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### AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP

Comes now the undersigned affiant, Darlene Francone, who, being duly sworn, upon oath and upon personal knowledge, deposes and states that:

1. This Affidavit is made in connection with the death of Joseph Leonard Francone, (hereafter called "decedent") who died on November 25, 1998, a resident of Lake County, Indiana;

2. This Affidavit is further made in order to clarify the legal and equitable status of title to and ownership of certain real estate (hereafter called "real estate") described as follows:

Lot 7, except the 10 foot strip on the Westerly side of said Lot 7, together with a 10 foot strip on the Westerly side of Lot 8, Block "C", Parkland Terrace Addition to Hammond, as shown in Plat Book 24, Page 18, in the office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana, aka as 2916 Kenwood, Hammond, Indiana, 46323.

3. This Affidavit is further made in order to assert facts which would confirm that affiant is the sole legal and equitable owner of the real estate and holds the exclusive right to assign merchantable title thereto free and clear of any claim of any devisee or heir of the decedent;

4. Affiant resides at the address set forth below affiant's signature;

5. Affiant was the wife of decedent and was never divorced from the decedent; thus the affiant's relationship to the decedent at the time of death was that of surviving spouse;

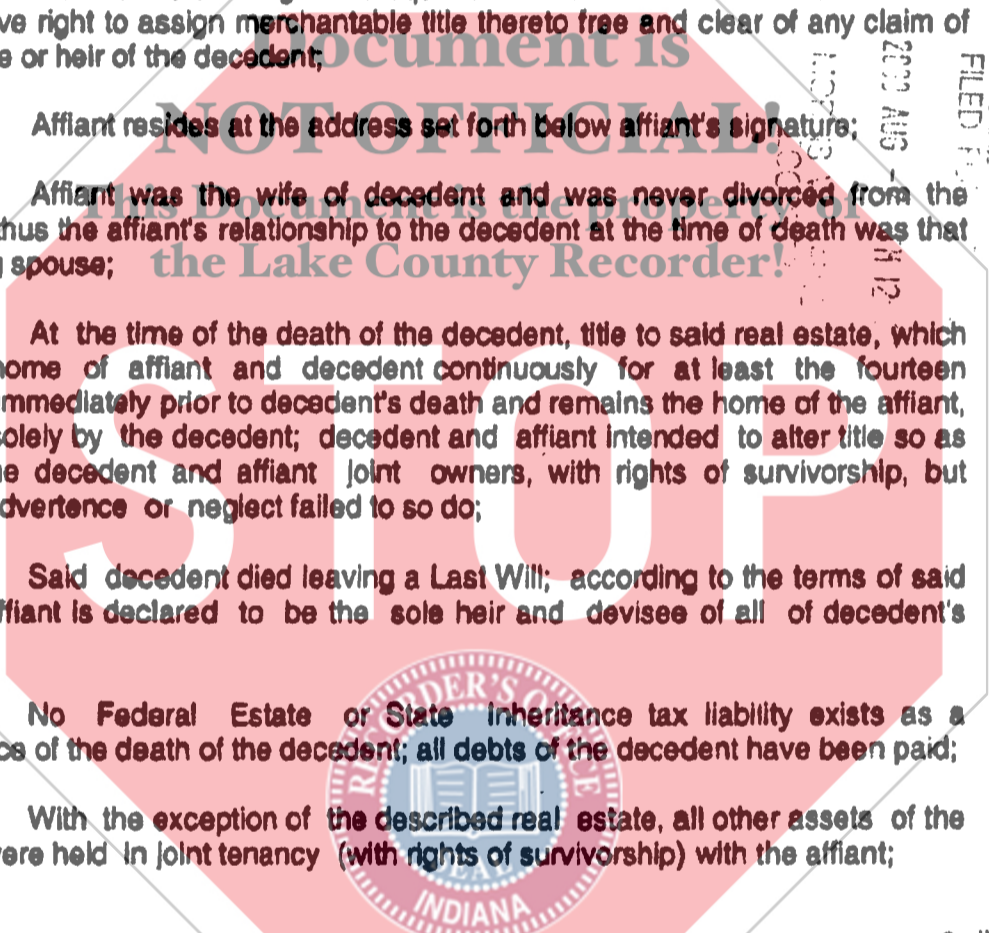
6. At the time of the death of the decedent, title to said real estate, which was the home of affiant and decedent continuously for at least the fourteen (14) years immediately prior to decedent's death and remains the home of the affiant, was held solely by the decedent; decedent and affiant intended to alter title so as to make the decedent and affiant joint owners, with rights of survivorship, but through inadvertence or neglect failed to so do;

7. Said decedent died leaving a Last Will; according to the terms of said Will, the affiant is declared to be the sole heir and devisee of all of decedent's assets;

8. No Federal Estate or State Inheritance tax liability exists as a consequence of the death of the decedent; all debts of the decedent have been paid;

9. With the exception of the described real estate, all other assets of the decedent were held in joint tenancy (with rights of survivorship) with the affiant;

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10. No estate or probate activity for the decedent was opened, intended to be opened, contemplated or initiated; none is required;

11. Crystal Lynn Crosby, formerly known as Crystal Lynn Francone, hereafter called "Crystal", was and is the legally adopted daughter of decedent;

12. In the personal knowledge of affiant,

- Decedent adopted no children other than Crystal;
- Decedent was not the natural father of any children;
- No other children, natural or adopted, and no other heirs or devisees of decedent exist or ever existed.

In Confirmation, affiant executes her signature to multiple copies of this document, each of which shall constitute an original, on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2000, at Crown Point, Indiana.

*Darlene Francone*


Darlene Francone  
Affiant



STATE OF INDIANA }  
COUNTY OF LAKE } ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2000, personally appeared Darlene Francone, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing *Affidavit of Heirship* in multiple copies, and acknowledged under oath that she executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein contained and that all statements of fact therein set forth are true.

In Confirmation, I execute my signature and affix my Official Notarial Seal.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10-17-06

My County of Residence: Lake

