

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Criminal No. 06-
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v.	:	
	:	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>
	:	<b>OF</b>
ALBERT POET	:	<b>HEATHER GIFFORD</b>
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Heather Gifford, of full age, certifies as follows:

1. I am an employee of the Shore Laser Center (hereinafter referred to as "Shore") which is located in Manahawkin, New Jersey. I have been employed there since September 2003 as a surgical assistant. I am making this Certification at the request of Dr. Albert Poet who is the owner of Shore and the defendant in this matter. I have knowledge of the facts that are stated herein.
2. On August 9, 2006 I was interviewed at the United States Attorney's Office in Trenton, New Jersey by Assistant United States Attorney Eugenia Cowles regarding Dr. Albert Poet with whom I work. Also present at this interview was Investigator Marc Hess and my attorney, Robert G. Stevens.
3. At this interview I was assured by Ms. Cowles that I was not a target of the investigation but that I would most likely be required to testify before a federal grand jury. That appearance was scheduled for the following week.
4. The initial questions at the interview related to my duties as a surgical assistant and my dealings with the patients when they come to the office for treatment. The questions were then directed to the use of Botox and a similar product that was purchased from a company that I know as TRI.
5. I told Ms. Cowles that when a patient initially comes to the office, that person often does not know what specific treatment is needed. They only know what the problem is and want it to be remedied. As a result and after listening to a description by the patient, Dr. Poet will generally go into a detailed explanation about the several treatments that are available for the described problem. He will also explain the side effects of the various treatments and what the patient can

expect will happen from each. Although I usually remain in the room during this consultation, I do not always listen to all of the details of the conversations.

6. I was also asked by Ms. Cowles about the consent forms that are used at the office. These forms are prepared by Dr. Poet and are signed by the patient prior to the procedure being done. There is a consent form for each type of procedure performed at the office. Dr. Poet will ask me to get the form and I then bring it to the patient to read. Once the patient signs the form, I will witness it. The same form is used whether Botox or the TRI product is being administered to the patient.
7. In addition to being an employee, I told Ms. Cowles that I was also patient of Dr. Poet and received the TRI product. He had told me that it was a more purified form and lasted longer than the Botox product.
8. Although there were other topics discussed at the interview with Ms. Cowles, the above relates to the conversations about Botox and the TRI product. When I testified in the grand jury on August 17, 2006, I was asked the same questions and gave the same answers.
9. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Dated:

1/11/07

  
HEATHER GIFFORD