Attachment Three

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Judge THOMAS PORTEOUS, Louisiana State Court Judge for the 24th Judicial District, was interviewed in his office located in Gretna, Louisiana (LA), regarding information received from confidential source, NO T-6, on August 8, 1994.

PORTEOUS stated that he was somewhat aware of the nature of the inquiry due to his Criminal Court Clerk, JOLENE ACY, having been interviewed by this interviewing Agent on the previous day. ACY had related to Judge PORTEOUS a summation of that interview. PORTEOUS was initially asked if he recalled having been involved in a bond reduction matter for a criminal defendant named KEITH KLINE, who was arrested by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office on a cocaine charge in March, 1987. Judge PORTEOUS could not specifically recall a bond reduction matter involving this named individual, but after being provided with some of the information obtained from NO T-6, PORTEOUS seemed to recall that this individual, who already had an extensive criminal history involving narcotics violations, had a very high bond initially set. Upon request from the arresting officer or possibly Deputy Chief RICHARD RODRIGUE, who is in charge of Criminal Detectives for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department (JPSD), he reluctantly agreed to reduce the bond. PORTEOUS stated that if the incident that he is recalling is in fact an incident that involved the named subject, KEITH KLINE, the agreement to reduce the bond was based on reporting from a JPSD officer that E E PORTEOUS further stated that if this was the incident he is attempting to recall, then Assistant District Attorney PAT MC GINNITY, (who is currently in private practice as a criminal defense attorney, with office located on Girod Street, New Orleans, LA, telephone P-1 would have been involved in the bond reduction discussion. PORTEOUS stated that it is routine for the prosecuting attorney along with the arresting officer to be involved in a discussion regarding any bond reductions. PORTEOUS could not recall any involvement of a girlfriend of KEITH KLINE in monetary transactions regarding the bond reduction. Furthermore, PORTEOUS categorically denied that

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by SA BOBBY P. HAMIL, JR./glm Date dictated 8/18/94

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he was paid a sum of $10,000, or for that matter, any sum in exchange for an agreement to reduce the bond for KEITH KLINE.

With regards to an allegation that PORTEOUS had received $1,500 to reduce a bond in a matter involving a TRACY IRELAND, who had been arrested for theft, PORTEOUS, already having been aware of this allegation from previous discussion with JOLENE ACY (as referenced above), had the criminal file available for review. PORTEOUS pointed out that IRELAND's bond had originally been set at $300,000, based on a mere two counts of theft. The bond was initially set by Judge JOHN MOLAISON. Upon review of the matter, PORTEOUS agreed to reduce the bond to a $50,000 property bond. He recalls ADAM BARNETT being the bondsman in this matter, a trusted bondsman who he had known for a long time. PORTEOUS stated that he felt, based upon the Jefferson Parish jails being extremely overcrowded at that time (last year), the fact that the details of the arrest did not appear to warrant such a high bond, along with limited criminal history of the defendant, this situation warranted a reduction in bond. PORTEOUS pointed out that the bond was reduced to a $50,000 property bond. Although it was later shown that the surety was insufficient for the amount of the bond, the defendant appeared in court for every hearing, and was ultimately given credit for time served in jail, and placed on probation. He recalled the New Orleans Times Picayune newspaper as making an issue of this technical error in allowing a property bond to be set when there was insufficient surety. PORTEOUS stated that although there was a technical error here, it proved to be a harmless error, in light of the fact that the defendant never failed to appear for any of her court hearings. However, PORTEOUS again categorically denied that he had been given $1,500 or any amount of money to reduce the bond for TRACY IRELAND.

Judge PORTEOUS also denied that he had ever owned a yacht either individually or jointly with others, and furthermore, denied that he had ever owned any type of boat. He also denied that he had ever been present when cocaine, marijuana, or any other illegal narcotic was being utilized. He also denied that he had ever used any illegal narcotic personally.

Lastly, Judge PORTEOUS denied that he had ever signed any bail bonds "in blank;" and stated that he was unaware of anything in his background that might be the basis of attempted

influence, pressure, coercion or compromise and/or would impact negatively on his character, reputation, judgement or discretion.