

# PROVENANCE BRIEF

## 2010 SP Authentic Baseball — Chirography

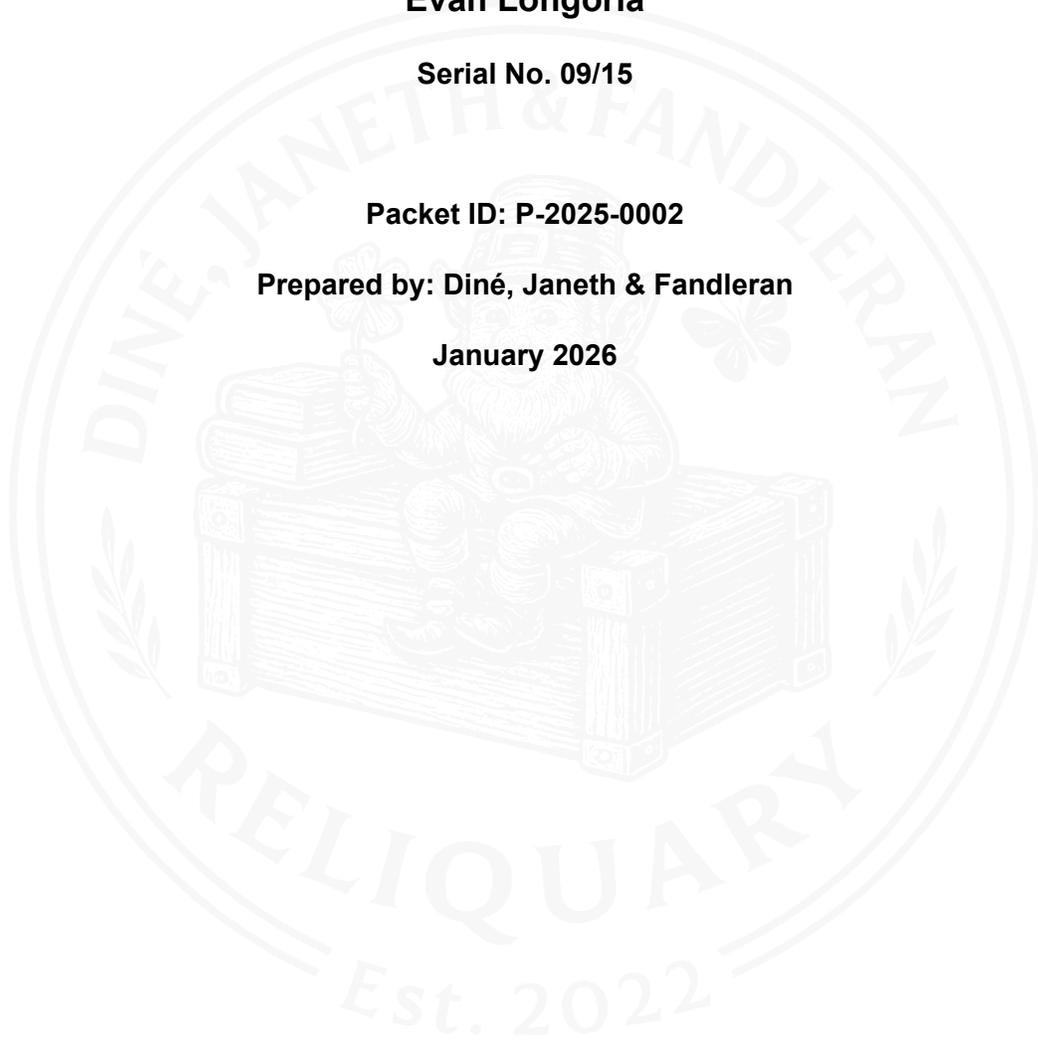
Evan Longoria

Serial No. 09/15

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## Executive Summary

This provenance brief establishes the authentication history, production context, certification lineage, and archival significance of the 2010 SP Authentic Baseball Chirography Evan Longoria on-card autograph, serial-numbered 09/15.

This card originates from a documented but unreleased Upper Deck SP Authentic Baseball production run, classifying it as a confirmed ghost-run artifact that was never commercially distributed. The specimen has undergone third-party authentication and autograph grading by PSA under its existing certification, while numeric grading of the card itself was declined on policy grounds due to the unreleased status of the production.

The artifact was acquired on November 28, 2025, and is held in controlled archival custody by the Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary.

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## I. Production Background — SP Authentic (2010)

SP Authentic Baseball represents one of Upper Deck's most respected autograph-focused product lines, emphasizing on-card signatures, restrained minimalist design, serial-numbered autograph subsets, and premium cardstock.

The Chirography subset was conceived as a signature-forward insert, prioritizing autograph clarity and visual restraint over memorabilia inclusion.

While Upper Deck released other baseball products during the 2010 calendar year, the SP Authentic Baseball release for that year—including the Chirography autograph subset—was canceled prior to commercial distribution following Upper Deck's production halt and licensing disruption. Despite cancellation, a limited number of cards were fully manufactured, serial-numbered, and signed prior to release termination.

As a result, surviving Chirography examples exist outside traditional retail or pack-pull circulation, distinguishing them from standard issued baseball products of the same period.

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## II. Card Description & Specifications

- **Set:** 2010 Upper Deck SP Authentic Baseball
- **Subset:** Chirography
- **Player:** Evan Longoria
- **Autograph:** On-card signature
- **Serial Number:** 09/15
- **Construction:** Premium SP Authentic cardstock
- **Release Status:** Unreleased (ghost-run production)
- **Manufacturer:** Upper Deck

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## III. Certification & Grading Lineage

This specimen possesses a documented PSA certification record reflecting authentication and autograph grading only, while excluding numeric grading of the card itself due to policy constraints associated with unreleased production material.

### Initial PSA Authentication (Pre-Reliquary Custody)

- Grading Authority: PSA / PSA-DNA
- Certification No.: 84111795

Prior to acquisition by the Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary, the card was authenticated by PSA / PSA-DNA and encapsulated under certification number 84111795. This initial authentication established third-party verification of the autograph and artifact prior to its entry into Reliquary custody.

## Post-Acquisition PSA Submission — Dual Grading Attempt

- Submitting Party: Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary
- Submission Date: December 15, 2025
- Return Date: January 30, 2026
- Certification No.: 84111795 (unchanged)

Following acquisition on November 28, 2025, the Reliquary submitted the card to PSA with the intent of obtaining dual grading (numeric card grade and autograph grade).

PSA evaluated the submission under its PSA / PSA-DNA workflow and issued the following determinations:

- PSA Reason Code: N9 — numeric card grade not issued (policy-based)
- Autograph Grade: GEM MT 10 (Gem Mint)

PSA declined to assign a numeric grade to the card itself due to policy restrictions applicable to unreleased or non-checklisted production material. This determination was procedural and unrelated to authenticity, physical condition, or provenance.

The card was not reholdered, no new certification number was issued, and the item was not photographed into PSA's publicly searchable image database as part of this submission.

The card was returned to the Reliquary on January 30, 2026, maintaining uninterrupted custodial control.

### Certification Summary

- Active PSA Certification: 84111795
- Numeric Card Grade: None issued (Reason Code N9)
- Autograph Grade: GEM MT 10
- Reholder: No

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## IV. Confirmed Surviving Examples

As of the preparation of this document, only three (3) surviving examples of the 2010 SP Authentic Chirography Evan Longoria card have been confirmed:

- #07/15
- #09/15 (*subject of this packet*)
- #13/15

No additional serials have been verified through population reports, institutional records, or private disclosures.

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## V. Acquisition & Custodial Status

- Date Acquired: November 28, 2025
- Custodian: Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary

Since acquisition, the card has remained in controlled archival storage, with all grading actions initiated directly by the Reliquary.

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## VI. Player Significance — Evan Longoria

Evan Longoria is one of the most consequential position players of the modern baseball era and the defining figure in the competitive history of the Tampa Bay Rays franchise.

Drafted third overall in the 2006 MLB Draft, Longoria reached the major leagues in 2008 and immediately transformed the trajectory of the Rays organization. He was named American League Rookie of the Year (2008) and played a central role in the franchise's first World Series appearance that same season.

Over a career spanning more than fifteen Major League seasons, Longoria established himself as one of the premier two-way third basemen of his generation, combining elite defense with consistent power production. His contributions include:

3× All-Star selections

3× Gold Glove Awards

Silver Slugger Award

Multiple top-10 finishes in MVP voting

Franchise leader in numerous offensive and defensive categories for Tampa Bay

Longoria is particularly remembered for his role in defining a new era of Rays baseball, anchoring the team through its rise from perennial cellar-dweller to sustained postseason contender. His tenure coincided with the franchise’s cultural and competitive maturation, making him widely regarded as the most important player in team history.

Beyond team success, Longoria’s reputation for durability, professionalism, and leadership contributed to his standing as a respected figure league-wide. His sustained productivity across multiple franchises—including later tenures with the San Francisco Giants and Arizona Diamondbacks—underscores the longevity and adaptability of his career.

Within the context of this provenance packet, Longoria’s stature elevates the Chirography artifact beyond a production anomaly. The combination of an elite modern-era player and an unreleased premium autograph materially enhances the historical and archival importance of the specimen.

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## **VII. Grading & Encapsulation Rationale — Evan Longoria SP Authentic “Ghost Run” Autographs (/15)**

This Evan Longoria SP Authentic on-card autograph originates from a documented but unreleased production run manufactured by Upper Deck and never formally distributed or checklisted. While the card bears standard manufacturer autograph verification language consistent with SP Authentic issues, the product itself was not commercially released and therefore exists outside conventional hobby classification.

Because of its unreleased status, the card falls outside the eligibility criteria of several modern grading authorities, despite its established authenticity and provenance.

Prior to submission, inquiries were made with all major third-party grading companies. TAG, CGC, and SGC each declined grading consideration on policy grounds, citing the absence of formal release documentation and checklist inclusion. These refusals were procedural and policy-based, and not related to authenticity, physical condition, or chain of custody.

PSA confirmed eligibility and accepted the card for authentication and autograph grading under its PSA / PSA-DNA workflow, assigning an autograph grade of GEM MT 10 while issuing Reason Code N9 to reflect the absence of numeric card grading. Beckett likewise confirmed eligibility and agreed to authenticate, grade, and encapsulate the card under its autograph authentication workflow; however, Beckett does not include unreleased or ghost-run cards in published population reports, issuing instead fully searchable certification records without population enumeration.

Accordingly, grading and encapsulation decisions were intentionally bifurcated:

- PSA serves as the public authentication and population reference authority for this artifact.
- Beckett serves as the archival documentation and preservation authority, providing authenticated encapsulation without population disclosure.

This approach reflects a deliberate balance between historical recordkeeping, artifact preservation, and population control, consistent with best practices for documenting unreleased or anomalous production material within a private archival collection.

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## VIII. Archival Significance & Market Silence

No 2010 SP Authentic Baseball Chirography Evan Longoria card has surfaced publicly for approximately fourteen (14) years following the 2010 production halt. This specimen represents one of three confirmed surviving examples of the Evan Longoria Chirography issue from a canceled SP Authentic production run.

### Key Chronology

- December 2023 – January 2024:  
The subject card (serial #09/15) was authenticated and autograph-graded by PSA / PSA-DNA, confirming authenticity prior to any known public exposure of the Chirography issue.
- December 2024:  
The first known public appearance of any 2010 SP Authentic Chirography Evan Longoria

card occurred via an online post featuring serial #07/15, marking the initial re-emergence of the Chirography issue after more than a decade of complete market absence. This appearance represents the earliest documented instance of any 2010 SP Authentic card being publicly displayed since the 2010 production halt.

- November 2025:  
Serial #13/15 appeared in an eBay listing, represented solely by a stock photograph, not a live image of the card itself.

The prolonged absence of SP Authentic material—despite the active circulation of other 2010 Upper Deck premium products—strongly reinforces the conclusion that these cards were never released, never distributed, and never quietly absorbed into the hobby ecosystem.

The subject card's grading predates all public visibility, eliminating retroactive fabrication, opportunistic discovery, or post-market assembly as plausible explanations.

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## IX. Conclusion

The 2010 SP Authentic Chirography Evan Longoria Serial 09/15 represents a rare convergence of premium design, canceled production, prolonged market silence, and documented grading lineage.

Its authentication timeline, unreleased status, and minimal confirmed survivorship establish it as a museum-grade archival artifact, distinct from conventional trading cards and retail-distributed collectibles.

This item is formally recorded as part of the Diné, Janeth & Fandleran Reliquary permanent collection.

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