## **EXHIBIT 19**

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## AFFIDAVIT OF DONNA LYNN PERRAS

My name is Donna Lynn Perras. I am a resident of Harris County, Texas. I am over the age of eighteen and I am competent to make this affidavit. All the facts stated here are within my personal knowledge.

- 1. In October of 1992 I worked with Eric Benge at Ace K-9, a company that provided guard dogs to business, which is located at 8283 Yale Street in Houston.
- 2. On October 14, 1992, I visited Eric at his house for the first time. When we went inside the house, Eric explained that his grandmother, Edna Franklin, was in the house, but that she rarely left her bedroom because she didn't get around too well. I asked Eric whether she minded if his friends hung around the house. He said no, she didn't mind. I never met her.
- 3. I was not comfortable being at Eric's house for several reasons. Eric's house was in a dangerous neighborhood. Inside, it was a dump. Everything was dirty. Also, it seemed that shady activities maybe involving illegal drugs were going on in the house. I did not want to know anything about it. After visiting Eric's house, I did not want to visit him there again.
- 4. On October 15, 1992, Eric and I both reported to work for the 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. shift and went on our separate routes, picking up guard dogs from customers' businesses.
- 5. I did not work a second shift that day; I am not sure whether Eric did. He came over to my apartment later that day in the late afternoon or evening, and stayed about three hours. I remember that he was there longer than one hour.
- 6. At about 9:30 or 10:00 that night, which was very late for those of us working the 4:30 shift, Eric telephoned me. He sounded hysterical and told me that his grandmother had been killed. He had already telephoned Jeffrey Hattenback, a friend of his whose father owned Ace K-9. Either Jeffrey or Eric had alerted the police by that time.
- 7. I immediately drove to 617 Westford, where Eric lived. Eric and I and others were taken to the police station downtown, where we each gave statements.
- 8. That night, Eric was saying that some junkie must have been looking for some money to

buy drugs with. He seemed to have an idea of who it might be and why. I think he mentioned that the person who killed his grandmother might have been someone to whom he owed some money.

9. I don't know why anyone would single out Mrs. Franklin. It was obvious from the state of her house that she had no money. In fact, Eric told me he was paying many of her bills at the time of her death.

Under the pain and penalty of perjury, I swear that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give this statement of my own free will.

Donna Lynn Perras

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 26 day of April, 2002, to certify

which witness hereof my hand and seal of office.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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