

EXHIBIT B

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

CASE NO.: 22-009348-CF

SECTION: T

JUDGE: Siracusa

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Vs.

JUAN ARIEL MOLINA-SALLES

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN STEWART

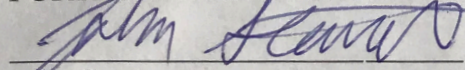
COMES NOW the affiant, John Stewart, who, under the penalty of perjury, hereby swears and affirms as follows:

1. My name is John Stewart, and I reside at 2130 Burlington Ave North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713.
2. I have lived in Pinellas County for 62 years.
3. I am aware of the case of the *State of Florida v. Juan Ariel Molina-Salles*, as I have seen and heard news coverage beginning from his arrest in September of 2022 and continuing to the present day, seeing coverage as recently as last week.
4. I remember the news coverage at the time was heavily focused on the fact that Mr. Molina-Salles was alleged to have been in the country illegally when the deputy was killed in the construction accident.
5. News articles and tv and internet coverage was heavy and constant, especially in the first few weeks and months after the accident. The headlines read things like "A migrant killed a deputy" and "worker[], who was in the U.S. illegally, killed a Pinellas deputy."
6. There was at least one press conference where the Pinellas Sheriff's Office noted that the construction company had hired "a bunch" of migrants.
7. I have learned that Governor DeSantis brought up the case specifically in the gubernatorial debate against Charlie Christ in October of 2022.
8. Through the ongoing news coverage, I learned that this was not the first time the construction company was alleged to have been hiring undocumented workers. I learned that in 2021 the company had an undocumented worker who was killed in a construction

accident and that as a result of that the Pinellas Park Police Department reported Archer Western to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

9. At the end of 2024, this case was listed as one of the top 5 cases in Tampa Bay to watch for 2025.
10. In light of the recent local and national news regarding illegal immigration, Mr. Molina-Salles' case has garnered renewed press attention and coverage. I have recently learned that this case was mentioned just last week at Governor DeSantis' press conference as he signed the immigration bill produced out of the February 2025 special session.
11. As a longtime resident of Pinellas County, the current media coverage is showing bias against immigrants in general, especially those accused of committing crimes.
12. In addition to the general anti-immigrant bias in the community, the current and past media coverage has been specifically directed at Mr. Molina-Salles.
13. It is my understanding that he is charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Death. He is not charged with any kind of traffic homicide.
14. Yet nearly all the news coverage - on tv, the internet, and in the newspaper - refers to him has "killing" a deputy. And every article mentions his alleged illegal status, and the tone and tenor of the coverage is that he is already guilty because he was here illegally.
15. In light of all of the foregoing, it does not seem possible that Mr. Molina-Salles could select and receive a fair and impartial jury in Pinellas County.
16. I am available to testify to the contents of this affidavit if necessary.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


John Stewart

SWORN and SUBSCRIBED to on 2-17, 2025, under penalty of perjury.