

Republic of the Philippines)  
Quezon City ) S.S.

**SWORN STATEMENT**  
(Unofficial Translation from Filipino)

I, **CELIA FIESTA VELOSO**, 55 years old, married and with residence address at Barangay Claudillo, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with law, hereby depose and say:

1. That on January 2010, my daughter, MARY JANE VELOSO, came home to the Philippines after a 10 month stay in Dubai as a domestic helper. She did not finish her two year contract because we urged her to come home after her employer attempted to rape her and was physically harmed by her co-employee.;

2. That when she came home from Dubai, she resided in Esguerra Village, Talavera, Nueva Ecija, where her two sons were residing, under the care of her mother-in-law.

3. That during her stay, even if she resided in Talavera, Mary Jane would regularly visit us in Baragay Claudillo;

4. That she used her little savings to start a business selling plastic wares in their neighbourhood using a motorcycle but, unfortunately, it did not prosper;

5. That on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, in one of her visits to us, she relayed that on that day, a certain Ma. Cristina Sergio,(Tintin for brevity), a neighbour in Esguerra Village and a live in partner of Julius Lacanilao, the son of her godparents, offered her a job placement in Malaysia;

6. That in their conversation, Tintin told her that she has a bestfriend in Malaysia that needs a domestic help and Mary Jane would get a monthly salary of twenty five thousand pesos;

7. That Mary Jane was ecstatic that she would be receiving a high salary, way above what she had received in Dubai which was just nine thousand pesos;

8. That in return, Mary Jane was required by Tintin to pay her Twenty Thousand Pesos and to give to her the motorcycle she was using for business and her cellphone. If Mary Jane can give all that to Tintin then she leave for Malaysia immediately;

9. That to complete her payment to Tintin, Mary Jane was borrowing from us six thousand pesos;

10. That we did not give her the 6,000 she was borrowing from us and dissuade her not to go because we do not want a repeat of what happened to her in Dubai. We were also suspicious of the offer because Tintin told her that it will only take 5 days to process her travel documents and can leave for Malaysia after that;

11. That Mary Jane begged us to let her go to Malaysia for the sake of her children and for her to help us also. We did not give our permission nor the 6,000 she was borrowing from us. She went home crying that day;

12. That on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2010, two days after she went home crying, she came back and told us that Tintin already showed her their tickets in going to Malaysia the next day. Again, she begged us to lend the money she needed to complete what Tintin has asked of her. Despite our misgivings, we conceded and gave her the 6,000 pesos she needed;

13. That the next day I called Mary Jane at Talavera her mother-in-law told me that she already left for Malaysia;

14. That on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, Mary Jane's mother-in-law called and told us that Tintin was back from Malaysia. We, my husband and Mary Jane's siblings, immediately proceeded to Talavera and there Tintin told us how good was Mary Jane's employer to her. She went on to say that the employer bought a cellular phone for Mary Jane and even the milk for Mary Jane's youngest son, Mark Darren, which Tintin gave to us. We thank Tintin then for the good news;

15. That on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, Mary Jane called us, at about ten o'clock in the morning, to greet and sang "happy birthday" to her father for it was his birthday the next day. When we inquired about her situation, she said that she was doing well and told us to be always careful;

16. That on May 11<sup>th</sup>, at nine o'clock in the morning Mary Jane sent a text message to her sister, Darling, asking her to take care of her children, that she loves us and for us to be careful. We texted her back but she did not respond;

17. That on the next day, May 12, at 8 o'clock in the morning, Mary Jane sent a message again to her sister and she asked us to take care of her children and other things that as if she was saying goodbye to us; We called her and ask her what seemed to be the problem and when she answered she cried and told us that she was in prison;

18. That when we heard about her being in prison, we all cried while my husband went outside and tried to harm himself by bumping his head on the wall but our two sons-in-law made him stop. My husband fainted and during such time our call to Mary Jane was disconnected;

19. That at one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, when my husband regained consciousness, we called Mary Jane again and told us the events that led her to end up in prison in Indonesia. As to my understanding and what I recalled from what Mary Jane told us, the following were what happened to her:

a. That on May 22, when they arrived in a hotel in Malaysia, Tintin told Mary Jane that the job post for her was already given by her best friend to somebody else but she did not have to worry because she (Tintin) has so many best friends in Malaysia. Tintin assured her that she will find a job for her in three days;

b. That in the three days that they were in Malaysia, Tintin toured her around Malaysia, bought her clothes, a cellular phone, and gave her five hundred dollars (500) as pocket money;

c. That on April 26, Tintin went back to the Hotel with two guys. She introduced one of them as her boyfriend whom she called 'Prince'. Tintin also brought a new luggage bag with her. Tintin told Mary Jane to get packed for she is going to Indonesia because she (Tintin) found work for her there;

d. That when Tintin gave to Mary Jane the luggage to her the luggage felt heavy and asked Tintin about it but she responded then that all new luggages in Malaysia are quite heavy. Doubtful, Mary Jane frisk all the pockets of the luggage and when satisfied that it has nothing on it, she packed her clothes with it. Tintin was in a hurry to go that Mary Jane has no time to wear her sandals in the hotel, she just had them on the car on their way to the airport;

e. That in the airport, before checking in, Tintin excused herself to go to the comfort room but she did not come back so Mary Jane and their two companions went in.

f. That in Indonesia airport authorities asked Mary Jane to destroy her luggage which she conceded for her luggage has been subjected to manual check twice by airport staffs already yet when it went under the x-ray machine, it still yields the same result. Airport authorities found at the bottom of the luggage the stashed heroine. When informed by the airport staff that what was found in her luggage was heroine, Mary Jane fainted;

g. That when Mary Jane regained consciousness, she did not know where she was but she was aware of the fact that she was being taken by two Indonesian policemen;

20. That when Mary Jane finished telling us what was happened, we, the whole of my family, went to Talavera to talk Tintin. She hugged and comforted me and my husband, and while doing so, she told us to keep quiet about it and not to report to anybody or to the media because of the danger it will brought to our family and to Mary Jane in prison. According to her, they are an international syndicate. Tintin also said that with the many drug couriers she assisted, it was unfortunate that Mary Jane was the one arrested. She then assured us that they will get Mary Jane out of prison, and if need be to spend millions to get her out, they would;

21. That after we talked to Tintin, we tried to contact Mary Jane with the same number she used to contact us but the number is always "out of coverage" We wanted to know what was her situation there;

22. That we decided to keep quiet about Mary Jane's situation as per the instruction of Tintin. By doing this, we are hoping that they will get Mary Jane out of prison as Tintin has promised;

23. That three months had passed after yet Tintin's promised to us to get Mary Jane out of prison has been to no avail.

24. That on August 2010, me and my husband and two of our daughters, Darling and Maritess, travelled to Manila to seek help;

25. That we went to several stations with our story;

26. That on the same day, we went to the Department Of Foreign Affairs (DFA for brevity). It is only I, and my daughter Maritess who was allowed to enter the building and the guard instructed us to go to the third floor of the building;

27. That in the office we were ushered into we recounted what was Mary Jane told us to a woman named Patricia and one male staff;

28. That in the course of our conversation, Patricia showed us some documents related to the case of Mary Jane. She even assured us that they will do everything to help us. Patricia got our contact number for news/updates if there will be any.

29. That after a few days, we went to DFA again and inquired about Patricia but we were told to come back in another day for she was not in;

30. That we went to tv stations, again, to seek help.

31. That after we went home we tried, almost everyday, to call the numbers given by DFA but no one is picking up the phone most of the time. And when one answered our calls only to be told that Patricia is not around;

32. That in almost a year, while trying to call DFA everyday, we have travelled from Cabanatuan to Manila, twice or thrice a week. In most of our visits to DFA, Patricia was not in. In those times that she was there she informed us that she has no update yet however they are doing everything to help Mary Jane. She said that they were coordinating with Indonesia. At one time, she told us not to go to the media;

33. That in one of our visits to the DFA, Patricia gave us documents regarding the case of Mary Jane but such documents were not salvaged when our home in barangay Caudillo was wrecked by a typhoon;

34. That we also seek help from our local executives, from our and governor, but to no avail;

35. That during those times while awaiting news from DFA, we also seek the help of the NBI, the Cabanatuan police, and some lawyers in order to institute legal action against Tintin but they all said that we can not do that due to absence of proof. They advised us, however, to get a sworn statement from Mary Jane regarding the situation in order to institute an action against Tintin.

36. That on October 25, 2010, after almost five months that we did not hear from Mary Jane, she called to greet her youngest son, Mark Darren. She told us then that she was fine and forged some friendship in prison. After that day, we talked to her every now and then.

37. That in one of our calls to her, we informed her that we seek help from DFA and our plan to institute a legal action against Tintin. We relayed to her what the lawyers, the NBI and the police told us, that she needs to make a sworn statement of what was transpired prior to her incarceration to be used as evidence against Tintin;

38. That in November of 2010, we received the package from Mary Jane but to our surprise, the sworn statement from her was missing, only the pictures of her and her friends were the contents of the package, not even a personal letter from her.

39. That after receiving the package, we immediately informed Mary Jane about its contents and the missing statement from her. She was surprised that it was not there. We urged her to send again because of its importance to the case to be filed against Tintin;

40. That in the next month, Mary Jane sent another package but similar to the first one, her sworn statement was again missing. We encouraged her again to send another one but this time she said that she will send directly to DFA instead;

41. That to our surprise, we received again from Mary Jane a package despite our agreement that she will course thru DFA. Like the other packages she sent, it did not contain her statement but only pictures and a bandana from a priest. We relayed the matter to Mary Jane much to her surprised also. After this, we no longer tried to get Mary Jane's statement;

42. That we reported to DFA thru Patricia the incidents about the packages sent by Mary Jane. She told us that she did not, or the DFA, received any from Mary Jane. She said that maybe the postman opened the packages that was why the statement of Mary Jane was not delivered to us;

43. That after almost a year that we frequented the office of DFA and getting no clear answer/action as to how they will get Mary Jane out of her situation in Indonesia, someone told us that we should try to engage the help of PDEA in Manila;

44. That with my family, we went to PDEA and there we talked to Joseph Ladip. We told him about our frequent visits to DFA and others we have approached for help. We also told him about our dilemma with the packages sent by Mary Jane.

45. That Joseph Ladip told us that he will coordinate with DFA. He did get our contact number and instruct us to call or text him if there will be problem arising therefrom. We went home to Cabanatuan after;

46. That since after our talk with Joseph Ladip, until the next year, every time we called the DFA office no one was picking up the phone, we call Joseph and he, in return, call DFA and tell us that no one is answering the phone or that Patricia was not in. In some occasions we received a phone call from DFA only to be told that Patricia is not in;

47. That in almost two years since Mary Jane is in prison, we called and regularly communicated with her. She told us about her situation and that she has many friends. She also told us about the priest that guides her there;

48. That when we inquired about her case, she told us that someone with tattoos once visited her and introduced himself as attorney and informed her that her case is set for hearing;

49. That on October 11, 2012, Mary Jane called and she was crying. In between sobs, she asked us to help her because she has been sentenced to death and that the death penalty will be meted out after one week;

50. That on the same day Mary Jane told us about her punishment, our whole family travelled to Manila and went to DFA. Again, only me and my daughter, Maritess, were allowed to enter the premises. Maritess and I both cried while talking to Patricia about the news from Mary Jane. Patricia told us that there was no truth in it for they did not receive such news from Indonesia. Patricia argued that even if it was true, they should be the first to know. Patricia told us that maybe Mary Jane only misunderstood since she cannot understand Indonesian or English that when she heard the word death penalty she automatically assumed that it meant for her. With Patricia's explanation regarding the situation, we were somewhat relieved at that time.

51. That while in Manila, we went to PDEA and asked how we could file an action against Tintin, Joseph told us that it would be very difficult because we do not have evidence to incriminate Tintin. Having been informed about this, we went home to Cabanatuan;

52. That on the next day, we called Mary Jane again to inform her about what DFA had said. After so many attempts to call her, we got hold of her after 10 o'clock in the morning. We informed her of Patricia's deductions of the situation but she cried and told us that it was the truth and she was not lying about her death sentence. According to her, the reason that she cannot answer our calls was that there were so many reporters hounding her. She told us that it was all over the news and told us to search it in the internet;

53. That we called Patricia and told her that Mary Jane has just confirmed to us that it was the truth but Patricia still insisted that Mary Jane was wrong;

54. That we called again Mary Jane to say what Patricia insisted but she stood by her story. We called Patricia again but she adamantly dismissed, like before, what Mary Jane told us. Because of this, we called Joseph and told him that Patricia do not believe what Mary Jane was saying. Joseph said that he will talk to Patricia;

55. That after few minutes Joseph hung up, Patricia called and asked for our understanding. She confirmed then that the news about Mary Jane was true. She did promise to get some action and will send an attorney and a translator to assist Mary Jane. She even told us that she will send some money to Mary Jane to be used by her to contact us;

56. That on October 13, we called Mary Jane to check if Patricia has been true to her promise. Considering our past dealings with her, we have doubts as to Patricia will take action regarding what she had promised. Mary Jane confirmed the presence of an attorney and the translator, even the money was sent to her;

57. That we are informed, through our calls to DFA and Mary Jane, that the government of the Philippines made an appeal and that the punishment was postponed for the meantime. We were quite relieved because of such;

58. That from then on, we have regularly communicated with Mary Jane, while with that with the DFA come to a halt again;

59. That on April 2013, Mary Jane called to tell us to secure passport for me, my husband and for her oldest son, Mark Danielle, because she wanted us to go to Indonesia and visit her. I told her that we do not have the money for that but she said that two of her policewomen friends, Bitra and Puri, will give the money for the processing of our passport and that she will send the money the next day;

60. That on the next day we received a text message from Mary Jane giving us the code of the money she sent us which amounted to five thousand and two hundred pesos (5,200) for the processing of our passport;

61. That on the very same day we received the money from MaryJane, Maritess and I went to DFA and ask help to expedite the processing of our passport while Mark Danielle's is still on vacation.

62. That we talked to Paricia about the processing and she told us to contact us because she was on leave;

63. That we continued to call Patricia about the processing and that we have been going to DFA several times to inquire about it but to no avail. It has been one month after but we have not received a positive response from Patricia;

64. That at that point we have lost hope already that our passport will be processed. We relayed this to Mary Jane and she was mad that DFA was not helping us process our passports considering that they are not the one who will shoulder the cost of our visit to Indonesia. She was fuming mad and she said that if we cannot visit her something bad will happen to her;

65. That somehow our passports were processed in DFA Pampanga, with the help of Mr. Manalo, a local politician, then running for Mayor of La Paz.

66. That on the month of May, on the day that we follow it up, we have been informed by DFA Pampanga that our passports were about to finish and ready for pick up the next day;



67. That when we picked up our passports the next day, we are informed that Patricia called them and advised them to withhold our passports. DFA Pampanga having no reason to withhold our passports, and we having paid for it, they release it to us. They then advise us to get a certification from the DSWD that Mark Danielle's father has permitted him to travel with us;

68. That when we got home from DFA Pampanga, we called Mary Jane to say that we have now our passports. She was happy about the news and told us that she will be sending the money for our tickets the next day;

69. That on the very same day Patricia called us and said that she has been informed that we have gotten our passports. She told us that even if we have passports but no invitation from Indonesia, we still cannot go there. I told her that the policewomen friends of Mary Jane invited us and in fact they were the one giving us the money for our trip. Still, Patricia said that we need pocket money in order to go. I informed her that we have twenty thousand as pocket money. Patricia mocked us and asked where will we get the money? I was mad and disconnect her call.

70. That Patricia continued to mocked us and belittle my daughter. She cannot imagine and do not want to believe that her Indonesian friends were ready to help her and able to give a big amount of money to assist us in our trip. I was again mad at her and disconnect her call. The next day, I faxed to her the receipt of more than eighty two thousand pesos (82,000) as proof that we have received such amount from Indonesia;

71. That Patricia called again and asking for forgiveness. With the receipt given to her, she now believes that Mary Jane is a good person that is why her friends are prepared to shed money for her sake.

72. That we bought tickets and not contacted Patricia again;

73. That on June 5, 2013, we flew to Indonesia. We stayed there for almost a month. We were happy that we got to visit Mary Jane everyday and we spend two hours the most in our visits to her.

74. That Mary Jane's policewomen friends, Bitra and Puri, toured us in different parts of Indonesia during our stay there. All our expenses were shouldered by her friends, from the police, fellow inmates, priest, and judge. We are very grateful to all of them.

75. That in one of our conversation inside her cell, we talked about the possibility of filing a legal action against Tintin. We made her write her personal accounts about what happened to her as this was to be used in the filing of complaint against Tintin. She made the letter but she did not give to us for she feared for our safety;

76. That in the whole of our stay in Indonesia we have not met or get the chance to talk to a representative or staff of the Philippine embassy regarding Mary Jane's case. We cannot even get through them when we were having problems at the airport coming home to the Philippines.

77. That on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, we were back here in the Philippines;

78. That when we got home my daughter, Maritess, inquired about the written account of Mary Jane but we explained that Mary Jane decided not to give to us because of the risk it will cause to our lives. However, when Marites talked to Mary Jane, she insisted that Mary Jane has to send it still.

79. That it was in July when we received the letter/statement of Mary Jane. We acceded to her plea that we keep it to ourselves and use it at some future time;

80. That since then we are at peace because our lines were open and we talked to Mary Jane regularly and she is somewhat happy in the company of her friends she met there in prison.

81. That on the second week of February 2015, at about eleven o'clock in the morning, we received a call from a certain Violet from the DFA who told us to travel to Manila right in that instant because someone wanted to talk to us personally. She instructed me to bring along my husband and the two children of Mary Jane. She even said that they will shoulder our fares to and fro, From Cabanatuan to Manila and vice versa;

82. That we arrived at the DFA office late in the afternoon. We were ushered in immediately to the building and our photographs were taken. Violet informed us that we will be going up to the person who wanted to see us. Violet accompanied us to the office of Secretary Albert del Rosario;

83. That Secretary del Rosario asked us if we wanted to visit Mary Jane in Indonesia. We were surprised by the offer because they did not help us the first time we went to Indonesia. At that moment I have an inkling of what is about to happen to Mary Jane. I retorted back that if my daughter shall be hanged, I won't go. Secretary del Rosario said that they are doing everything to prevent what was I just said. They just wanted us to visit Mary Jane. With his assurance, we agreed to go and we decided that it is me, my husband, Mary Jane's two children and Maritess will travel to Indonesia..

84. That after processing the passports and other travel document of Mary Jane's youngest son, Mark Darren, we flew to Indonesia on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. Violet accompanied us to Indonesia.

85. That arriving in Indonesia, we were welcomed by Chito and other staff from the Philippine embassy;

86. That we were introduced to a female judge by Mr. Chito. After that we went to our hotel;

87. That on the next day, we visited Mary Jane in prison and we were there the whole day. It was also the same for the next two days.

88. That we were happy that we get to talked with and be in the company of Mary Jane's friends the first time we went there.

89. That Chito get from us the original handwritten statement/narrative of Mary Jane which was sent to us by Mary Jane. He said that they needed it.

90. That in the airport before checking in, Chito introduced us to a guy which according to him, is a lawyer. The lawyer said that Mary Jane's case should not have dragged this long if only she was given a competent interpreter. Violet and Chito both said that the lawyer is good for he has same cases like Mary Jane's in the past and won.

91. That we were back in the Philippines on the morning of February 22, 2015;

92. That after a day that were back in the country, I got a text message from a relative that they watched on tv apparently the appeal taken by the government in behalf of Mary Jane has been denied. I did not believe what was being said because there was no news about it when we were in Indonesia;

93. That after three days after we came back, the denial of Mary Jane's appeal was all over the news. We cried a lot because we did not expect such from happening;

94. That we immediately called Mary Jane and told her about the news. She was also surprised for she did not know about the denial of her appeal. She asked Violet's contact number but according to her she cannot contact her;

95. That the next day after the news, media has started to come to our house;

96. That from then on since the news of the denial of the appeal, DFA did not get in touch with us and we tried to call Violet but her number is always "out of coverage area".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand with my full name, this 15th day of April 2015, in the city of Quezon, Philippines.

**CELIA FIESTA VELOSO**  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, notary public for and in Quezon City, Philippines on April 17, 2015, affiant exhibiting to me her COMELEC Voter's Identification Card with VIN \_\_\_\_\_ issued in \_\_\_\_\_, Nueva Ecija.