

THE CASE OF ALVARO URIBE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE

Timeline and relationship of the main events of the process carried out by the Supreme Court of Justice against former President Álvaro Uribe Vélez

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Case timeline:

Action date	Action
7/September/2011	MP Iván Cepeda denounces former President Álvaro Uribe for alleged links to paramilitarism, with Pablo Hernán Sierra and Juan Guillermo Monsalve as witnesses.
23/February/2012	Upon receiving complaints of Cepeda's activities in prisons in Colombia and abroad in search of false witnesses to incriminate him -with charge of gifts and benefits- Senator Álvaro Uribe denounces Congressman Iván Cepeda for false witnesses.

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21/June/ 2013	Senator Álvaro Uribe Vélez expands complaint against Iván Cepeda.
16/February/2018	The Supreme Court of Justice (CSJ), with a presentation by magistrate José Luis Barceló, recognized enemy of former President Uribe, refrains from investigating Congressman Iván Cepeda and instead begins an investigation against Álvaro Uribe Vélez, who went from accuser to accused. (The investigation was carried out behind the back of Uribe, who was notified of this process only until July 26, 2018).
22/February/2018	<p>At the request of the witness Monsalve, the lawyer Diego Cadena - then part of the legal team of former President Uribe - visits him to learn of his desire to retract and the complaint that he acted under pressure from Iván Cepeda. Monsalve's lawyer, Héctor Romero, also participated in this meeting.</p> <p>The same day, lawyer Reinaldo Villalba (member of the José Alvear Restrepo Collective, who is a lawyer for Senator IVÁN CEPEDA) filed a complaint against Senator Álvaro Uribe for alleged witness tampering.</p>
23/February/2018	The next day, the magistrate, Barceló ordered the interception of the phone from the representative to the Chamber,

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	<p>Álvaro Hernán Prada, about whom there was no information in the file. In Vilalba's complaint, Prada appears as the contact between Uribe and Monsalve.</p> <p>On the same day, the Assistant Magistrate Sandra Yepes received, at the La Picota Prison, a statement from Juan Guillermo Monsalve.</p>
9/March/2018	<p>Magistrate Barceló ordered the interception of the Representative's phone to the House, NILTON CÓRDOBA MANYOMA, due to possible links with the so-called Toga Cartel. According to the Supreme Court of Justice, in the development of this order, Senator Álvaro Uribe's phone was intercepted "by mistake" for a month.</p> <p>Later, magistrate Barceló legalized this interception and transferred part of its content to Uribe's file to use as evidence against him.</p>
5/April/2018	<p>Deyanira Gómez, Monsalve's wife, meets with lawyer Diego Cadena in a café in the center of Bogotá, supposedly for the delivery of the recantation memorial, but Cadena refuses to receive it when Deyanira alludes to alleged pressure.</p>

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9/April/2018	Magistrate Barceló requests protection for Monsalve and Deyanira.
25/April/2018	Monsalve requests admission to the JEP. With the help as proxy, of Carlos Toro, lawyer close to the Alvear Restrepo Collective and litigator against Santiago Uribe Vélez.
May/2018	<p>Senator Álvaro Uribe requests that the Court certify the investigations he has against him.</p> <p>In the response that was sent to him, the existence of this process was not related, despite the fact that by then much of the investigation had already been carried out and even several people from the former president's close surroundings were under wiretapping.</p>
27/June/2018	Before several and unjustifiable leaks of the summary, published in the media, Senator Uribe submits a petition to the Supreme Court of Justice to inform him if he is being investigated in that specific filing and asks to be heard in a free version.
26/June/2018	The Supreme Court of Justice notifies Senator Álvaro Uribe of the process and informs him of the call for an investigation, denying him the right to a free version, despite the fact that said guarantee is common. On the same day,

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	Mrs. Deyanira Gómez left the country as a protected witness.
September/2019	The magistrate Cesar Reyes received testimonies in the case against Álvaro Uribe, without practicing the totality of the declarations previously decreed. He stopped listening to Salvatore Mancuso, El Tuso Sierra, Monoleche, among others, who had forcefully claimed to have received pressure from Congressman Iván Cepeda to testify against former President Uribe and his brother.
8/October/2019	Inquiry to Álvaro Uribe Vélez.
January/2020	INPEC raided Monsalve's cell, finding cell phones and computers without authorization.
27/July/2020	<p>The Office of the Attorney General of the Nation charged Diego Cadena, former attorney for Senator Álvaro Uribe, with bribery and procedural fraud.</p> <p>7 months before Carlos Enrique Vélez met the lawyer Diego Cadena, he had already declared pressure from Iván Cepeda to harm Uribe. The viatical and humanitarian aid allegedly granted by Cadena to the witness in 2018 - without the knowledge of Álvaro Uribe - could not have the effect of changing a testimony given years ago.</p>

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28/July/2020	In a new leak, public opinion knows that the Supreme Court is preparing to resolve the legal situation of former President Álvaro Uribe Vélez.
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THE NARRATIVE:

Part 1: Álvaro Uribe - Real Victim of False Witnesses

Various enemies of former President **Álvaro Uribe** -among them Congressman Iván Cepeda- have dedicated themselves to touring prisons in the country and abroad looking for false testimonies that allow former President Álvaro Uribe to become involved with paramilitary groups.

Recognized paramilitaries have pointed out that Mr. **Iván Cepeda** has gone to their detention centers to pressure, manipulate, and offer judicial and financial benefits in exchange for false testimonies against President Uribe, his family, and his fellow members. Among them:

- The former paramilitary and drug trafficker Juan Carlos Sierra, alias **El Tuso Sierra**. In October 2018, Mr. Sierra publicly stated that in 2010 Senator **Iván Cepeda**, accompanied by **Piedad Córdoba**, among others, had visited him in the federal prison where he was being held in the United States to meet with him and the former head of the AUC **Salvatore Mancuso**.
- El Tuso Sierra confirmed that Mr. Iván Cepeda asked them about **Álvaro Uribe**, his brother **Santiago Uribe** and his cousin, former Senator **Mario Uribe**. He admitted that **Cepeda** offered him asylum for his family in Switzerland or France if he testified against **President Uribe**.
- **Sierra** revealed that, upon leaving prison, he met with judicial affairs journalist **Juan Carlos Giraldo**, who informed him that the then **Prosecutor Eduardo Montealegre**, his **Deputy Prosecutor Jorge Fernando Perdomo** and the

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then **Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice, José Luis Barceló**, they would keep him in Justice and Peace in exchange for a testimony against former President **Álvaro Uribe**.

- Ramiro de Jesús Henao, alias **Simón**, former member of the Bloque Metro of the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia. In February 2018, a 2014 video was released in which Mr. Henao points out to **Iván Cepeda** of seeking him out in 2012 to offer him political asylum and other benefits if he declared that former **President Uribe** had ordered and been present during the murder of a guerrilla fighter in 1997, a crime perpetrated at that time by the Bloque Metro in the municipality of Vegachí, in Antioquia.
- On the other hand, Mr. Gabriel Muñoz Ramírez, alias **Castañeda**, also a former member of the Bloque Metro, declared towards 2015 to the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation that **Iván Cepeda** had visited him in the Itagüí prison on May 30, 2013, offering him inmate benefits and political asylum to his family, in exchange for declaring against Senator **Álvaro Uribe**, this time affirming that **Uribe** was doing politics in the northeast of Antioquia with the support of alias **Doble Cero** and alias **Jota**, who at that time served as leaders of the Bloque Metro.
- Alias **Castañeda** testified that **Iván Cepeda** wanted to make his life easier by giving him the script of what he would have to say against **Álvaro Uribe**, whom, moreover, he confessed not to know.
- In 2017 **Carlos Enrique Vélez**, alias Comandante Víctor, declared before the Supreme Court of Justice that he witnessed offers of benefits and pressure by Congressman **Iván Cepeda** to some inmates in the same prison where he was serving his sentence so that they could testify against former **President Uribe** and his brother **Santiago**. It should come as no surprise that he later relented to pressure and modified his testimony.

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- In June 2018 Elmo Jose Marmol, alias **El Poli**, testified before the Supreme Court of Justice stating that **Iván Cepeda**, accompanied by a lawyer who used to empower paramilitaries, had visited him in Cómbita-Boyacá prison in 2009 to make him declare against **President Uribe**.
- **El Poli** indicated that in a meeting **Iván Cepeda** offered him legal benefits and asylum in another country with his family. That is, the same modus operandi.
- At the end of July 2018 and during the trial against **Santiago Uribe** for the case of the 12 Apostles, the former AUC member Jesús Ignacio Roldán, alias **Monoleche**, pointed out to the former paramilitary chief of the Cacique Pipintá Front, Pablo Hernán Sierra, alias **Alberto Guerrero**, as the person who had offered him, alias **Julián Bolívar** and alias **El Alemán**, legal and economic benefits, in exchange for testimonies that muddied **Álvaro Uribe** and his brother **Santiago**; offer that came in the name of Senator **Iván Cepeda**.
- Alias **Monoleche** indicated that at least 40 demobilized paramilitaries had received offers from **Iván Cepeda** in the Itagüí Prison.

Part 2: The Paradox or The World Upside Down

The justice administration exonerated Congressman **Iván Cepeda** from the allegations that former President **Uribe** had filed against him for the manipulation of witnesses, and in an unusual reversal of the roles, he turned the former president from accuser to accused.

Justice accused former **President Uribe** and his attorney, **Diego Cadena**, of seeking to manipulate the testimony of witnesses. **Juan Guillermo Monsalve** and **Carlos Enrique Vélez**, two more of those who make up the huge list of false witnesses against the former president, to induce him to testify against **Iván Cepeda**.

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Monsalve case

- At the beginning of 2018, Mr. **Monsalve** decided, on his own initiative, to look for people close to former **President Uribe** to declare that he wanted to retract the accusations he had made against him and, additionally, confess the way in which Mr. **Iván Cepeda** had led him to false testimony. As is hardly logical, the former president's legal team decided to investigate the case and the lawyer **Diego Cadena** agreed to interview Mr. **Monsalve**, a meeting that took place on February 22, 2018 in the La Picota prison.
- The meeting between **Diego Cadena** and **Juan Guillermo Monsalve** was illegally recorded by the latter using a watch. In the respective audios it is clear that at no time did **Diego Cadena** offer **Monsalve** perks or benefits, and even less that he had hinted at something that was outside the law.
- Mr. **Monsalve** asked lawyer **Cadena** for security and legal aid. When **Cadena** informed former **President Uribe** of that request, former **President Uribe** asked him to tell **Monsalve** to request that aid publicly from the Supreme Court of Justice.
- Mr. **Enrique Pardo Hasche**, detainee and neighbor of **Juan Guillermo Monsalve's** cell, sent a letter to the Supreme Court of Justice in which he revealed the details of the way in which Mr. **Iván Cepeda** had managed to recruit **Juan Guillermo Monsalve** as witness against former **President Uribe** on paramilitary issues.
- Mr. **Enrique Pardo** revealed in the letter that **Juan Guillermo Monsalve** regretted his testimony against former President Uribe, feeling that they could discover that he had lied, which is why he had made the decision to tell the truth, even if it meant losing the benefits he had obtained through **Iván Cepeda**.

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- The statement that former paramilitary Fauner José Barahona, alias **Racumín**, gave during an interview on the W Radio station in October 2019 should also be invoked. In which he not only stated that he was not aware that former President **Álvaro Uribe** had had any relationship with paramilitary groups, but **Juan Guillermo Monsalve** boasted that thanks to the patronage of **Iván Cepeda** and for having spoken against **Uribe** he had received benefits and they were not going to transfer him from his comfortable place of seclusion.

Vélez

- In 2019, the country heard a recording by Eurídice Cortés, alias **Diana** and political leader of the AUC in Caldas, with **Juan José Salazar**, lawyer for Cadena Asociados. In the recording, **Diana** assures that **Carlos Enrique Vélez** called her to ask her to lie in the statement she would give on September 13, 2019.
- Specifically, he asked her to say that attorney **Diego Cadena's** office had offered her money to testify falsely on behalf of former **President Uribe**. This in the framework of an extortion of money to the lawyer **Diego Cadena**.

Twisting the Facts

The Supreme Court of Justice relied on **Monsalve's** suspicious and despicable account and on testimonies of the same condition, such as that of **Carlos Enrique Vélez**, to initiate a criminal case against ex-**President Uribe**.

Despite the abundance of accusations and records of his activity in some prisons, the Supreme Court of Justice not only refrained from accusing Congressman **Iván Cepeda** for the manipulation of witnesses, but also turned him into a victim of **Álvaro Uribe**, who then passed from complainant to accused and victimizer.

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Since then, a criminal process has been unleashed against the former president plagued with **anomalies and violations of due process and his right of defense**, among others:

His phone was **illegally intercepted** by the Court itself.

Multiple **legal requests made by his defense have been denied**.

Contradictory and credibly lacking testimonies have been admitted only because they are against him.

All the imperfections, anomalies and inconsistencies in the process, recorded in this document, are duly supported by testimonies and evidence.

**STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC OPINION OF THE DEFENSE OF PRESIDENT
ÁLVARO URIBE VÉLEZ**

In my capacity as Defender of the President Álvaro Uribe Vélez, I have tried, out of respect for the summary reservation and the autonomy and impartiality of the Supreme Court, to refrain from entering into controversies about unsubstantiated aspects that are published on the internet. However, following what has been published on a blog, I am out of respect for the truth, and based on information that is already public, obliged to make the following clarifications:

1. President Álvaro Uribe Velez's obsession has been the truth and institutionality. The obsession, for years, of others has been to find him guilty no matter what the facts show.
2. An obsessed blogger, who has had unlimited access to the reserved file that the Court is advancing, has not produced, nor will he be able to do, any evidence that even insinuates that President Uribe sought to distort or manipulate the truth of any witness. On the contrary, there are countless pieces of evidence that do exist where President Uribe's constant requirement for the truth is evident, which the blogger mysteriously omits in the abundant published material.

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3. Today, true to his style, this blogger again tries to show a contradiction where there is none, this by implying that President Uribe endorsed some sort of irregularity in the way in which the witness Carlos Enrique Velez signed a letter.
4. What is fully proven is that Carlos Enrique Vélez signed a letter on July 18, 2017, and President Uribe was informed only until **June 2, 2018**, that is, **11 months later**, that it, despite if it had been signed by the witness, it was drafted by Attorney Diego Cadena.
5. It should be noted that, at that time, President Uribe asked lawyer Cadena about whether this raised any questions, who explained to him that the witness was the one who had provided the content of the document and that, even later, **he had contributed from his own writing two other letters in the same sense**.
6. It is highly relevant, despite the fact that the blogger omits it, to bear in mind that the version according to which the content of Carlos Enrique Vélez's letter was "assembled" or invented by Diego Cadena lacks any logic, thus, it is proven that **7 months before** Vélez and Cadena met, the witness had declared before the Supreme Court of Justice, under oath, exactly the same version that was reflected in the letter that he granted to Cadena.
7. For loyalty and respect to the Supreme Court, a copy of this communication, and of the others made in recent days, will be forwarded to said Corporation to clarify to all its members the confusions that are being generated by different sectors interested in misrepresenting the transparent scope of conduct of President Uribe.

JAIME ENRIQUE GRANADOS PEÑA

Lawyer

On the second (2) day of the month of August of the year 2020.

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COLUMNS OF OPINION BY DANIEL CORONELL

Throughout the entire process against former President Álvaro Uribe and others advanced by the Supreme Court of Justice against family members and former officials of his government, there were constant leaks of documents and proceedings subject to summary reservation, with the clear intention of influencing to public opinion, with malicious readings of them.

The credibility and majesty of justice are seriously affected by the repetition of this practice, which violates the fundamental rights of the accused, so far neither the State nor the judicial system itself have taken actions to confront it or to identify or punish those responsible.

A clear example is summarized in the two columns published on social networks by the journalist Daniel Coronell on July 26 and August 2, 2020, - we attach them below -, which reveal details of the process and anticipate possible outcomes of it.

El Desplome (July 26)

"It couldn't have been worse. The prosecution's interrogation of Diego Cadena exposed not only the alleged crimes he has committed, the contradictions between his different statements and the negligence of his actions; It also exposed his oceanic ignorance in law. Diego Cadena is a lawyer -as his professional card accredits- but his working life has been more that of a fixer, a fixer of drug lords to avoid going to trial, a prison visitor to get letters from his distinguished guests and a collector of testimonies of bandits to favor their clients.

Cadena, former president Álvaro Uribe's lawyer for this type of procedure, did not resist the simple pressure of the questionnaire. When asked by the prosecutor in the case if he had verified the assertions of Carlos Enrique Vélez, one of his witnesses, before presenting them to the Supreme Court of Justice, he had to admit that he had not. He only became concerned with checking the credibility of the witness when, supposedly, he began to extort money from him and his partner Juan José Salazar.

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Carlos Enrique Vélez is an imprisoned paramilitary, brought by Cadena to the process of former President Uribe. The inmate ended up confessing that he had been paid to testify against Senator Iván Cepeda.

Diego Cadena assures that the payments made by his office to several witnesses, among them Carlos Enrique Vélez, were viatical and humanitarian aid: "I was moved", "I just felt like doing it," he assured theatrically in the proceeding.

The payments far exceed the seven million that has been talked about so far, and the Prosecutor's Office has proof of that. Even María Helena Vélez, the sister of the paramilitary who received part of the money, quoted today by El Espectador, was surprised by the frequency and generosity of the money orders. In her statement to the authorities, she revealed that she commented to her imprisoned brother:

"See, you can't get something for nothing. How is it that the lawyer is going to pay you, instead of you paying the lawyer?"

Diego Cadena could not explain why, if the payments were supposedly legitimate, they are not backed by receipts signed by the imprisoned paramilitary:

–Of course, the distance and lack of coordination –Justified Cadena–, I honestly recognize that error because the person to whom the money was sent was in Palmira.

–And you don't have an office in el Valle? - asked the prosecutor. –Yes sir, in Cali.

–And how long does it take to Palmira from there? The prosecutor intelligently questions.

–25 minutes – Cadena admits, witnessing the collapse of another of his arguments. Diego Cadena has maintained so far that his client, Senator Álvaro Uribe, did not know about those payments: "There was an error in not having informed the President, but I did not consider it important".

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The strange thing is that he did consider it important to inform the main witness Juan Guillermo Monsalve about the offer of legal favors, to whom Cadena offered to process a free appeal for review of his sentence in Court, as proven in the recording that you can hear in losdanieles.com. Uribe in his investigation has said that the fees agreed with Cadena, and represented in one of the lots of his wife Lina Moreno in an exclusive urbanization in Montería, covered all the expenses he incurred:

–The lawyer Diego Cadena reported to you some type of expenses typical of professional management? The investigating magistrate asks. –This is –answers Senator Uribe–, it is supposed that these expenses were represented, plus the fees, in that lot. It is a lot of more than two thousand meters in an urbanization of the best qualities, which is destined to be worth a lot of money.

Diego Cadena, in his interrogation, stated that the lot is valued at 600 million pesos and that Uribe recommended that he not sell it because it will continue to rise in price. This is how he responded to the prosecutor when he asked what that payment in kind included:

When did you agree on the lot with your client –asks the prosecutor–, was there any talk that viatical payments would be generated, which would be deducted from there, or not?

– No, no sir – says Cadena-. Hopefully you ask Dr. Uribe. At no time did I say to him: President, I am going to charge you 100 million pesos for this. He was the one who told me: I want to give you a lot because you have helped me with these statements.

This was stated in his interrogation on November 5 at the Prosecutor’s Office. Another thing Cadena himself had said, under the gravity of the oath, in his statement before the Supreme Court of Justice on September 23:

–At what moment Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez pays you? –Asks the magistrate.

–I...– says Cadena, manifest that I need some resources for the expenses of my trip and the time spent as a proxy in this type of activities, Mr. Magistrate. There is no

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way that both versions are true. Several times, Diego Cadena implored the prosecutor "believe me, believe me", given the evident implausibility of his versions.

The end was tremendous for the Prosecutor's Office and especially languid for the lawyer, so arrogant on other occasions.

As evidenced, Diego Cadena tried to turn his behavior into venial sins: "Mistakes and recklessness were made but at no time was a person bribed to change, hide or lie (...) I apologize for my actions. Believe me this leaves me with a great experience".

Tomorrow is the - long postponed - hearing on charges and requests for an intramural assurance measure against Diego Cadena, for the alleged crimes of witness bribery and procedural fraud."

Cadena de Mando (August 2)

"It is already a tradition in Colombia. Others go to jail while the biggest beneficiary of crimes remains free and in command. Sabas Pretelt, a union leader who was tempted by politics and ended up being interior minister, was sentenced to six years and eight months in prison for buying the parliamentary votes that made Álvaro Uribe's reelection possible. Diego Palacio, a doctor turned protection minister and who perhaps had never heard such exotic names as Yidis and Teodolindo, suffered the same fate and ended up paying with his freedom and career for Uribe's insatiable desire for power. María del Pilar Hurtado, who was head of the Administrative Department of Security (DAS), fared worse. Young and intelligent professional, at some point dazzled by the leader, today she is silently serving fourteen years in prison for illegally following the magistrates and critics of the president, as they continue to call him.

The list could go on: Bernardo Moreno, Alberto Velásquez, Jorge Noguera, etc. In the midst of such sonorous names, that of the lawyer Diego Cadena is almost insignificant. What is new is that this guy, of whom few had heard before the scandal,

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left the necessary marks so that the justice system decides - once and for all - if the ex-president Uribe is untouchable.

Although there are several declarants managed by Cadena to benefit Senator Álvaro Uribe in the process that the Supreme Court of Justice is advancing for bribery of witnesses and procedural fraud; the debate has focused, at least for now, on two ex-paramilitaries: Carlos Enrique Vélez and Juan Guillermo Monsalve.

Today we will only talk about Vélez.

Iván Cancino, the defender of Cadena who seems to defend Uribe more than his client –as well as his defense of Cayita Daza, which has consisted of guaranteeing her silence–, told one truth: Carlos Enrique Vélez is a false witness. The statement, curiously true, was immediately taken up again in block letters by the official defense of Álvaro Uribe.

This confession should not be considered a mitigation but an aggravating circumstance. The false witness appeared in the process on behalf of Diego Cadena, who also made numerous payments that the Prosecutor considers bribes. Despite the fact that, according to Cadena's version, he and his partner Juan José Salazar had been extorted by Vélez, they never denounced him. Instead, they presented him as a credible witness and filed his statement in the Supreme Court, through the office of the titular lawyer Jaime Granados.

Vélez told the Prosecutor's Office that Diego Cadena came to look for him in the Palmira prison so that he could testify against Senator Iván Cepeda: - I never looked for them, Vélez affirmed in an affidavit, they themselves sought me and offered me money.

The paramilitary assures that what was said in a letter, signed by him but written by Diego Cadena, where he claimed that Iván Cepeda had come to visit him to ask him to lie in a statement against former President Álvaro Uribe, is not true:

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–And that's false. I have never spoken to Iván Cepeda. Nor have I had an interview with that man.

In the investigation to Senator Uribe before the Supreme Court, the investigating magistrate asked him about that curious letter that, like other witnesses obtained by Cadena, was written by the lawyer:

–When you found out that Diego Cadena had made the first letter of Carlos Enrique Vélez, alias Víctor, with his own handwriting. What reaction did you have?

–No, when I find out about that, it was very late, I tell him: How did you do that, Diego? I don't authorize that, if he doesn't know how to write, that someone else write for him in prison.

However, in the possession of the Supreme Court there is an interception in which Cadena tells Uribe that he was the one who wrote the letter from Carlos Enrique Vélez. In the transcription of the communication there is no claim by the senator.

The video that records Vélez's statement shows him writing and he has good handwriting.

María Helena Vélez is the older sister of Carlos Enrique Vélez and practically her mother because she was orphaned when she was just fifteen months old. She told the Prosecutor's Office, also under oath, that Diego Cadena contacted her:

–Mr. Cadena called me and said- look Mrs. Mary, I'm the lawyer Cadena. I am visiting your son in the Palmira prison. So, since I do not stay here often, because I travel a lot, then I am going to leave Juan José in charge so that you can get in touch with him in case Juan José suddenly calls you or if Carlos needs anything, you can communicate with Juan José.

At that moment the turns began: –Juan José has already begun to tell me that they send us two million, one million, five hundred, another million again, one million, one million and five hundred. Go and claim it, so I did.

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When the process began, Cadena assured that the so-called viatical and humanitarian aid barely reached two million pesos. A while ago, you accepted that maybe there were seven million.

The Prosecutor's Office has vouchers for more than ten million in money transfers, but investigators have reason to believe that Diego Cadena and Juan José Salazar also made other cash payments.

José Fernando Ocampo is the nephew of the imprisoned paramilitary and assures that he received, in two installments, eighteen million pesos in cash:

–Once it was in the Bolívar park and a man with a car, a white car I think it was, he gave me two million.

–Who called you to report that? Asked the prosecutor on the stage.

–My uncle said to me: go and collect, and I went and collected. And then at the entrance to the prison. The same man was going to visit my uncle. He gave me 16.

During the same sworn statement, the Prosecutor's Office asked him to identify who gave him the money.

*–Do you remember the person's name, or do you know who gave you that money?
Asks the prosecutor.*

–Juan José –answers Ocampo.

The theme does not stop there. A cousin of Carlos Enrique Vélez, named Ricardo Diosa Londoño, declared from Spain that Vélez told him about payments made by lawyers Cadena and Salazar. The reason for these payments is unclear to this declarant, sometimes speaking of "false witnesses" and other times of "false positives":

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–He was contacted to make some false witnesses, then. The man - he says referring to Cadena - communicates with him and tells him that they promise him the delivery of 200 million pesos because they were representing Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez at that time.

He claims to have received part of that money:

–They gave me an amount in cash. They gave me ten million pesos.

The truth is that these payments, which regardless of the amount are considered bribes, seem to fit with interceptions ordered by the Supreme Court of Justice.

Those recordings show that Carlos Enrique Vélez lied in the letter signed by him, but written by Diego Cadena, to try to involve Senator Iván Cepeda in the manipulation of witnesses.

The first recording is from June 16, 2018. In that conversation, Carlos Enrique Vélez, known by the alias of Víctor, speaks with Eurídice Cortés, alias comandante Diana, another paramilitary that Cadena used to record a video favorable to Uribe's cause:

–Let's see Diana so we can get a slice. That man there, see, that son of a gun is not poor, he's able to get 100 or 200 million pesos.

Just five hours after that call, alias Diana calls the lawyer Juan José Salazar, in these terms:

–Have you spoken with Víctor, with Carlos? –The woman asks.

–Well, the truth is that the man was bothering around there, because we couldn't meet him with a little thing that he asked us as a favor, because it took us a long time –answers Juan José–, you know that we take longer, sometimes, in those little things.

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The delay of those "little things" that lawyer Salazar talks about, made the paramilitary prisoner mad. Six days later it was recorded saying this to alias Diana:

– I am going to throw that in Court. I'm going to harm those motherfu... Let's change the version so those motherf... eat shit. They are going to give Uribe an arrest warrant. You can flip that there and tell the truth. They want me to tell the truth, I'm going to tell the truth, then, hurting that old man and them.

The extortion was never reported by Diego Cadena or Juan José Salazar. They claim that these lawyers, seasoned in dealing with criminals, were very afraid that Vélez could do something to them. What they were not afraid of was deceiving the Supreme Court by giving as certain a statement from a subject who had threatened

As was said, this began to happen in June 2018, but something must have convinced Vélez to remain faithful to the cause of Cadena and his client. In October, the official defense of Senator Uribe, in charge of Jaime Granados' office, announced in a statement that he would present new actions against Senator Iván Cepeda, "within the framework of the ratification made by Carlos Enrique Vélez."

PS: It was foreseen in this edition of Los Danieles that all of us, and our illustrious guests, would write about the second anniversary of the government of President Duque. The news and the evidence I had to show you did not give a week of waiting. Thanks for your understanding"

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