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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
 15 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION**

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
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 19 Plaintiff,  
 20 v.  
 21 YASIEL PUIG VALDES,  
 22 Defendant.  
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Case No. CR 22-394-DMG

**DECLARATION OF LISETTE  
 CARNET IN SUPPORT OF  
 DEFENDANT YASIEL PUIG'S  
 SENTENCING MEMORANDUM**

Courtroom of Hon. Dolly M. Gee

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1 only place he was offered employment in 2023 and 2024 was Venezuela and  
2 Mexico, which are addressed below). After two seasons and given the pendency of  
3 the government's appeal, he was given a second opportunity to play in the KBO, but  
4 only for the minimum foreign player amount. It was that 2025 season (for which he  
5 was grossly underpaid given his skillset and previous successful season in the KBO)  
6 that ended in a shoulder injury.

7 8. Based on my extensive experience in international baseball  
8 negotiations and direct communications within the industry, Mr. Puig's conviction  
9 has eliminated future opportunities for him in the Korean baseball market. Mr. Puig  
10 will never again make as much as he was able to obtain from the Korean baseball  
11 market. The only available market to him now is Canada, and possibly Mexico and  
12 Venezuela, which pay only about one-tenth of a Korean baseball salary. Korean  
13 baseball salary is the third highest, following the United States and Japan. The fourth  
14 would be Mexico at an extremely steep drop in salary basis of 85% - 90% less  
15 salary than Korea.

16 9. I also have personal knowledge regarding Mr. Puig's current Canadian  
17 baseball contract. The contract contains confidentiality provisions restricting  
18 disclosure of compensation terms.

19 10. Public references describing the contract as "historic" relate to the fact  
20 that it was significant within the context of a new and emerging Canadian  
21 professional baseball league. However, that characterization does not accurately  
22 reflect the economic reality of Mr. Puig's diminished earning capacity compared to  
23 prior international opportunities available to him before these proceedings.

24 11. Based on my direct knowledge of the agreement and my experience  
25 negotiating professional baseball contracts, the Canadian contract is Mr. Puig's last  
26 chance at having a baseball contract. The contract itself was written with the  
27 acknowledgment that should he be allowed to by the Court, he will be able to return  
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1 to Canada to play with them professionally. However, any incarceration would  
2 negate the contract and all earning capacity with that league.

3 12. The contract is also heavily incentive-based and tied to promotional  
4 and publicity obligations.

5 13. At the time of the jury verdict, Mr. Puig had a contract to play this  
6 season in Mexico, which was cancelled due to the verdict. At least one other team  
7 was interested, but ultimately declined also because of uncertainty surrounding Mr.  
8 Puig's sentencing exposure and future availability.

9 14. I further have personal knowledge regarding one of Mr. Puig's largest  
10 financial assets, consisting of real property located at 6300 Moss Ranch Rd,  
11 Pinecrest, Florida, 33156. That property has received only two purchase offers  
12 during the past year, in the amounts of \$6.5 and \$7 million. Both were rejected  
13 because they were well below what Mr. Puig's owes the lender for said property.  
14 This property, along with all of the other properties that Mr. Puig is responsible for  
15 are all in foreclosure status, including his mother's home.

16 15. On May 21, 2026, I personally spoke with individuals associated with  
17 the lender concerning the Moss Ranch property and I was informed that the lender is  
18 seeking surrender of the property due to amounts owed, including principal  
19 balances, accrued interest, default-related charges, attorneys' fees, and foreclosure-  
20 related costs. If Mr. Puig surrenders the property to the lender, the lender will sell it  
21 and apply the proceeds to the debts and Mr. Puig will not get any proceeds.

22 16. Based upon my direct knowledge of Mr. Puig's current financial  
23 circumstances, continued lawful employment and the ability to continue working  
24 internationally are critically important to his ability to support himself and his  
25 family and to stabilize his and his family's financial condition.

26 17. Mr. Puig has continued appearing before this Court and complying  
27 with court proceedings while maintaining his international employment obligations  
28 and keeping in direct contact with his probation officer.

1           18. I respectfully submit this declaration so the Court may have a more  
2 accurate understanding of the substantial professional, reputational, and economic  
3 consequences Mr. Puig has already suffered as a result of these proceedings.

4           I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of  
5 America that the foregoing is true and correct.

6           Executed on this 22nd day of May, 2026, at Los Angeles, California.

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