

AFFIDAVIT OF ANTONIO ASCENSIO

The undersigned swears under penalty of perjury that if he were to testify in open court that his testimony would be as follows:

1. My name is Antonio Ascensio and my birth date is December 16, 1969.
2. That I am presently incarcerated in the Sheridan Correctional Facility under the alias name of Mario Ascensio.
3. That in September of 1995, I was an inmate at the Menard Correctional Center.
4. That I was visited at the time by Du Page County Assistant States Attorneys and Du Page County Sheriff's Deputies.
5. That they told me that I was going to be transferred to the Du Page County Jail to testify against Art Soteras at his criminal trial.
6. That during this conversation they brought up Rolando Cruz and asked me if I was aware of the "problems" that Rolando Cruz was causing everyone.
7. That these Officials stated that they could make it possible for me to "hit" (kill) Rolando Cruz when I arrive at the Du Page County Jail.
8. That these Officials told me that they could make it easy for me to get to Rolando Cruz because he was being housed in "general population" and not in protective custody.
9. That they told me that they would make sure that I got assigned the same housing area as Rolando Cruz.
10. That they told me that I should "make it look like a gang-style killing".
11. That they told me that in any investigation I would not be questioned or charged, or even be a suspect.
12. That while the writ was being prepared for my transfer to the Du Page County jail, I learned that Rolando Cruz had been acquitted at his trial and had been immediately released.
13. That upon arriving at the Du Page County Jail in late November, 1995 I was again approached by the same Sheriff's Officials.
14. That the Sheriff's Officials told me "Rolando Cruz must be killed in order to protect ourselves including you".