

DECLARATION of William L. Bruhn:

1. I am 46 years old.
2. I have lived in Sunnyside, Washington, my whole life.
3. I was not a gang member during my childhood, adolescence, or adulthood.
4. My work as a confidential informant began sometime around 1993-94. I was pulled over by an officer named Chico Rodriguez. There was a knife handle sticking out from under the seat, and I was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. A search of the car revealed that I was in possession of methamphetamine. The officer who arrested me took me to Officer Jim Rivard. Officer Rivard said he would let me go if I would agree to work as an informant for him. I agreed and he let me go.
5. Officer Rivard started me off by having me do controlled buys to establish credibility. After I was deemed to be reliable, I was formally signed up with a contract as a confidential informant. I was given a number, which was 78. My work as a confidential informant lasted for about 3-5 years.
6. While working as an informant for Officer Rivard, he would pay me in cash, but as time went on and he trusted me more, he would also provide drugs to me, including methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana. Sometimes he would give these drugs to me as a form of payment. Other times he would tell me to provide these drugs for free to a target as a way of getting information, or as a way to possibly lure the target to come back to me seeking more drugs, so Officer Rivard could set up a controlled buy of that target.
7. I continued to use drugs throughout my time as an informant. Officer Rivard was aware of my drug use.
8. I have reviewed some confidential informant payment logs obtained from the Sunnyside Police Department, and there are many forms submitted by Officer Rivard where it is asserted that cash money was paid to confidential informant number 78, but I did not fill out those forms and my signature does not appear on them. There are other forms where my name appears as a signature, but it is not my signature.
9. As Officer Rivard worked more and more with me, he began to direct me to provide false information and false validation. He would often do this as a means of obtaining a search warrant, where he would prepare a search warrant affidavit in which he would

falsely claim that I had provided information to him that would justify the issuance of the search warrant. In most cases, no one questioned it. If anyone questioned him about it, or if I had to appear for an interview, then he would provide me the document before the interview and tell me to confirm that I did or said the things the document attributed to me. This happened approximately 20 times during the time that I worked as a confidential informant for Officer Rivard.

10. Officer Rivard would generally pay me when I did the work, but sometimes he would wait because he didn't want me to have to admit that I had been paid for a case if I was interviewed. In those cases, he would just pay me double on a different job.
11. In regard to my testimony in the Evaristo Junior Salas case, Officer Rivard directed me to lie about my conclusions. Officer Rivard threatened me with imprisonment if I did not cooperate and did in fact arrest me as a material witness just as a reminder he had that power over me.
12. Officer Rivard first told me to work on the Evaristo Junior Salas case in person at his office. I had come to the Department to collect some money for something else I did, and Evaristo was at the Department also. Officer Rivard pointed Evaristo out to me and said, "You see that piece of shit right there? I'm gonna get him." Officer Rivard then told me where Evaristo and his friends liked to hang out. Officer Rivard then provided me with \$40 and some marijuana; he instructed me to buy some beer and contact Evaristo to see if he would make any incriminating statements. I had never met Evaristo Salas, and I had never spoken to him before.
13. I did as I was told. I took some beer and the marijuana provided to me by Officer Rivard and went over by Rainier Court where I was told I would find Evaristo. I did find him there with some friends. I drank beer and smoked some marijuana with them, and I hung out for a while. I was much older than Evaristo and his friends. I tried to steer the conversation toward the shooting (for which Officer Rivard suspected Evaristo), but nobody said anything about it.
14. I returned to Officer Rivard and reported that no one said anything useful. He was not happy about that. He then showed me a line-up that had Evaristo's picture, and asked me if I could identify him; of course, I could, and I did. Then Office Rivard handed me a statement and directed that I copy it down in my own hand writing. The statement said

that I had heard Evaristo make statements the he did the shooting, and also that I was able to identify Evaristo by the photo on his Officer Rivard's desk.

15. I was reluctant to write this statement. I knew that Evaristo had not admitted to me that he was involved in the shooting, and I knew he was very young. But Officer Rivard was insistent. Officer Rivard said the case would never go to court because Evaristo would have to plead guilty because they had another witness who said that Evaristo did it. Officer Rivard said my statement would just force the plea, and I wouldn't have to testify.
16. I ultimately did sign the statement. Officer Rivard later arrested me as a material witness, which I took as a reminder from him to me that he had the power to arrest me whenever he wanted, and that I needed to confirm the false statement that he directed me to write in Evaristo Junior Salas's case.
17. I ultimately was required to testify in the Evaristo Junior Salas' trial. The testimony I provided was false, and I was directed to provide that false testimony by Officer Rivard.
18. I gave false material statements under oath during that trial. I never heard Evaristo state that he had a pistol, or that he shot anyone, or that he should have shot someone else, nor any other statement regarding the homicide for which he was being tried. The statements that I attributed to Evaristo in my testimony were not stated by Evaristo. I was directed by Officer Rivard to falsely testify that Evaristo made those statements.
19. I was not paid for my testimony prior to giving it at Evaristo's trial, but on a later case I worked, Officer Rivard paid me extra to account for it.
20. By and through this declaration, I am seeking to make right the wrong that I committed by giving false testimony. During the time I worked as a confidential informant, I was a steady drug user. But approximately 15 years ago, I was able to get clean and sober, and my role in this case has always bothered me.
21. I tried to rectify this with the Sunnyside Police Department. After I obtained my sobriety, I went and spoke with an Officer Radder, who I believe was the Deputy Chief of Police at that time. I told him that Evaristo Junior Salas was innocent and that I had been directed to give false testimony. The only response to this seemed to be an increased level of police involvement in my life; the police seemed to come up with a reason to

contact me and try to arrest me whenever they saw me. As far as I know, Deputy Chief Radder took no other action toward the Salas matter based on my disclosure to him.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 19th day of May, 2019, in Yakima, Washington.



William Bruhn