Mexico.

8. I did not tell the police or the attorneys that I suspected Jeff and Nilda were having a relationship, or that I had seen Jeff go into their home when Steve wasn't there. They didn't ask me about it.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, as provided in the laws of the United States, and in the laws of the State of Texas, that the foregoing 2-page declaration is true and correct and based on my personal knowledge.

Subscribed to by me this 17 day of June 2026 in Harris County, Texas.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory Francisco". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gregory Francisco