AFFIDAVIT

Martin V. Bonales, being duly sworn upon his oath, swears and affirms as follows:

- 1. That your affiant, Martin V. Bonales f/k/a Juan G. Martinez, resides at 1841 Davis Avenue, Whiting, Indiana, and was born on September 9, 1952. Martin V. Bonales used his given name until the 1970's when he became a victim of identity theft and began using the name of Juan G. Martinez.
- 2. From approximately 1978 until 2009, Martin V. Bonales used the name of Juan G. Martinez, in an effort to stop being the victim of identity theft.
- 3. Attached is a letter from the Unites States Social Security Administration which explains in detail the fact that Mr. Bonales has been a victim of identity theft for over 30 years.
- 4. That on or about July 23, 1992 affiant, with his wife, Virgina Bonales, purchased the property commonly known as 29 Carroll Street, Hammond Indiana 46320 which is legally described as follows: Lot Twelve (12) in Block Four (4), as marked and laid down on the recorded plat of Towle and Young's 2nd Addition to the Cityoff Hammond, Lake County, Indiana (the "Real Estate").
- 5. That affiant acquired the Real Estate in the name Juan G. Martinez and title was listed as Juan G. Martinez and Virgina Bonales as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship.
- 6. That Martin V. Bonales and Juan G. Martinez are one and the same person, as is explained in the attached letter from the Office of Inspector General of the Social Security Administration.
- 7. That this Affidavit is being recorded to correct the proper name of the title holders of the real estate.
- 8. That pursuant to this Affidavit title for the real estate is hereby held as fullo Martin V. Bonales and Virgina Bonales, Joint Tenants with Rights of Surv. orsaip.

Further affiant sayeth not.

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Martin V. Bonales f/ka Juan Gentantino Inga KATONA Martin V. Bonales f/ka Juan Gentantino Inga KATONA AKE COUNTY AUDITOR

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana and County of Lake, this 301 day of May, 2013.

Notary Public

This document prepared by Attorney Marco A. Molina, 4704 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN 46312 ~ Telephone 219-397-4000

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October 30, 2009

Ted Bilski
Business Agent
Teamsters Local 142
1300 Clark Rd.
Gary, Indiana 46404
Via facsimile: 219-944-6278

Dear Mr. Bilski,

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This letter is to advise you that my office has investigated the case of identity theft regarding victim Martin V. Bonales, DOB 9/9/52. Mr. Bonales, AKA Juan Martinez, has been a victim of identity theft for over 30 years. My investigation here in California has determined that an imposter, who is actually an undocumented alien half brother to Martin, has been using his identity since the 1970's here in California.

Martin Bonales was born a U.S. citizen in Illinois. His father, a Mexican citizen by birth, was the father to other children not born to the mother of Martin Bonales. It appears that the father of Martin Bonales married the mother of Martin to obtain legal status here in the United States, then left the family after having four children (Martin and his siblings) and then procreated almost a dozen more children with as many as three other women.

Some of these other children were born in Mexico and did not have U.S. citizenship. The father of Martin Bonales gave the birth certificates and other official paperwork of Martin Bonales and Martin's brothers and sister to his children born in Mexico, so they could have the identities of U.S. citizens. One of these children, (a half brother to the true Martin Bonales) who was a subject in my investigation, has used the identity of Martin Bonales since the 1970's. It also appears that at least two other individuals (probably other half brothers) have used the identity of Martin Bonales at some time over the past 30 years.

This use of the identity of Martin Bonales by multiple individuals has eased havoc for him to this day. Martin Bonales is still being pursued by the Department of Education for a student loan that was taken out by

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the imposter here in California. He has told me that he had monies stolen from his bank accounts by these imposters. As I suspended the driver license of the Martin Bonales imposter here in California, Martin Bonales has had problems with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Illinois and Indiana. I also discovered that an undocumented alien half sister of Martin passed away recently, and this half sister had been using the identity of Martin's U.S. born sister. Her death was reported to the Social Security Administration in the identity of Martin's sister. This situation has caused problems for the sister of Martin to obtain credit, so Martin is not the only victim who has suffered due to the actions of their father.

As the true Martin Bonales was having all of these problems with his identity at a time when identity theft laws and protections for victims were not in place, Mr. Bonales began to use the identity of an acquaintance who was relocating to Mexico, named Juan Martinez. Mr. Bonales has used this identity of Martinez to obtain employment and an Indiana Driver License. After I determined that the imposter here in California was not the true Martin Bonales, I instructed the true Martin Bonales to stop using the identity of Juan Martinez, as he was technically violating the law. Martin obtained a driver license in his true identity, and was forced to serve a suspension from the State of Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles for this falsification. Although he has worked for the city of Hammond for over 15 years using the identity of Martinez, since he began using his true identity of Bonales, it is my understanding that the city has "rehired" him as a new employee and he is currently in his new employee probationary period.

I have been investigating Federal Crimes for almost 20 years, and have been specializing in investigations of identity theft crimes for over 6 years. This is the worst case of identity theft that I have seen, as the victim Martin Bonales was victimized by his own father. Although Martin violated the law by using the identity of Juan Martinez, the United States Attorney's Office has declined to prosecute as he caused no loss to the government and he himself the victim of identity theft.

At the time of the identity theft of Martin Benales, there were no identity theft laws and provision to protect and assist victims such as Martin. Many times in the past, these victims took actions such as Martin did to obtain employment, establish credit and survive. My experience has told me that in situations like this, it is often more difficult for victims such as Martin to return to their true identity, so they often continue to use their false identities, just hoping to avoid any legal problems. I instructed Martin to begin using his true identity, even though this would create additional problems for him such as his license suspension. Martin was trying to adhere to the law by revealing his true identity. I hope that any unfavorable situations that this has caused will be able to be resolved.

Please contact me at 510-637-4678 if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank You for your assistance.

Sincerely.

Virgil Kayl Special Agent

Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General

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