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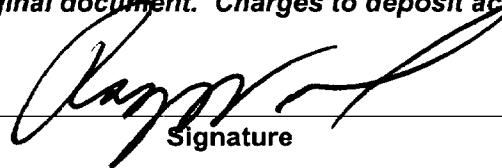
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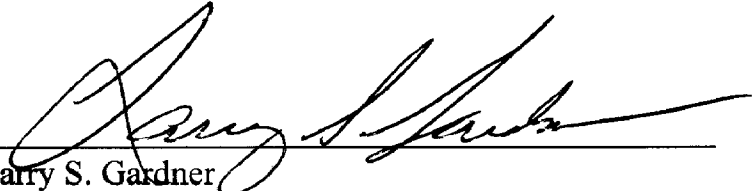
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Larry S. Gardner

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Given under my hand and official seal this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2000

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