

of the U.S. Attorney.

The discovery in my case was evidently rather voluminous and Mr. Drees said he was simply unable to bring the bulk of it to the jail. As a consequence, I viewed mainly statements and paper documents that he felt pertinent to show me. I relied, therefore, on Mr. Drees to review and assess the value of the remainder.

5. On or about June 15, 1996, Nick Drees informed me that Mr. Jason Garruette, of the F.P.D.O., had been assigned to my case as an investigator and was to, among other things, travel to Philadelphia to interview my family, friends, and possibly others involved with the case.

6. On or about July 4, 1996, Mr. Garruette visited me at the Polk County jail. He informed me that co-defendant, Richard Guthrie, was found dead in his Kentucky jail cell that morning. (He apparently committed suicide). Guthrie was the Government's star and only witness at that time.

Mr. Garruette relayed a message from Nick Drees that according to his assessment of the evidence there was simply no case against me without Guthrie's testimony. Mr. Drees had apparently spoken with the prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Robert Dopf, who conceded to the same. Mr. Garruette said to "sit tight" and be patient because the case would be dropped before ever going to trial.

7. Approximately ten days later, Nick Drees visited me at the jail to inform me that another co-defendant, Kevin William

McCarthy, had agreed to cooperate with the Government and to give testimony against me in Iowa in place of Guthrie. Mr. Drees expressed his disappointment because there was otherwise no case against me.

8. Following my sentencing in Iowa, I was transferred to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to face charges there for conspiracy in the same related case(s). The transfer process took approximately four weeks.

Upon arriving in Pennsylvania, I was housed in a Philadelphia county jail, Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, with another co-defendant whose name I knew from the news papers as Peter Langan. Mr. Langan had just been convicted for armed bank robbery by a jury in the Southern District of Ohio.

Mr. Langan and I had only brief periods of conversation, but during those periods he informed me that the discovery in his case revealed that Mr. Guthrie had given three separate sets of statements to the FBI after his arrest in January of 1996. Mr. Langan told me that the statements were inconsistent, each giving conflicting information with one another.

9. On or about March 7, 1997, I was arraigned in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania before the Honorable Ronald Buckwalter and had an attorney, Joseph Mancano, Esq., appointed by the court to represent me.

After several discussions with Mr. Mancano, where we discussed the Iowa case as well, I was told again that the only

evidence linking me to any robberies was McCarthy's testimony. He said that after discussing the case with the prosecutor in Philadelphia, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Michael Schwartz, the general consensus from all parties involved in the case was that there was simply no case against me without McCarthy's testimony.

10. Backtracking to the date of our arrest, I recall that McCarthy and I were housed together in the Federal Correctional Institution in Fairton, New Jersey, for a period of approximately five days. During this period, McCarthy informed me that his uncle, an active Philadelphia police officer, participated in his arrest and accompanied him to the FBI office in downtown Philadelphia.

McCarthy further informed me that his uncle was good friends with an FBI agent in the Philadelphia office and had been summoned by the FBI to help investigate and apprehend McCarthy. According to McCarthy, this uncle surveilled him for a period of almost sixty days prior to the arrest. It was through my association with McCarthy that led authorities to arrest me. See Stedeford's Search Warrant Affidavit, p. 3, ¶ 5.

McCarthy continued to intimate that his uncle was acting as somewhat of an intermediary on his behalf. Based on information McCarthy was telling me about the case, I suspected that the uncle was funnelling information to him from the FBI's investigation. I recognized at least some of this information later in McCarthy's statements to the FBI.

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I, Scott Anthony Stedeford, Deponent, do hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information is, to the best of my recollection, true and correct.

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