

AFFIDAVIT OF R. ANTHONY BERDISH

I, R. Anthony Berdish, declare that the following statements are true and correct, based on my personal observation, knowledge and interactions with PF Lazor:

1. My name is R. Anthony Berdish. For approximately the last fifteen years, I have lived in semi-retirement on an eighty acre farm located between the villages of Morley and Stanwood, in North Central Michigan.

Until the end of 1973, I was employed as a Supervisor at a General Motors plant classified as an executive. My specific position was that of Office Manager for the "Stores" Department -- a position to which I was appointed by a now retired Vice-President, to completely reorganize the department.

In the process of reorganizing the department, with the aid of a young engineer, I helped develop the first fully computerized inventory control system in the Corporation. Later, I was to learn that our method was adopted by all 115 divisions of the corporation.

Unfortunately, in the Fall of 1973 we had the first Arab oil embargo, which drastically reduced the sale of large cars. Along with a number of other employees in relatively good positions, I was forced to retire.

For about ten years thereafter I spent a considerable amount of time helping those less fortunate than myself: People with alcohol and other drug related problems; young men who, for one reason or another were homeless, and to whom my wife and I provided a home (not as "Foster" parents or for any form of compensation other than the personal satisfaction of knowing that we had helped someone.)

My wife and I have been married for almost forty eight years. We had two sons, one of whom was killed in 1976, which somewhat embittered me and resulted in a partial withdrawal from interaction with my fellow man.

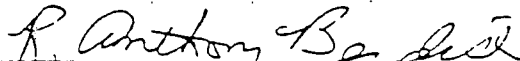
2. I have known Mr. PF Lazor for some years, although I cannot remember whether I first met him in the latter part of the 1960's or the early part of the 1970's. At that time I was a licensed Real Estate Salesperson, and it was in a business context that I met Mr. Lazor. At the time he was living in California, and I in Michigan. Our initial contact was by correspondence and/or telephone. Later, he flew to Michigan, where we became involved in a joint venture.

Originally, I considered him to be just one of many business contacts; later, as I got to know him better, I came to think of him as a friend. To the best of my recollection, he kept his "word" to the letter. Having been brought up according to a very strict moral code myself, I was very impressed with the manner in which he fulfilled his responsibilities. In my position with General Motors I did business with a many individuals; unfortunately, most of them were interested only in what benefits they could derive from the relationship. I did not find this to be true of Mr. Lazor.

3. If I had been called to testify as a character witness on behalf of Mr. Lazor at his trial in 1983, I would have done so with absolutely no reluctance. I am almost seventy two years of age, have known and worked with literally hundreds of people. Beyond any shadow of a doubt, I would rank Mr. Lazor as one of the finest men it has been my privilege to know.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: November 3, 1989


R. Anthony Berdish