

AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHEN SOROCKO

I, STEPHEN SOROCKO, being of sound mind and lawful age, upon my oath, hereby declare:

1. I started my career with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in 1966. After 13 years as a patrol officer I was promoted to the rank of Detective and assigned to the Bombing and Arson Unit. In 1988 I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, reassigned to Patrol for a period of roughly 10 months and was then transferred back to Bombing and Arson as Commander of the unit. I spent the remainder of my career as Commander of Bombing and Arson, retiring in 2007 after 42 years as a police officer.
2. At the beginning of my assignment to Bombing and Arson, I went about the task of putting together reports of bombing incidents, not only in St. Louis City, but St. Louis County and the region generally, attempting to connect investigative dots where they existed. I continued along these lines the remainder of my career in that I would regularly obtain reports from counties around the state for the purpose of trying to make connections if possible. Bomb makers and those that hire them are a very unique subset of individuals. It is the experience of law enforcement that the same names would appear over and over again.
3. Over the course of my career, I had the opportunity to sit across the table from many convicted murderers whose methodology involved using explosive devices to kill people. Some of these people had relationships with individuals known to be involved in organized crime. Many of these interviews were requested by the inmates themselves, hoping to tradeoff information about other like crimes in exchange for reduced sentences, deathbed leniency and other considerations.
4. In the 1970s and 1980s, there were numerous car-bombing incidents in St. Louis and the surrounding areas. Several of these incidents over the years were shown to be the result of power struggles for control of the local labor unions with the ultimate prize being control over union coffers and pension funds.
5. Thomas Callanan was the victim of car bombing in North St. Louis County in the early 1970s. His wife was the victim of a car bombing in the late 1970s in North St. Louis County. I believe that one was intended for Mr. Callanan as well.

6. Bombing cases can be difficult to bring to the point of arrest and prosecution and many of them remain unsolved and go into cold case status. Mr. Callanan's case was many years old, it remained unsolved thus the reason why I arranged to meet with him at the Adams Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis. This would have been around 2000 or so. I knew Mr. Callanan was associated with Pipefitters 562, and I wanted to see if there was any possible connection to his situation with others that were under investigation at the time. He was very relaxed as I recall, seated in a wheelchair and in no particular hurry to end our meeting. He had nothing really concrete to offer concerning who might have been responsible for maiming him and later his wife, nor did he offer a motive.
7. It should be noted that I had access to large intelligence files wherein the names of known bombers, their associates, motive theories, the people who contracted out for their services, were contained. I worked hand in hand with the FBI and as a result had access to organized crime files and figures, both of the FBI's authoring and those produced by St. Louis Police Intelligence spanning many years.
8. Tom Callanan's name did not appear in any of the hundreds pages of intelligence reports that I ever read, either belonging to the St. Louis Police or the FBI, the subject matter of which was information dealing with organized crime in St. Louis and beyond.
9. I find this to be significant from a law enforcement perspective because many other individuals associated with labor at that time were the subjects of rumors of having connections to organized crime.
10. To the contrary and based on well-placed sources at the time, I believed Mr. Callanan to have been the victim of individuals outside Pipefitters Local 562 who had designs on infiltrating the union with the idea of gaining an inside foothold, taking control of the union itself and eventually seizing uncontested access to the union's finances. I believe this to be the case today. I have strong reason to believe Mr. Callanan resisted those overtures and was targeted as a result.
11. Finally and with no intention toward hubris, I was considered one of the top people in the State and certainly within the St. Louis region's law enforcement community, as an authority on organized crime. Having arrested hundreds of people for these types of offenses and given the uniqueness of the bomb-making subculture, I have known and arrested many of these men. I have spent countless hours in prisons interviewing convicted murderers who killed by way

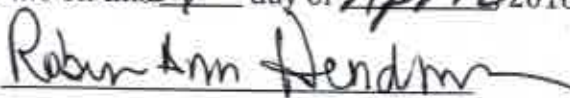
of explosives and in all that time I have never heard Mr. Callahan's name mentioned during these interviews as a person involved in this kind of thing. The truth is I never heard Mr. Callanan's name mentioned as being associated with organized crime nor did I ever see his name in any intelligence file memorandum to that effect, nor was he being investigated for connections to organized crime that I was ever aware of.

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Date 
Sgt. Stephen Sorocko (SLMPD Retired)

State of Missouri

County of Madison

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 21 day of April 2016


Robyn A. Hendricks

My commission expires _____

