



3. I was assigned to the courtroom of United States District Judge John D. Rainey in the jury trial of *United States v. CITGO Petroleum Corporation and CITGO Refining and Chemicals Company, L.P.* held in federal court in Corpus Christi between approximately May 16, 2007 and June 27, 2007. I performed the duties of the CSO almost every day for the entire trial.

4. The jury's deliberations in the case began on June 22, 2007 and ended on June 27, 2007. I was the CSO assigned to watch over and guard the jury's deliberations and did so every day of the deliberations. I was administered an oath by the court to watch over and guard the deliberations of the jury.

5. During the trial I became aware of a person named Suzie Canales. I am able to recognize Ms. Canales's face. I observed that Ms. Canales was present during the trial almost every day. I saw Ms. Canales in the courtroom and in the public open and common hallways of the district court.


6. At no time during the trial and the deliberations of the jury did Ms. Canales, or any other unauthorized person, ever enter the jury room from the courtroom or from the doorway of the ante room leading from the public hallway. At no time did Ms. Canales, or any other unauthorized person attempt to enter the ante room much less the jury room or otherwise attempt to intrude on the jury during the trial or the jury deliberations.

7. To my knowledge, no other CSO who was assigned as my relief made any report that there was an unauthorized entry or attempted unauthorized entry into the ante room or the jury room at any time during the trial or the jury's deliberations.

8. I performed my sworn duties as the assigned CSO to the best of my abilities and declare that no person, including Suzie Canales, had unauthorized access to the members of the jury or deliberations of the jury in the case *United States v. CITGO Petroleum Corporation and CITGO Refining and Chemicals Company, L.P.* while the jury and their deliberations were under my protection.

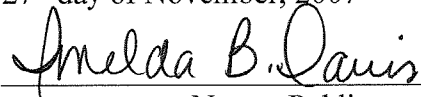
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
ED. O. OFFUTT, CSO  
Southern District of Texas  
Corpus Christi Division

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this

27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6-19-2011

