



BEXAR COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
MICHAEL L. YOUNG, CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER

Defendant
TDCJ No. *(If applicable)*
Rt. 2, Box 4400
Gatesville TX 76597

Re: Your previous attorney, Mark Benavides / Cause No. _____ & Court No. _____

Dear _____:

You are receiving this letter because the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office has initiated an internal review of all cases involving now-disbarred attorney, Mark Benavides, to ensure that each case disposition is just. Based on our information, it has been determined that Mark Benavides previously represented you. On June 28, 2017, the Court of Criminal Appeals granted a former client of Benavides relief on the basis that counsel's conflict of interest deprived applicant of her constitutional right to counsel. *Ex parte Sanchez*, No. WR-84,238-01 (Tex. Crim. App. 2017)(not designated for publication).

The Bexar County Public Defender's Office is assisting former clients of Mark Benavides in presenting their claim for investigation. Neither the Public Defender's Office nor the District Attorney's Office have the power to vacate a conviction. That relief must be granted by a court acting under lawful authority. If you wish to pursue relief, you may hire a private attorney to represent you to investigate your case. If you cannot afford an attorney and would like to speak with an attorney from our office to assist you in presenting your claim for relief, please contact our office at (210) 335-0701 and ask to speak to Marisol Morales. Anything you discuss with the attorneys or staff of the Public Defender's Office will kept completely confidential. You have no obligation to respond or otherwise take any action in response to this letter.

Respectfully,

Michael Young
Chief Public Defender
Bexar County Public Defender's Office