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*Wayne County Sheriff*

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To Whom It May Concern;

I, Robert B. Dunlap, Chief of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Detroit, Michigan, do state and attest to the following;

On August 27, 1990, at approximately 8:15 PM, I was on patrol as a Detroit Police Officer in the City of Detroit's Fourth Precinct area with Policar Officer Edward Gaines in an unmarked police vehicle. Officer Gaines and I were traveling south bound on Livernois when we received a broadcast over police radio that Border patrol Agents Mark Hall and Albert Ornelas were following a stolen black van occupied by a Cuban male identified as Pedro Herrera who was wanted for a shooting and attempted murder of two Detroit Police Officers earlier that week.

After hearing the broadcast, Officer Gaines and I spotted the black van at Livernois and I-94, at which time Officer Gaines, driving the police vehicle, made a U-turn and pulled along the driver's side of the black van. Officer Gaines and I displayed our badges and ordered Mr. Herrera to pull over. Herrera looked in our direction and accelerated at a high rate of speed northbound on Livernois to McGraw Street.

Officer Gaines and I activated our lights and sirens and began pursuing Herrera as the lead pursuit vehicle, with Border Patrol Agents Hall and Ornelas traveling closely behind as the secondary pursuit vehicle. The pursuit lasted several minutes as Herrera drove the stolen van west bound on McGraw from Livernois to Florida street north bound, and from there east bound on Wagner street where he lost control of the stolen vehicle and crashed into the fence in the first alley on the south east side of Wagner street.

After crashing the stolen vehicle, Herrera quickly exited and began firing multiple shots in our direction. Officer Gaines slammed the breaks and skidded our police vehicle to a stop less than 6-8 feet of where Herrera was standing at the left rear driver's side of the stolen van.

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Herrera continued firing shots in our direction as he advanced toward the passenger side of my police vehicle where I was located after being trapped by the Mobile Data Terminal and police radio located between the driver's and passenger seat of the police vehicle. Realizing that I was pinned inside of the vehicle and facing eminent danger, I positioned myself as close as possible to the floorboard, and began exchanging gunfire with Herrera, striking him multiple times.

However, despite his injuries, Herrera continued firing his weapon in my direction when Border Patrol Agents Hall and Ornelas pulled their patrol car in behind Herrera's van and immediately engaged Herrera in the gun battle. Seeing that I was under attack, Agents Hall and Ornelas at great peril exited their patrol vehicle without cover or concealment and took immediate action to terminate Herrera's deadly assault.

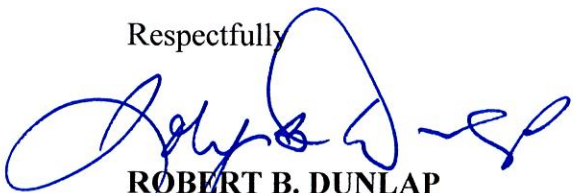
Herrera then disengaged his advance on my position and turned his assault towards Agents Hall and Ornelas firing multiple shots in their direction. Agents Hall and Ornelas struck Herrera several times with gunfire before he finally disengaged the gun battle and attempted to flee south in the alley on foot. Herrera subsequently collapse from his injuries and dropped his weapon to the ground, at which point he was arrested and transported to the hospital by Detroit Fire-EMS.

The actions of Border Patrol Agents Mark Hall and Albert Ornelas were very heroic and should and shall never be forgotten. Their selfless actions were instrumental in my survival of the most dangerous and deadliest encounters that I have ever experienced in my 33yrs of law enforcement.

Agents Hall and Ornelas demonstrated courageous calm and bravery as they acted without hesitation and exposed themselves to deadly harm and danger and immediately jumped into action to save, defend and protect the lives of fellow law enforcement officers and brought to justice a very heinous criminal.

Further, based upon the above information and report, it is my personal and professional opinion that the actions taken by Border Patrol Agents Mark and Albert Ornelas in the City of Detroit on August 27, 1990, were in the high traditions and standards of law enforcement, and those actions were ultimately instrumental in my career and success as a law enforcement officer.

Respectfully



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