


Declaration of Tyn E. Davis

I, Tyn E. Davis, hereby state and declare the following:

1. I am over 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and a Hispanic American. My date of birth is June 08, 1961. My mailing address is P.O. Box 751, Fort Hancock, Texas 79839.
2. My father is an Anglo-American and my mother is Mexican. I am half Hispanic.
3. In 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997, I applied for and received on time, FSA operating loans from the El Paso County FSA office.
4. In January of 1998, I was told by the state of Texas to destroy my wheat crop because of a fungus. I was hesitant to destroy the crop, but was told that if I did not do it, the state would come and do it for me. I received emergency money from the State of Texas because I was told to destroy my crop.
5. In April of 1998, I went to see Bill McAnally my FSA loan officer to tell him that I would be late with my payment because of the fungus and the fact that I had to destroy my crop. Mr. McAnally was very understanding and told me that it would not be a problem.
6. Upon leaving the FSA office, a Hispanic farmer walked in who had trouble understanding English. Mr. McAnally called out to me and asked if I spoke Spanish, I told him I did and I assisted the Hispanic farmer. Mr. McAnally asked me how I knew Spanish so well, and that is when I informed him that I was half Hispanic, that my mother was Mexican.
7. After Mr. McAnally learned that I was half Hispanic his attitude towards me changed drastically. It is widely known among Hispanic farmers in El Paso that Mr. McAnally hates Hispanics. In late May of 1998, I received a letter from Mr. McAnally that he was foreclosing on my farm because I did not make my loan payment on time. He had just told me less than two months before when he believed that I was an Anglo farmer, that it was alright for me to be late with my loan payment. Now that he knew I was half Hispanic, he was foreclosing on my farm.
8. My father offered to pay the debt, but Mr. McAnally said it was too late because the foreclosure process had already started. I complained to the head of the FHA office in Texas that I was being discriminated against by Mr. McAnally and the FSA office because I am Hispanic.

9. When the truck arrived to repossess my equipment, I told the driver what was being done to me and he said he would come back in a week and in the mean time I should get myself a bankruptcy attorney. I did just that, and I was able to save my farm and equipment from being repossessed.
10. I believe that I was discriminated against by Mr. McAnally and the USDA office because I am Hispanic.

I have reviewed the foregoing Declaration, consisting of (10) Ten numbered paragraphs, and declare, under penalty of perjury that it is true and correct and to the best of my personal knowledge.


Tyra E. Davis

Date

7-11-2002