

**EXHIBIT J**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

<b>GEORGIA LATINO ALLIANCE</b>	*	
<b>FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, et al.,</b>	*	
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<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	*	
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<b>V.</b>	*	<b>1:11-CV-1804-TWT</b>
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<b>NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the</b>	*	
<b>State of Georgia, et al.,</b>	*	
	*	
<b>Defendants.</b>	*	

AFFIDAVIT OF TOM WEATHERS

Personally appears before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oath in and for the State of Georgia, Tom Weathers, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states his oath as follows:

1.

My name is Tom Weathers. I am *sui juris* and competent to testify in this matter and under no civil or legal disability. I give this Affidavit as evidence in the above-styled action and for any lawful purpose. I make this Affidavit based on my personal knowledge of its contents.

2.

I am currently employed as a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Douglas Judicial Circuit. I have been so employed since June 2008. I have

practiced law in the State of Georgia since 1979. I make this affidavit based on information that routinely comes to me from the law enforcement community during the normal course of my employment.

3.

On or about November 9, 2009, while in the Douglas Judicial Circuit, Luis Luna Baro and a companion were taken into custody by law enforcement authorities. They were charged with the criminal offense of trafficking in cocaine in an amount over 400 grams. This offense is a violation of Official Code of Georgia Annotated 16-13-31. Because of the serious nature of these charges, we felt that Baro should not be given a bond.

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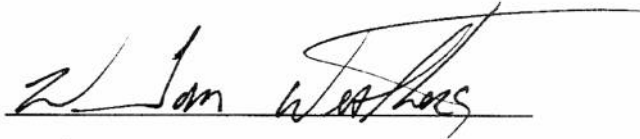
A so called hold or detainer was placed by Immigrations Custom Enforcement (ICE) which indicated that Baro was an illegal immigrant. We later learned that ICE could not take custody of Baro because immigrants could not be deported to his home country of Cuba.

5.

While in the custody of the Sheriff of Douglas County, Baro was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. The total cost of Baro's medical treatment was approximately \$400,000. Of that, the Douglas

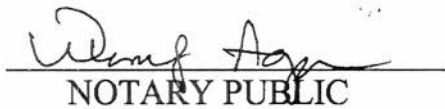
County Board of Commissioners was responsible for the payment of \$100,000.

Further Affiant Saith Not.



Tom Weathers

Sworn to and prescribed before me this 16 day of June, 2011.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

