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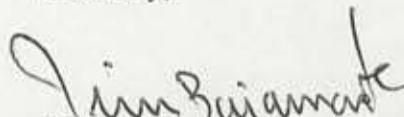
Mr. Michael Armendariz
c/o Valencia County Detention Center
436 Courthouse Road
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Re: State of New Mexico vs. Michael Armendariz

Dear Mr. Armendariz:

Enclosed please find a copy of the "Approval Letter" I received from the State Public Defender's Office. As you will note, it is authorization releasing funds for the investigative work that I have requested be done in your case.

Sincerely,


Jim Baiamonte

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Encl

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APPROVAL LETTER

February 13, 2003

State v. MICHAEL ARMENDARIZ Cause No. D-1314-CR-02-470, Valencia County

Mr. Richard Baca
Rich Investigations
P.O. Box 12411
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87195

Dear Mr. Baca:

The New Mexico Public Defender Department has been notified that **JAMES BAIAMONTE** has requested that you be approved as an expert witness in this case

(1) I have approved your maximum reimbursement by the Department for the following services only. If additional work is required, **you** are responsible for advising the attorney that you are nearing the maximum allowable fee before it is exceeded. Requests for additional fees must be submitted by the attorney and approved **before** additional work is performed. Additional expenditures that are not approved **prior** to the commencement of the work will not be approved absent extenuating circumstances.

(2) This approval for services is authorized for a period of six months (180 days) from the date of this letter. If your services are not completed/provided within this six month period, this approval will automatically expire, and a new approval must be sought and obtained. After ninety (90) days from this approval letter, we will send you a reminder billing notice.

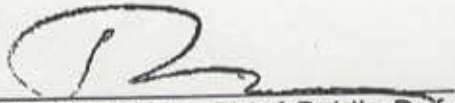
(3) THIS IS THE CURRENT APPROVED MAXIMUM FEE - INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES

Forensic Evaluation		Scientific Report	
Investigation	\$1,000.00	Polygraph	
Testimony		Travel Expenses	
Transcription		Other Expenses	
Litigation Support		Hourly Rate	\$25.00
Grand Total: \$1,000.00 + gross receipts tax			

(4) You shall be reimbursed \$10.00 per hour for travel time. **You shall be reimbursed for service of subpoenas at the rate of \$15.00 per subpoena.** Pre-approved per diem and mileage are paid according to DFA Rule 95-1 at .25 cents per mile and up to \$65.00 for a 24 hour period to cover meals and lodging. (You must turn in odometer readings or you will be paid map mileage). You must also submit dates and times of your departure and arrival. Note, your travel expenses are included in the approved amount, they are not in addition to that amount.

(5) In order to be reimbursed, you must submit to this office, ATTENTION: SANDRA ORTIZ, an itemized bill with your **Federal Tax ID Number** and the attached invoice for both your fee and expenses. Your bill must include your signature. **You must submit original receipts when billing for applicable expenses.**

(6) If I don't hear from you within five (5) working days, I will assume that these terms are acceptable to you.



JOHN BIGELOW, Chief Public Defender

cc: James Baiamonte, Attorney at Law