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AFFIDAVIT

Joseph Occhipinti, Being Duly, Sworn, Deposes and States:

- 1. This affidavit is being submitted to the Consul General at the American Consulate at Guayaquil, Ecuador in support of the issuance of a non-immigrant visa for Ecuadorian National Police Corporal Angelica Maria Borja Congo.
- 2. Corporal Borja is a native and citizen of Ecuador, having been born on January 18, 1982 at Montufar, Ecuador. She has assigned Ecuadorian Cedula number 1003087911, Ecuador National Police Identification ID 57361 and Passport number 1003087911. She resides at Las Avenida Carlos Quinto Y Pedro De Albardo, Sector San Carlos, Condominos De La Polica Nacional, Quito, Ecuador. (Exhibit A)
- 3. An on-line DOS-NIV application was filed on August 8, 2012 for the applicant pursuant to confirmation number AA002J9S9V and MRV fee receipt #2074465653. The Visa appointment is scheduled for Wednesday September 12, 2012 at 9am at the American Consulate in Guayaquil, Ecuador. (Exhibit B)
- 4. This issuance of the non-immigrant visas would enable Corporal Borja entry into the United States to undergo the placement of an artificial limb and follow-up rehabilitation at the Scott Sabolich Prosthetics and Research Center located at 10201 Broadway, Oklahoma, Oklahoma 73114. An appointment for the replacement limb and rehabilitation is scheduled for September 17, 2012.
- 5. Corporal Borja is a disabled Police Officer with the Ecuadorian National Police, Quito, Ecuador. On September 6, 2009, she was the victim of a "hit and run" vehicle accident while on duty that resulted in the amputation of her right leg. This is documented in the attached Ecuadorian National Police report number 10, dated, September 9, 2009. (Exhibit C)
- 6. The affiant is a retired Supervisory Special Agent of the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS), Anti-Smuggling Unit where he served as the Chief of the Anti-Smuggling Unit.
- 7. The affiant is also the Founder & Executive Director of the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF), a congressionally recognized and IRS designated 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization pursuant to IRS registration 13-3830191. Their headquarters are located at 21 Kilmer Drive, Building 2, Suite F, Morganville, New Jersey 07751 and its official website is www.npdf.org.

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- 8. The National Police Defense Foundation is a congressionally and internationally recognized police foundation with over 175,000 members and supporters nationwide and in twelve foreign countries, including Ecuador.
- 9. According to the 2011 IRS Form 990 (year ending 6/30/2011) the National Police Defense Foundation has total assets of \$1,458,554. The majority of its endowment is deposited at various FDIC approved banking institutions that include TD Bank, Investors Bank, Capital One, Hudson City Savings Bank and Freehold Savings Bank all of whom are located in Monmouth County, New Jersey. A copy of the NPDF's Independent Audit for this fiscal year is posted on its website, WWW.NPDF.ORG. (Exhibit D)
- 10. The disclosure of these financial documents will demonstrate the NPDF's financial ability to fund the cost of the applicant's visa fees, round trip air transportation, lodging and related per-diem living expenses both in the United States and Ecuador.
- 11. The primary mission of the National Police Defense Foundation is to provide medical and legal support services to the law enforcement community, as well as administer several law enforcement and child safety programs. One such program is the "Safe Cop" that posts a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who shoots a law enforcement officer. The program also provides medical and financial assistance to law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty.
- 12. The affiant learned of the plight of Corporal Borja on or about February 16, 2012 while at a police conference in Quito, Ecuador with the officials from the Ecuadorian National Police Hospital. The affiant was introduced to Corporal Borja who asked for the NPDF's assistance in receiving an artificial limb. As a result, the affiant contacted Debra Smith, the Executive Director of "The Limb for Life Foundation", which is a non-profit organization located at 218 East Main Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 13. On July 17, 2012, Ms. South advised the National Police Defense Foundation that their request for an artificial limb and rehabilitation was approved and these procedures would be performed on September 17, 2012 at the Scott Sabolich Prosthetics & Research Center located at 10201 Broadway Ext, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114.
- 14. The NPDF was provided copies of Corporal Borja's medical records from the "Ecuadorian National Police Hospital Quito", dated September 9, 2009, July 14, 2010 and March 24, 2011, respectively. (Exhibit E)
- 15. On August 1, 2012, Debra South, the Executive Director of "The Limb for Life Foundation" issued the attached letter confirming said medical procedure at the Scott Sabolich Prosthetics & Research Center and the fact the prosthetic leg and related rehabilitation costs well be donated to Corporal Borja. (Exhibit F)

- 16. The affiant is willing to accompany Corporal Borja to the American Consulate at Guayaquil if requested by consular officials to personally submit this affidavit in support of Corporal Borjas's non-immigrant visa application.
- 17. While in the United States the applicants will be housed at hotel in Oklahoma City that has an affiliation with the Scott Sabolich Prosthetics & Research and their daily activities closely monitored by NPDF officials.
- 18 The National Police Defense Foundation has a proven track record with the American Consulate in Guayaquil in closely screening all requests for medical assistance. In this particular humanitarian case, the predication was based upon a formal request from the Ecuadorian National Police. The assigned Ecuadorian Liaison Officer is Colonel Carlos Guerrero is the Police Attaché assigned to the Ecuadorian Embassy in Washington, D.C.
- 19. The National Police Defense Foundation plans to present Corporal Borja after she receives the artificial leg with a "Valor Award". The awards presentation will be made at the 2012 State Troopers Coalition Awards Dinner scheduled for October 10, 2012 in New Jersey. Attached is the promotional material on this awards dinner event. (Exhibit G)
- 20. The issuance of non-immigrant visas for Corporal Angelica Borja is strongly recommended to provide medical assistance to a severely handicapped Ecuadorian Police Official. She was not only a crime victim, but secured this disability during the performance of her official law enforcement duties. The issuance of these visas will also help develop positive police relations between the American-Ecuadorian law enforcement communities.

It has been my experience that the issuance of this humanitarian visa will undoubtedly result in extensive media coverage and reflect favorably upon the U.S. Department of State in expressing their overall concern worldwide to help a severely handicapped police officer.

Founder & Executive Director National Police Defense Foundation

Sworn to the 6th day of August 2012

Notary Public

MICHELE L. VOGEL
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires August 10, 2014