

**AFFIDAVIT OF FRANKIE ANDREU**

I, Francisco (Frankie) Andreu, under penalty of perjury, declare and state:

1. I am forty-five (45) years old and was born on September 26, 1966.
2. I was a professional cyclist during the time period from 1989 through 2000.
3. Since 2001 I have continued to be involved in the sport of cycling serving as a television commentator, and professional cycling team director.
4. The statements contained in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge and are true and accurate.
5. I am providing this affidavit to the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) as part of my voluntary cooperation with USADA and as a part of USADA's investigation of doping in the sport of cycling.
6. I understand that this affidavit will be submitted in legal proceedings, including arbitrations, in which USADA is presently involved or may become involved, and in connection with cases that USADA has brought, or may bring, in connection with doping in the sport of cycling.
7. USADA has full authority to use this affidavit as appropriate in connection with its anti-doping responsibilities under the Code, including use in any legal proceedings or in connection with any decision or announcement of sanctions or violations issued by USADA.
8. I understand that a requirement of my cooperation with USADA is that I provide USADA truthful and complete information concerning my involvement in doping and the involvement in anti-doping rule violations of all others of which I am aware.

9. I understand and agree that I am subject to the results management jurisdiction of USADA as a former United States athlete who is a member of USA Cycling and who is subject to the USA Cycling Medical Control rules, the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the United States Olympic Committee National Anti-Doping Policies.

10. Except as stated herein the testimony and statements provided in this affidavit were provided directly to USADA and have not previously been provided to the Union Cycliste Internationale or USA Cycling.

11. A brief history of my cycling career follows.

12. I began my amateur cycling career as a member of the Wolverine Sports Club.

13. I won the individual pursuit at the 1984 Junior National Track Cycling Championships.

14. In 1985 I placed first in the Madison at the National Track Cycling Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana and second in the points race and team pursuit.

15. In 1988 I was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team and placed eighth in the points race at the Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea.

16. I was also a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Team and finished fourth in the road race during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

17. I rode for the following professional teams: 7 Eleven (1989 – 1990), Motorola (1991 – 1996), Cofidis (1997), U.S. Postal Service (1998 – 2000).

18. I competed in the Tour de France nine (9) times.

19. After retiring as a professional cyclist I served as an assistant director for the U.S. Postal Service Cycling Team in 2001 and 2002.

20. During my career I became close friends with Lance Armstrong riding with him during his first four years in professional cycling with the Motorola team from 1992 through 1996.

21. During 1992 Lance joined the Motorola team following the Barcelona Olympic Games.

22. Lance and I were close friends virtually all of our time as teammates. We lived together in Como, Italy during 1993.

23. While I was competing on Motorola the use of erythropoietin (EPO) became prevalent in the peloton. As the use of EPO increased it became apparent that it was going to be difficult to have professional success as a cyclist without using EPO.

24. Over time a general consensus arose on the Motorola team that it would be necessary for us to use EPO to help in racing because there were so many riders against whom we were competing that were using EPO.

25. At the time, I recall LA saying he was getting his ass kicked and was in favor of doing something about it. All of us were saying that we have to do something.

26. In 1996 Kevin Livingston and I drove together to Switzerland to purchase EPO. We went to a pharmacy in Switzerland and each purchased EPO for our own use.

27. I understand that Lance began working with the Italian doctor Michele Ferrari in 1995.

28. When Lance came to the team training camp, in Italy, in early 1996 he had bulked up considerably, particularly in his upper body. Several commented that he looked like a linebacker.

29. I recall George Hincapie calling me, I believe in 1996, after returning from Europe to North Carolina that he had been stopped in customs and EPO in his luggage had been discovered. He told the officials that it was medicine and was allowed to keep it. We got a good laugh out of that.

30. Betsy Kramar and I became engaged in September 1996, to be married on December 31, 1996.

31. On October 27, 1996 my then fiancé, now wife Betsy, and I went to Indianapolis, Indiana to visit Lance Armstrong who was there at Indiana University Hospital for cancer treatment. We stayed until October 29.

32. At this time I considered Lance to be one of my closest friends. Betsy knew Lance fairly well from having attended cycling races where Lance and I were racing together. When Betsy visited me in Como, Italy we would frequently hang out with Lance at his house or go to dinner. A group of us was gathered with Lance at the hospital and two men in white coats, presumably doctors, entered to talk with Lance and began asking questions. Those present in the room with Lance and the doctors were me and Betsy, Chris Carmichael and his then girlfriend now wife Paige, Lance's girlfriend at the time Lisa Shiels, and Stephanie McIlvain.

33. I presumed the men asking questions were doctors and Betsy suggested we should leave the room so that Lance could have some privacy. However, Lance said that everyone should stay.

34. Among the questions asked by one of the doctors was whether Lance had used performance enhancing drugs. Lance responded that he had taken EPO, testosterone, growth hormone, cortisone and steroids.

35. Although I was not surprised to hear that Lance had been using performance enhancing drugs, I was surprised that Lance had confessed his drug use in a room full of people.

36. I could tell that Lance's words had had a tremendous impact on Betsy, and I immediately decided it was time to leave and said so to Betsy.

37. As we left the room I could tell that Betsy was upset and shocked by what she had heard. In the hallway near the elevator she said, "I can't believe that" and wanted to know whether I had used any drugs like that. She told me that she was not going to marry a drug user and if I was using those drugs that we were not getting married.

38. Sometime later, Lance and I were on a training ride from his home in Austin, Texas, and he asked me how Betsy had reacted to his acknowledgement he had been using performance enhancing drugs. I told Lance she had freaked out a little bit and that it had caused us to get into a couple of arguments but then it kind of went away.

39. In 1997 Lance brought me with him to the French professional team Cofidis. However, Lance was unable to compete in 1997 due to his cancer; although we roomed together at the team training camp in Lille, France in January, 1997.

40. Kevin Livingston and I shared an apartment in Nice, France for the 1997 season. Betsy was working on renovation of our home in Michigan but visited me in Nice several times during the 1997 season.

41. While in Nice in 1997 Betsy and I met a gentlemen named **Other-18** who would later become a kind of personal assistant and handyman in Nice for Lance and Kristin Armstrong. True and accurate photos of the gentleman I recognize to be **Other-18** are attached to this affidavit as Attachments A, B and C.

42. In 1998 Betsy and I rented an apartment in Nice, and we bought an apartment in Nice in 1998 which we lived in during the cycling seasons in 1999 and 2000.

43. When Lance joined the U.S. Postal Service Team in 1998 I also joined the U.S. Postal Service Team. I rode with Lance as a team captain for the U.S. Postal Service Team in 1999 and 2000.

44. The team doctor for the U.S. Postal Service Team in 1998 was Pedro Celaya. Dr. Celaya was not as conservative as Max Testa, the Motorola team physician.

45. I used EPO in 1998 in preparation for the Tour de France.

46. I used a thermos to carry my EPO and keep it cool when I traveled. Many other riders on the team did this. Kevin Livingston had a thermos, and I knew he was using EPO as we had purchased it together and had used it together. Lance had a thermos, and I knew from what he had said in the hospital room that he used EPO.

47. At a race in Spain in 1999 I recall Lance spreading out his pills on the bed and explaining how he would use certain pills at certain points in the race. He had pills for 50 kilometers from the end, pills for 30 kilometers from the end. I do not know what the pills were but it demonstrated to me that Lance was very attentive to the chemical side of race preparation.

48. In 1999 Betsy, Lance and Kristin Armstrong, and I were driving to the race known as Milan-San Remo and Lance had a rendezvous with Dr. Michele Ferrari. Ferrari had brought his camper and Lance went into the camper for about an hour. The rest of us just marked time for an hour while we waited for Lance. Once Lance came out of the camper we continued our trip without Lance saying anything about why he had met with Ferrari other than commenting that I could get results if I were willing to work with Ferrari.

49. I was aware that Kevin Livingston, Tyler Hamilton, Axel Merckx were also working with Dr. Ferrari and every month or two Livingston and Hamilton and Armstrong separately would go to Italy to meet with him.

50. On many occasions Lance asked me to use Dr. Ferrari. Lance told me that he thought Ferrari would help me get stronger and race better. However, I was aware that Ferrari had a bad reputation of supplying riders with performance enhancing drugs, and I declined Lance's requests that I work with Dr. Ferrari.

51. Ferrari had a strong reputation in the peloton as a doctor that advocated the use of performance enhancing drugs such as EPO. This reputation was also prevalent in the media. For instance, attached as Attachment **D** is a newspaper article from this time period in which Dr. Ferrari is quoted discussing EPO.

52. I also knew that Dr. Ferrari was expensive, and because of the reputation that Dr. Ferrari had I in no way wanted to be associated with him.

53. During 1999, at the USPS training camp in Solvang, California, Lance again brought up the topic of me working with Dr. Ferrari. Lance was adamant that he believed working with Dr. Ferrari would improve my race performances. He told me I should "get serious." However, I remained firm in my decision not to work with Dr. Ferrari.

54. I got regular injections of vitamins from the U.S. Postal Service team doctor. In 1999 our new team director Johan Bruyneel had brought in Dr. Luis Garcia del Moral as the new team doctor.

55. On several occasions in 1999 I received injections of EPO from Dr. del Moral. These injections were generally given in my hotel room at the team hotel during or just after a race.

56. On most occasions I was aware of what was being injected. However, I recall one occasion during the 1999 Tour de France when after a stage in the race Luis came into the team camper with syringes wrapped in aluminum foil and gave everyone an injection. These injections were given intravenously. I asked Luis what it was but he refused to tell me.

57. Most vitamin injections, such as B-12 injections, were given in the buttocks.

58. I recall being with Lance just before a public medical check at the 1999 Tour de France. The media was to attend the medical check and it was to be done shirtless. Just before going out someone noticed a bruise on Lance's upper arm where he had been injected. The location was a place that I knew bruising could occur from EPO injections. I recall Lance saying, "Oh, shit that's not good." One of our soigneurs Emma O'Reilly put make up on Lance to cover up the bruising on the injection site on Lance's upper arm and he went out to do the public medical check.

59. In 1999 after the Tour de France Betsy found a thermos with EPO in it in our refrigerator. She questioned me about the drugs and was very upset. I responded to Betsy, "You don't understand. This is the only way I can keep up in the Tour."

60. I continued to compete for the U.S. Postal Service team in 2000. Betsy and I continued to live in Nice, and I continued training with Lance and others.

61. I made the Tour de France team again in 2000, and we brought Lance to a second straight win in the Tour de France.



62. I desired to return to the U.S. Postal Service team in 2001, however, I could not reach an agreement with Johan Bruyneel on a contract. As a consequence, I retired as a professional cyclist following the 2000 season.

63. Lance and Johan did offer to hire me as an assistant team director for 2001 for the U.S. Postal Service, and I accepted this offer and served as an assistant team director in 2001 and 2002.

64. Lance e-mailed me in 2001 and told me he thought I retired too early. He suggested I come back to racing. However, I declined his offer. A true and accurate copy of this email from Lance is attached as Attachment E. My former teammate Christian Vande Velde also encouraged me to come back to the team in 2001 to support George Hincapie in one of the Spring Classics. Christian sent an email to me referencing his belief I would “be fine for a day under the proper care of Luis [del Moral].” A true and accurate copy of this email from Christian Vande Velde is attached to this Affidavit as Attachment F.

65. On July 30, 2001, Betsy and I had dinner with Lance and Kristin, their handyman and his wife, and Chechu Rubiera, at Michel’s in Villefranche, France. During the dinner a lot of the conversation focused on Lance’s displeasure with Greg LeMond’s comments to the media concerning Lance’s relationship with Dr. Ferrari. I recall that there had been several recent news articles on the topic of Lance working with Ferrari and that Lance’s relationship with Ferrari had not been generally known prior to this time. I recall Lance saying words to the effect of, “Who does Greg think he is, talking about Ferrari? I’m going to take him down.”

66. During this conversation Lance never denied or disputed using performance enhancing drugs but criticized LeMond for criticizing him.

67. In 2003 I called Lance Armstrong and told Lance that journalist David Walsh had contacted me about a story Walsh was doing on Lance. Lance asked me to call David Walsh to do the interview and see if I could get information about the story.

68. David Walsh also spoke with my wife Betsy and started asking her questions about Lance's admission in the Indiana hospital room that he had used performance enhancing drugs.

69. Betsy told me that eventually one of the questions David Walsh asked was whether she had contact information for Lance's former girlfriend Lisa Shiels, therefore, Betsy called Kevin Livingston's wife Becky Livingston to see if she had Lisa Shiels' phone number and Betsy asked Becky to please not tell Kevin about the request.

70. Eventually, it got back to Lance that Betsy had asked for Lisa Shiels' phone number and Lance got very upset.

71. Lance sent me an email on December 15, 2003, in which Lance referenced Betsy's request to Becky Livingston for Lisa Shiels' phone number in which Lance wrote, "helping to bring me down is not going to help y'all's situation at all. there is a direct link to all our success here and i suggest you remind her [referring to Betsy] of that."

72. A true and accurate copy of my email exchange with Lance Armstrong on December 13 – 15, 2003 is attached to this Affidavit as Attachment G.

73. David Walsh asked me about Lance's admission in the Indiana hospital room that he had used performance enhancing drugs.

74. Mr. Walsh did not tell me where he had gotten the information about Lance's confession, I found that out through Betsy which she had told James Startt who told Greg LeMond

who told David Walsh. I understand that Walsh included an account of the hospital room confession in a book he wrote that was published in 2004 and called, *LA Confidential*.

75. Around the time of the 2004 Tour de France Mr. Walsh gave a radio interview in which he apparently said Betsy was willing to testify to and back him up regarding the hospital room confession.

76. After that, Lance called me to his room to discuss the situation. He told me that Bill Stapleton wanted to talk to me about the hospital room and have my wife sign a statement of support for Lance saying the hospital incident did not happen. His then girlfriend at the time, Sheryl Crow, was in the room, and I felt uncomfortable talking about this in front of her so I did not say much.

77. Thereafter, Bill Stapleton, Lance's agent, and Bart Knaggs, a business associate of Lance and Stapleton, called and asked to meet with me.

78. The meeting took place in a parking lot at the 2004 Tour de France over the course of about 20 minutes. Bill Stapleton and Bart Knaggs were not aware that I was tape recording the conversation. A true and accurate copy of a transcript of my tape recording of this conversation is Attachment H to this affidavit.

79. In the conversation we discussed the hospital room incident where Lance told us he had used performance enhancing drugs, and I said to Bill Stapleton and Bart Knaggs, "I never told anybody about the hospital room you know." To that, Stapleton responded, "Right." Throughout the entire conversation neither Stapleton, nor Knaggs disputed Lance's doping that Walsh had written about. Rather, as the tape and transcript demonstrate, Stapleton and Knaggs were only seeking ways to discredit David Walsh and discourage further inquiry.

80. Self interest is a significant reason for the omerta – the Code of Silence – that is prevalent in professional cycling when it comes to discussing the truth about doping.

81. In the conversation, as reflected on the transcript, Bill Stapleton said, “it’s all in our interest not to blow this whole thing up.”

82. I agreed with him at the time and said, “this benefits nobody, this accomplishes nothing, we want Lance to do good because [it] helps me, it helps the team, it helps everything, everything just gets bigger and it helps everybody.”

83. In that conversation I confirmed that, “I have . . . protected Lance for a long time, not, in me not talking about it . . . every interview I give . . . I . . . talk to this stuff, I say everything good.”

84. Also in that conversation, Bill Stapleton explained his strategy for attacking David Walsh, saying, “the best results for us all is to pick away at him . . . and show his publisher that it really is falling apart and [at] that point extract an apology, drop the fucking lawsuit and it all just goes away.”

85. Stapleton said the option he wanted to avoid was “full out war in a French court” where everybody would testify because it “could blow the whole sport.”

86. Following the 2004 Tour de France I received an email from my former teammate George Hincapie regarding my wife’s communications about Lance’s doping in which George wrote:

I cannot understand how you can just sit around and let betsy try and take down the whole team. Yes, she is just saying things about lance, but it effects us all. You were part of the team just like us. If he is guilty then so are you. The whole thing is so hypocritical. she is attacking our livelihood.

A True and accurate copy of August, 2004, emails exchanged with George Hincapie are attached as Attachment I to this Affidavit.

87. Upon returning from the 2005 Tour de France I exchanged text messages with my former U.S. Postal Service teammate Jonathan Vaughters in which we discussed doping on the U.S. Postal Service team. A true and accurate copy of these text messages is provided as Attachment J to this affidavit.

88. In the arbitration proceeding captioned *Lance Armstrong and Tailwind Sports, Inc., Claimants, vs. SCA Promotions, Inc., and Hamman Insurance Services, Inc., Respondent* (the “SCA Arbitration”) I was compelled by subpoena to attend a deposition on October 25, 2005, and to give truthful testimony.

89. Betsy and I are residents of the State of Michigan. In the *SCA* arbitration proceeding Betsy and I refused to attend a deposition pursuant to a subpoena issued by a Texas court and only complied with a deposition subpoena when it was served by a Michigan court and we were advised by our lawyer that the subpoena was legally enforceable and to disobey the subpoena could result in us being held in contempt of court.

90. I did not want to testify at my deposition but had no choice as I had been subpoenaed. At that time I said on the record that, “I would prefer not to be here at the deposition.”

91. From having been in professional cycling for so long I was well aware of many incidents where those who spoke about doping too much were ostracized and found it difficult to retain a job in the sport.

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93. Over the last few years I have had a number of occasions where professional cycling teams that I managed were not invited to compete at competitions that by performance they should have been invited to compete in.

94. I have been told that my public disputes with Lance Armstrong have made it more difficult for others in the cycling industry to work with me because they fear reprisal from Lance and his associates.

95. I have never sought to bring Lance down or cause him harm.

96. I have only sought to tell the truth.

97. This affidavit is not an exhaustive summary of my testimony, however, it fairly and accurately sets forth information within my personal knowledge.

I swear or affirm that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 18 day of September, 2012.

  
Frankie Andreu

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF Wayne

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Subscribed and sworn to before me by Frankie Andrew on this 19 day of  
September, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: Jan. 13, 2018

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