

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 322

Approved JUNE 18, 2007

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2006, a World Ward II British Sten Gun was confiscated by the Providence Police Department; and

WHEREAS, On November 21, 2006, an order was entered in Providence County Superior Court ordering that said weapon be forfeited to the Providence Police Department; and

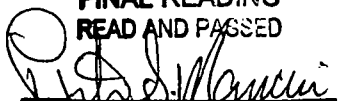
WHEREAS, The Varnum Memorial Military Museum located in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, has inquired about this weapon being donated to their museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence Police Department is hereby authorized to donate said gun to the Varnum Memorial Military Museum for display in their weapon collection.

**IN CITY
COUNCIL**


JUN 7 2007

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PRESIDENT


CLERK

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WHEREAS, A Providence resident, Mr. Edgar Velazquez, was seriously injured and permanently disfigured due to an accident while working with Billy G's Tree Care of Warwick, Rhode Island on March 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Velazquez, who was using a chainsaw to take a tree down, was not provided with any protective gear by his employer, and subsequently suffered serious damage to his face; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Velazquez received treatment by Miriam Hospital and two specialists thereafter; and

WHEREAS, After the accident, Mr. Velazquez' employer, Mr. William Gorman, reportedly has denied knowing Mr. Velazquez and has denied that he ever employed Mr. Velazquez; and

WHEREAS, Upon learning that although he is an undocumented worker he is entitled to workers' compensation to cover his medical bills and permanent disfigurement, Mr. Velazquez applied for the benefits through the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of Mr. Velazquez' trial at the Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency apparently were notified by an unknown individual that Mr. Velazquez would be at the court, and immigration agents arrived and arrested Mr. Velazquez, and less than one month later he was deported to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Velazquez' claim against his former employer cannot continue unless he is physically present at court; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Velazquez has until March 31, 2008 to re-file his claim.

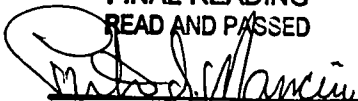
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence recognizes that Mr. Edgar Velazquez has been denied his rights and urges the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency to work together to return Mr. Velazquez to the United States to continue the prosecution of his workers' compensation claim.

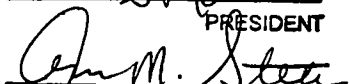
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption of this resolution, signed copies be delivered to the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training and the Director of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency in Boston.

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