

4/7/02 Las Vegas Rev.-J. 1B
2002 WL 6873317

The Las Vegas Review-Journal
Copyright 2002

Sunday, April 7, 2002

CITY

Years after his death, bit player in mob has chance to make it big
John L. Smith

Even by Hanover Street standards, **Pete Poulos** hadn't amounted to much.

A short-pockets loan shark, he was a bit player in the Boston mafia. Poulos was a proverbial little fish swimming with Great Whites. His claim to infamy stemmed from his willingness to lure fellow hoodlum William "Wimpy" Bennett into an ambush in December 1966. In the mob's morbid world, that assistance made him a more valued assistant to Steve Flemmi and Frank Salemme, hit men who did much of the heavy lifting in those days for the Boston mafia.

But that relationship also made Poulos a potentially devastating witness against Salemme and Flemmi.

By 1969, the heat was on Flemmi and Salemme. Poulos became expendable. After running to Los Angeles, a variety of reliable sources say Poulos was found by Salemme and Flemmi and lured into taking a trip to Las Vegas. Three .38 slugs later, Poulos became a mob footnote.

The small-timer's body was dumped on the outskirts of Las Vegas, where it was eventually identified by his distinctive gold dental work.

Although police homicide detectives Chuck Lee and the late Jimmy Dugin built a credible case against Salemme and Flemmi, they were shut down by then-Clark County District Attorney George Franklin, who got cold feet after getting a call from the FBI. The snub bothers Lee to this day, for he says it's the only homicide he ever worked that was derailed through federal string-pulling.

Years later, Flemmi's informant relationship with the scandalized Boston FBI office would be well known. The office's abominable handling of Flemmi and mob boss/informant James "Whitey" Bulger has led to unprecedented scrutiny of the bureau by the House Committee on Government Reform.

Some 33 years after Poulos was murdered, his story has caught the

attention of the committee, whose chief counsel, James Wilson, flew to Las Vegas Thursday with assistant Chad Bungard and conducted a 1 1/2-hour interview of Lee, Metro homicide bureau cold case reviewer Dave Hatch, and Lt. Tom Monahan.

The lawyers received a copy of Metro's Poulos file and made a request for the district attorney's case file, which Lee believes was buried by Franklin.

After identifying Poulos as the murder victim in 1969, Lee learned from Boston detective Frank Walsh that Salemme and Flemmi were the suspected killers, and that the dead man had been cooperating with the government.

"It was the only homicide case I ever worked where we were stopped dead in our tracks after we got the murder warrants," Lee recalls. "We were never given permission to go back East. It was terminated."

Hatch encountered a similar problem when he reopened the case in 1998. When he attempted to interview an incarcerated Flemmi and Salemme in Boston, he was denied access by the Boston FBI.

"This case was flat stonewalled from beginning to end," Hatch says. "It was stonewalled for Chuck Lee, and when I tried to contact them I was told that now they're under indictment, there was nobody I could talk to."

Under the leadership of new Director Robert Mueller, the FBI appears to be updating its investigative procedures and revamping its hierarchy after a long tradition of secrecy generated by J. Edgar Hoover. Agents remain particularly sensitive to the allegations leveled in the Boston investigation, saying it was not indicative of the bureau overall.

No fan of the FBI, Hatch says the reform committee should focus on the bureau's handling of its informants as well as its investigative techniques. At least then, he says, the Poulos case won't have been a total fix.

"The witnesses are dead," he says. "It's no longer even a workable case. But something good should come from it."

Should they be called, Lee and Hatch say they will travel to Washington and tell their stories to the reform committee, which has called the Boston debacle, four decades in the making, "one of the greatest failures of federal law enforcement in the history of the United States."

But it's funny how things work out some times.

After 33 years, little **Pete Poulos** might turn out to be an important man, after all.

John L. Smith's column appears Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. E-mail him at Smith@lvvj.com or call him at 383-0295.

--- INDEX REFERENCES ---

NAMED PERSON: **POULOS, PETE**; FLEMMI, STEVE; SALEMME, FRANK; LEE, CHUCK; HATCH, DAVE

ORGANIZATION: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEWS SUBJECT: English language content (ENGL)

REGION: United States - Nevada; United States; North American Countries; Nevada; North America; United States; Western U.S. (USNV USA NAMZ NV NME US USW)

EDITION: FINAL

LAYOUT CODES: (LCR)

Word Count: 703
4/7/02 LVRJ 1B
END OF DOCUMENT

Copr. (C) West 2002 No Claim to Orig. U.S. Govt. Works

Copr. (c) 2002 Dow Jones & Company, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

~~DOW JONES~~

MURDER #0033 Page 2 of 2
LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CONTINUATION REPORT

#2: FRANCES J. SALEMME
 FBI # 458 761F

Note: This is a Continuation Report of a report filed on 03/12/70.

DETAILS:

On 03/12/70, a homicide investigation was conducted at the residence of the subject, Frances J. Salemme, located at 11111 Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. The subject was found dead in her bedroom. The cause of death was determined to be a gunshot wound to the chest. The victim was identified as Peter Poulos, a 35-year-old male, who was a resident of the same address. The investigation revealed that the subject and the victim were a couple. The subject was arrested on 03/12/70 and charged with the murder of Peter Poulos. The case was assigned to the Las Vegas Homicide Unit for further investigation.

Through follow-up investigation, it was determined that the subject resided in the Los Angeles, California area until she moved to Las Vegas. Officers from this agency traveled to Los Angeles to interview the subject, along with GCSO Homicide investigators, in order to obtain identification of the victim, Peter Poulos, along with suspects, Steven Thomas and Frances Salemme. A warrant was issued for these individuals on 03-12-70, Warrant #041-244, signed by Justice of the Peace Roy Weather.

In reviewing the investigative file, it was discovered that in March of 1989 this warrant was recalled, without prejudice, by the Clark County District Attorney's Office, Deputy District Attorney Scott Mitchell.

RALPH LAMB
Sheriff

W. L. Hill
Clerk

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COUNTY OF CLARK
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
383-4711

March 11, 1970

FROM: Ralph Lamb, Sheriff
Clark County
Las Vegas, Nevada

TO: George Franklin, Esquire
District Attorney
Clark County
Las Vegas, Nevada

SUBJECT: Murder of PETER J. BOULOS
Clark County Sheriff's Office BR# 184-465

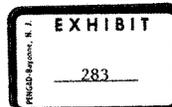
SUSPECTS: STEPHEN J. FLEMM and FRANCIS P. SALESSE

Case Summary

On October 10, 1969, at approximately 1:30PM the body of a white male adult was found eight-tenths of one mile East of Mile Post #36 on Nevada State Route #16, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

The body was found in a small wash approximately (40) feet South of the highway by MR. JOHN W. ORR and FRED W. LUJAN, both of Star Route #3, Box 33, Mountain Springs, Nevada, Telephone [REDACTED]. Persons discovering are both employed by the Highway Department of the State of Nevada and found the body while working along the highway picking up trash and rubbish.

After the crime scene was searched and all items of any possible evidential value were photographed and impounded by CCSO Identification Bureau, the body was examined. What appeared to be one gunshot wound was noted in the back of the victim's head. After examination at the scene, the body was removed to Bunker Brothers Mortuary in Las Vegas where an autopsy was performed by Dr. JAMES Y. CLARKE. The autopsy revealed that the cause of death was due to multiple gunshot wounds, two in the lower back and one in the back of the head. Two expended bullets were recovered from the victim's body, one of which is sufficient for firearms comparison. Bullets were determined to be .38 caliber with left hand rifling, indicating they may have been fired from a Colt Revolver or some other weapon with similar specifications.





THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR MIDDLESEX COUNTY,
COURT HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE

October 15, 1969

JOHN J. DRONEY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation for the cooperation that my office received from the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the investigation into the bombing of the automobile of a John F. Fitzgerald, Jr., a Boston attorney.

Through the cooperation of the Boston office, and in particular through the efforts of Special Agents James D. McKenzie and Floyd I. Clarke, we were able to obtain indictments against one Frank Salemme and one Stephen Flemmi, both of whom are major organized crime figures in this area.

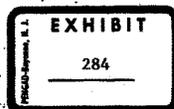
This bombing took place on January 30, 1968, and from that day until the present, Special Agents H. Paul Rico and Dennis M. Condon have maintained contact with our office concerning this incident.

Once again I express my gratitude to you and to Mr. James Handley, Director of the Boston office for your help and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

John J. Droney
John J. Droney
District Attorney

SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER



FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-WALTER H. BARNES, Departmental Attorney, Boston

Report of: JAMES P. LINK

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Date: 1/19/70

Field Office File #: 92-1416

Bureau File #:

Title: VINCENT J. FLEMMI

Character: ANTI RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject observed in Boston and Jamaica Plain area of Mass. Subject in company of local hoodlums. Contact with informants, sources of information, and Boston PD detectives set forth. Also contact with ATTU agents at Boston set forth. Results of criminal check set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- P -

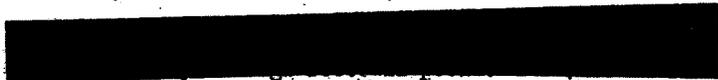
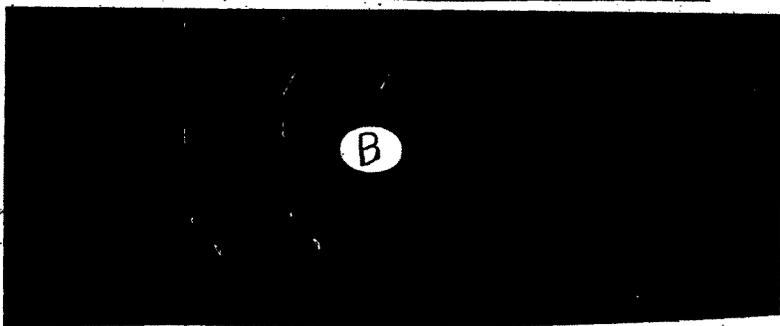
DETAILS:

On November 4, 1969, Detectives ED WALSH and TOM CONOLLY advised that they have seen subject on numerous occasions and that he is continually seen with JOHN MARFORANO, BILLY BALLIRO, JESSIE TORTORICCI, NICHOLAS FEMIA, SONY COLONTINO, and JACK AZULAY. Detective WALSH advised that it is FLEMMI's daily routine to stay at his apartment during the day and at approximately 11:30 PM he goes to the Pond Cafe in Jamaica Plain. After having a few drinks at the Pond Cafe he leaves that location and comes into Boston where he then can be found at either The Attic Lounge or The Living Room, or the Downtown Lounge.



This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

BS 92-1416

 B B B

On December 16, 1969, Detective ED WALSH, Boston Police Department, advised that on December 13, 1969, two men, LAWRENCE F. PACINO, 49 years of age, 68 Richmere Road, Mattapan, and his brother, LEONARD PACINO, 53 years of age, 98 Farrar Avenue, Roslindale, were stabbed by JIMMY FLEMMI. The incident occurred in Pacino's Club after an argument broke out between the PACINO's and an individual named DAGGET (FNU). FLEMMI is a friend of DAGGET and took sides with him in the argument. A fight ensued and resulted in the stabbing of the PACINOS. Detective WALSH stated he believed FLEMMI was "shaking" the PACINOS down and this was the reason for his presence at the club.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-WALTER H. BARNES, Departmental Attorney, Boston

Report of: JAMES F. LINK

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Date: 1/12/70

Field Office File #: 92-1416

Bureau File #: 92-11381

Title: VINCENT J. FLEMMI

Character: ANTI RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject observed in Jamaica Plain area of Boston and in Boston with JOHN MARTORANO and JESSIE TORTORICCI and other members of the criminal element in Boston. Contact with informants and Boston Police Department set forth. Details of the subjects arrest and subsequent trial also included. Subjects whereabouts unknown at this time. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

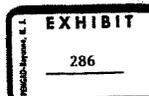
- P -

DETAILS:

On January 12, 1970, records at the Boston Police Department indicated that VINCENT J. (JIMMY) FLEMMI, 35 years of age of Hyde Park, Massachusetts was held on \$25,000 bail on January 8, 1970, on indictments stemming from a shooting incident in which the subject ended up as victim, shot in the shoulder.

FLEMMI was charged in Suffolk Superior Court Boston, with assault with intent to murder JAMES ABBOUT, 33 years of age, of Brighton, Massachusetts, on December 19, 1969 in a car on Huntington Avenue, Jamaica Plain. This incident occurred when FLEMMI accused ABBOUT of being an informant for the Task Force in Boston, regarding counterfeit money.

FLEMMI was arrested on the above charge on January 8, 1970.



This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ES 92-1416

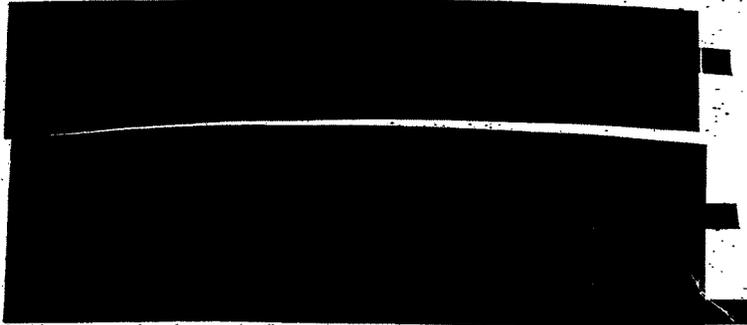
On January 19, 1970, Boston Police Department Detectives, ED WALSH and JOHN CARTER advised that the subject had been observed on several occasions in the company of JOHN MARTORANO, SONNY COLONTINO, JESSIE TORTORICCI, and JACK AZULAY, at the Attic Lounge on Tremont Street, at the Living Room Lounge, and the Downtown Lounge, all in Boston. Detective WALSH stated that FLEMMI has not changed his routine, in that he arrives at the Pond Cafe, Jamaica Plain, by taxi and usually meets MARTORANO, or anyone of the above individuals, after which he accompanies them into Boston.

On February 6, 1970, Detectives Gerald Bulman and Robert Chenette, were contacted and advised that as a result of their surveillance of the subject they had observed him on February 2, 1970, at the Pond Cafe, Jamaica Plain. FLEMMI met PHIL COSTA, JACKIE SALEMME, and the bartender, EARL MURPHY, at the Pond, and later at approximately 12:10 A.M. they all left the location and drove to the Attic Lounge on Tremont Street, Boston. They remained at the Attic until 2:35 A.M., went to a pizza parlor around the corner at Beach and Washington Streets and from here the subject went home. He was driven to his residence, 130 Georgetown Drive by PHIL COSTA.

On February 16, 1970, ATTU Agent Allan Cole advised he had seen the subject first at the Pond Cafe, and later at the Living Room Lounge, Boston, on Saturday, February 14, 1970. Cole stated that TALLY and GARY KABELLA, were with FLEMMI at the time. He could not determine the purpose or reason for the association between the KABELLA'S and FLEMMI.

Detective EDWARD WALSH advised on February 24, 1970, that FLEMMI makes a weekly visit to either "Jeromes", or the "Downtown Lounge", both places are owned by LOUIS VENUS. The subject meets with VENUS, and according to WALSH, VENUS gives him money. WALSH has not determined the reason for the "pay off", however, he believes FLEMMI is collecting money for his brother STEVE FLEMMI who along with FRANK SALEMME, is the subject of an unlawful flight investigation at Boston, Boston File number 88-5039.

BS 92-1416



On March 16, 1970, the subjects trial began in Suffolk Superior Court where FLEMMI was charged with assault with intent to murder.

FLEMMI was represented by Attorney JOSEPH BALLIRO. The subject appeared in court on March 16, 1970, through March 19, 1970. FLEMMI left the court house on Thursday, March 19, 1970, and has not been seen since. His whereabouts at this time, is not known. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on Friday, March 20, 1970, despite protests from Attorney JOSEPH BALLERO who stated the court should not accept a verdict in the absence of FLEMMI. Judge EUGENE A. HUDSON accepted the verdict as reasonable and proper. FLEMMI was not sentenced.

Detective EDWARD WALSH advised that FLEMMI'S Wife stated the subject left home Friday morning March 20, after telling her he was going to the court house. She has not heard from her husband since that time, she has no idea as to where her husband might have gone.

The charges against FLEMMI include assault by means of a dangerous weapon, and illegally carrying a gun. Complainant JAMES A. ABOUT.

On Friday, March 20, 1970, the Boston Police Department issued a wanted Flyer on FLEMMI. Subject wanted on Superior Court Default Warrant #46743, issued March 20, 1970, charging him with being in default on original charges of Assault with intent to murder. Last known address was 130 Georgetown Drive, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

1499

BS 92-1416

██████████, was contacted on ██████████ ^B
regarding the subject and advised at that time, that
he had no information of a positive nature. He
stated that he had heard that FLEMMI had left the
Boston area however, he has no ideas as to where the
subject might have gone.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-Departmental Attorney EDWARD F. HARRINGTON
Boston, Massachusetts

Report of: JAMES F. LINK Office: Boston, Massachusetts
Date: 2/18/71

Field Office File #: 92-1416 Bureau File #: 92-11381

Title: VINCENT J. FLEMMI

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: FLEMMI arrested on 10/28/70, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, by Bureau Agents and Massachusetts State Police. Subject convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to fourteen to eighteen years at Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole, Massachusetts.

- C -

DETAILS

JAMES VINCENT FLEMMI was apprehended at 1760 Westover Road, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Massachusetts State Police on October 28, 1970. Since the time of his arrest, the subject has been incarcerated at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution (MCI), Walpole, Massachusetts.

FLEMMI was convicted December 1, 1970, in Suffolk Superior Court, Boston, Massachusetts, for attempted murder. He was subsequently sentenced to fourteen to eighteen years at the Walpole State Prison.

- 1*-

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-WALTER H. BARNES, Departmental Attorney, Boston

Report of: JAMES F. LINK
Date: 1/19/70

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 92-1416

Bureau File #:

Title: VINCENT J. FLEMMI

Character: ANTI RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject observed in Boston and Jamaica Plain area of Mass. Subject in company of local hoodlums. Contact with informants, sources of information, and Boston PD detectives set forth. Also contact with ATTU agents at Boston set forth. Results of criminal check set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- P -

DETAILS:

On November 4, 1969, Detectives ED WALSH and TOM CONOLLY advised that they have seen subject on numerous occasions and that he is continually seen with JOHN MANTORANO, BILLY BALLIRO, JESSIE TORTORICCI, NICHOLAS FEMIA, SONNY COLONTINO, and JACK AZULAY. Detective WALSH advised that it is FLEMMI's daily routine to stay at his apartment during the day and at approximately 11:30 PM he goes to the Pond Cafe in Jamaica Plain. After having a few drinks at the Pond Cafe he leaves that location and comes into Boston where he then can be found at either The Attie Lounge or The Living Room, or the Downtown Lounge.



BS 92-1416

Detective CONNOLLY stated that FLEMMI usually meets JOHNNIE MARTORANO at the Pond Cafe since he has no license and then he and MARTORANO come into Boston where they meet either one or all of the above individuals at different locations. Detective CONNOLLY stated that for the past four months, Detectives BULMAN and CHENETTE have been keeping a surveillance on FLEMMI during the night time hours and that they would possibly have more information concerning the subject and his activities.

On November 14, 1959, Detectives GERALD BULMAN and ROBERT CHENETTE were contacted and advised that they have been surveilling VINCENT FLEMMI for the past four months and that he is definitely associated with the individuals as set forth above. Detective BULMAN stated that although FLEMMI continues to associate with these individuals and other members of the criminal element they have not been able to determine exactly what criminal activities FLEMMI is engaged in. They stated he is definitely associated with MARTORANO and the CAMPBELL brothers, who are operating in the Roxbury area of Massachusetts.

The Campbell Brothers have been shaking down local bookmakers, engaging in peddling narcotics, and are also engaging in prostitution in the Boston and Roxbury areas.

Both detectives stated they have observed FLEMMI with a lot of money after his visits to the Pond Cafe, The Downtown Lounge, Jeromes and The Attic Lounge. They also suspect that FLEMMI is picking up some shylock money for his brother STEVIE who along with FRANKE SALEM and PETER POULOS are currently the subjects of an unlawful flight investigation at Boston, Boston file number 88-5039.

BS 92-1416

Detective BULMAN advised that one of the places FLEMMI usually stops at, the "Downtown Lounge", is owned and operated by LOUIS VENUS. VENUS is well known to the Boston Office for his gambling activities and is suspected of either running or backing football pools. The Downtown Lounge, located at 642 Washington Street, Boston, is owned by VENUS, however, the owners as set out on the application for a 1968 liquor license are as follows:

BERTHA LOLAS, who owns 50 shares of stock is presently Director and Manager.

ESTELLE DECOUIAS, who owns 25 shares of stock is Director and Treasurer.

ELIAS A. VINCOS, who owns 25 shares of stock is Clerk and Director.

Another location owned and operated by LOUIS VENUS is Jerome's Grill, Incorporated, at 666 Washington Street. The manager of Jerome's is HENRY P. WITKOWSKI, who resides at 40 Medford Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts. WITKOWSKI has, according to the records, 50 shares of stock in Jerome's Grill and is the president and treasurer. ELAINE LOLAS has 25 shares of stock and is a clerk and BERTHA LOLAS has 25 shares of stock and is a clerk.

Detectives CHENETTE and BULMAN advised that they observed the subject on the following dates and times with the following people:

On November 1, 1969 at 11:40 PM subject FLEMMI was at the Pond Cafe in Jamaica Plain with JACKIE SALEMME, PETER DE STEFANO, DENNIS MC LAUGHLIN, PHIL COSTA, SONNY COLONNINO, FRANK SCRAPPO, JACK AZULAY and KATHLEEN KELLY. KATHLEEN KELLY is often seen in the company of FLEMMI.

BS 92-1416

Detective BULMAN advised that JACK AZULAY was driving a white Cadillac Sedan, Massachusetts registration W62181 and that a Buick Convertible 1968 Model bearing Massachusetts registration W43 1622 was driven by DENNIS MC LAUGHLIN. All of the above individuals left Pond Cafe at about 12:10 AM, went to the Living Room in Boston, and from there to the Attic, which is on Tremont Street in Boston.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1969, FLEMMI, with JOHN MARTORANO and NICK FEMIA, left the Pond Cafe at 12:20 AM and went to the Living Room in Boston. At 12:45 AM, FEMIA, MARTORANO, and the subject, FLEMMI, went to the Pizza House at Beach and Washington Streets, Boston, where they met and talked with LOUIS VENUS and JOSEPH ITRATO, aka "Melenke", who works for LOUIS VENUS as manager and bartender at the Downtown Lounge. After leaving the Pizza House, they went to the "Library Lounge" where they met TUBBY FLANNERY and JACK AZULAY. From the Library Lounge they went to the 4 Corners, which is another bar.

On November 7, 1969, FLEMMI and STEVE BUSIAS were at the Pond Cafe, Jamaica Plain.

On November 24, 26, December 1, 4, 10, and 19, 1969, FLEMMI was observed following the same routine and meeting the above individuals at the different location, usually beginning with the Pond Cafe in Jamaica Plain. FLEMMI usually arrives at the Pond Cafe in an Eagle Taxi since he is not licensed to operate in Massachusetts at this time.

On December 22, 1969, subject, with AZULAY, and MARTORANO, left the Pond Cafe in MARTORANO's car which carries Massachusetts registration X44-228. They went to the "Living Room" and from there to the "Attic".

BS 92-1416

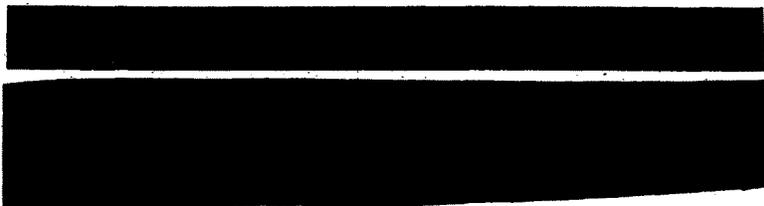
On November 28, 1969, the subject was observed at the Pond Cafe, Jamaica Plain by Special Agents JAMES F. LINK and GERALD S. COMEN. At this time he was driving a 1969 Rambler automobile bearing Massachusetts registration 195-23F. This car is registered to his wife. Subject remained in the Pond Cafe for approximately 2 hours after which he left and returned to his residence at River Street Terrace, Hyde Park.

On December 8, 1969, Detective FRANK WALSH advised that the subject had moved from his location on River Street Terrace as of November 29, 1969 and that he was currently residing at 130 Georgetown Drive, Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

On December 11, 1969, the subject was observed at 130 Georgetown Drive, Hyde Park and was getting into the above rambler which is registered to his wife.

On December 16, 1969, Detective WALSH stated that Secret Service Agents ALAN COLE and DAN HERLEY, who are working with Detectives BULMAN and CHENETTE during their surveillances might have some information concerning the activities of FLEMMI.

On December 19, 1969, Agent DAN HERLEY, Secret Service, Boston, was contacted and advised that his main interest in locating and surveilling FLEMMI was to attempt to develop a fire arms violation on the part of FLEMMI. Agent HERLEY stated, however, that they had received information to the effect FLEMMI was pushing phony money and that he and Agent COLE were working on this information at this time. B



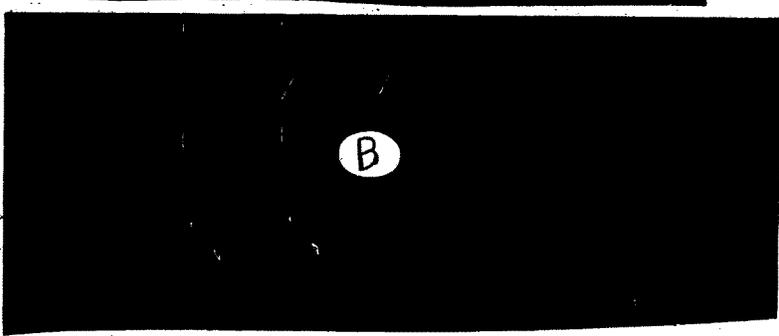
BS 92-1416



B



B



B

On December 16, 1969, Detective ED WALSH, Boston Police Department, advised that on December 13, 1969, two men, LAWRENCE F. PACINO, 49 years of age, 68 Richmere Road, Mattapan, and his brother, LEONARD PACINO, 53 years of age, 98 Farrar Avenue, Roslindale, were stabbed by JIMMY FLEMMI. The incident occurred in Pacino's Club after an argument broke out between the PACINO's and an individual named DAGGET (FNU). FLEMMI is a friend of DAGGET and took sides with him in the argument. A fight ensued and resulted in the stabbing of the PACINOS. Detective WALSH stated he believed FLEMMI was "shaking" the PACINOS down and this was the reason for his presence at the club.

BS 92-1416

Detective TOM CONNOLLY, Organized Crime Section, Boston Police Department advised on December 19, 1969, that he believes the subject is involved in shylocking activities and is picking up money for his brother STEVIE. CONNOLLY stated the money the subject is allegedly picking up from LOUIS VENUS is either Shylock Money or money from Football Pools, which VENUS is either running or backing.

On December 30, 1969, Agent ALLAN COLE, Alcohol Tobacco and Tax Unit, Boston, Massachusetts, advised they have been surveilling the subject during the late evening and night hours for the past six weeks. COLE stated they were attempting to develop a gun carrying violation against the subject, and now believe him to be one of several individuals involved in passing counterfeit money. Agent COLE stated he would immediately notify the writer in the event he develops any pertinent information regarding the subject's activities.

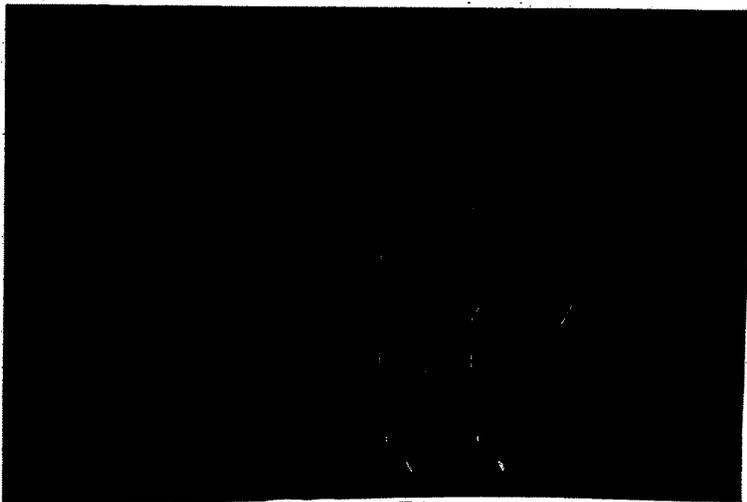
On December 27, 1969, Detective Sergeant FRANK WALSH, Boston Police Department, Organized Crime Section, provided the following information:

Detective JOSEPH McCAIN of the Metropolitan District Commission, who is assigned to the District Attorney's Office received a telephone call from an unnamed informant who stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

B

BS 92-1416



Detective CRISP and CARTER of the Organized Crime Section, went to 130 Georgetown Drive, West Roxbury, the home of VICENT FLEMMI where they spoke with MAUREEN FLEMMI wife of VINCENT. MAUREEN FLEMMI stated that her husband had been home, arriving about 3:00 AM and then leaving about 8:30 AM and was not wounded. She stated that she had received a telephone call telling her of the shooting. Mrs. FLEMMI then asked the officers what all the questioning was about. The officers did explain and offered her protection for her family and herself which was declined. She then stated to the officers that her automobile, a 1969 Ambassador, Massachusetts registration 195-23F had been taken by her husband on December 26 in the evening because he could not get a taxi. She said that the call she received about her husband also informed her that her car was opposite the Pond Cafe and that she was to remove it.

BS 92-1416

Detectives CRISP and CARTER then went to the Pond Cafe and examined FLEMMI's car that was parked opposite it. They found the car locked. The officers then entered the Pond Cafe and made observations of the customers without seeing anything of FLEMMI or his associates.

Detective CRISP and CARTER during their investigation received reliable information that FLEMMI was shot in the left shoulder by a small caliber bullet, that he did get medical aid and the bullet had been removed. Further, FLEMMI would not go to a hospital unless an infection develops.

On December 11, 1969, Detective ED WALSH, Boston Police Department, advised that JOSEPH ITRATO, aka MELENKE, 56 Hale Street, Boston, Massachusetts, is the Manager and part-time bartender at the Downtown Lounge, 642 Washington Street, Boston. This lounge is owned by LOUIS VENUS, although it is not in his name at this time.

On December 12, 1969, a review of records at Boston Police Headquarters revealed the following information:

1510

RALPH LAMB
Sheriff

W. L. BELL
Undersheriff

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COUNTY OF CLARK
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
383-4711

March 1., 1970

FROM: Ralph Lamb, Sheriff
Clark County
Las Vegas, Nevada

TO: George Franklin, Esquire
District Attorney
Clark County
Las Vegas, Nevada

SUBJECT: Murder of PETER J. BOULOS
Clark County Sheriff's Office DR# 184-453

SUSPECTS: STEPHEN J. FLEOM and FRANCIS B. SALEMSE

Case Summary

On October 10, 1969, at approximately 1:30PM the body of a white male adult was found eight-tenths of one mile East of Mile Post #38 on Nevada State Route #16, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

The body was found in a small wash approximately (40) feet South of the highway by MR. JOHN W. ORR and FRED W. LULLAN, both of Star Route #3, Box 33, Mountain Springs, Nevada, Telephone [REDACTED]. Persons discovering are both employed by the Highway Department of the State of Nevada and found the body while working along the highway picking up trash and rubbish.

After the crime scene was searched and all items of any possible evidential value were photographed and impounded by CCSO Identification Bureau, the body was examined. What appeared to be one gunshot wound was noted in the back of the victim's head. After examination at the scene, the body was removed to Bunker Brothers Mortuary in Las Vegas where an autopsy was performed by Dr. JAMES Y. CLARKE. The autopsy revealed that the cause of death was due to multiple gunshot wounds, two in the lower back and one in the back of the head. Two expended bullets were recovered from the victim's body, one of which is sufficient for firearms comparison. Bullets were determined to be .38 caliber with left hand rifling, indicating they may have been fired from a Colt Revolver or some other weapon with similar specifications.



Page 2
March 11, 1970

Dr. CLARKE estimated death to have occurred ten to fourteen days prior to discovery of the body. A complete set of classifiable and identifiable fingerprints were obtained from the body. Description of the victim was as follows: WMA, 45-50, 5'7", approximately 158 lbs., dark brown hair.

The victim was dressed as follows: Royal blue nylon windbreaker type jacket, light blue, square tailed, short sleeve shirt, white t-shirt, grey wool slacks, black belt, white boxer type shorts, with narrow pin stripes, black low quarter shoes, black socks.

The above clothing was impounded and searched for items of identification, however none was found. The only item of any value for identification was a small loose leaf note book in the victim's jacket pocket which had evidently been overlooked by the suspect(s).

Examination of this note book revealed the name: PAUL J. ANDREWS, and the address: 154 N. New Hampshire Street, written on one of the pages. Contact was made with the Los Angeles Police Department at which time it was ascertained that such an address existed in their Ramparts Division. Sgt. MELENDEZ and Detective JOE FURMER of the Ramparts Division Homicide Unit were contacted and a request was made for them to check the address at 154 N. New Hampshire Street to ascertain if a PAUL J. ANDREWS resided there. Sgt. MELENDEZ and Detective FURMER, after checking this address, reported that Apartment #106, 154 N. New Hampshire had in fact been rented to one PAUL J. ANDREWS on 9/18/69 and that this subject had not been seen in the apartment area for quite some time. They also reported that they examined Apartment #106 and it appeared that the occupant had not been there for quite some time as evidenced by spoiled food in the refrigerator, etc.

A request was made to have Los Angeles Police Identification Officers process latent fingerprints. This request was complied with and several latent fingerprint lifts were forwarded to this Department by Los Angeles Police Department. A subsequent comparison of these prints against the victim's prints made by Detective P. MUMPOWER of the CCSO I.D. Bureau established positively that the victim had resided, or been present, in Apartment #106, 154 N. New Hampshire Street in Los Angeles, California.

On 10/7/69, Detective DUGGAN traveled to Los Angeles to conduct further investigation of this case. Detective DUGGAN contacted Mrs. LENA RICE, Manager of the Parkton Hotel, located at 5962 Pacific Boulevard, Huntington Park, California, phone # [REDACTED], regarding subject PAUL J. ANDREWS. Mrs. RICE had been the manager of the apartments located at 154 N. New Hampshire Street at the time the victim registered into Apartment #106.

Mrs. RICE recalled this subject and provided Detective DUGGAN with a physical description fitting closely that of the victim. It was further ascertained that the victim had been accompanied by another man at the time he obtained the apartment. Mrs. RICE

Page 3
March 11, 1970

related that she had seen this second subject with ANDREWS on two or three occasions, however was unable to give a very good facial description due to this subject always averting his face.

She did, however, state that the second subject appeared to be a little taller and older than the subject she knew as PAUL J. ANDREWS. Mrs. RICE further related that she last saw both of these subjects on 9/27/69, a Saturday. She remembers the date because that was the date she moved from the apartments to her present address. She recalled that both subjects were entering the door to Apartment #106, both carrying sacks of what appeared to be groceries.

Note: This is in all probability the date the subjects left the apartment as two sacks of groceries were found just inside the doorway by Los Angeles Police Department Officers. This date also coincides with the estimated time of death given by Dr. CLARKE.

Copies of the victim's fingerprint cards were forwarded to CII and FBI, however both agencies failed to make an identification.

It became obvious from investigation conducted in the Los Angeles area that the subject had used false information when registering into the apartment and that the name PAUL J. ANDREWS was an alias.

Victim Identified

On 1/6/70 bulletins were sent to several police agencies on the east coast in an attempt to establish the victim's identity. On 1/30/70 S/A MCKINLEY of the Las Vegas FBI Office notified this Department that his agency had received information from their Boston office to the effect that Boston Police Department had established tentative identification of the victim as being one PETER J. POULOS, a subject wanted by that department for the murder of a local racketeer. It was further learned that PETER J. POULOS was also wanted by the FBI for UFAP in connection with this murder.

On 2/2/70 S/A MCKINLEY furnished this Department with a wanted poster on PETER J. POULOS which contained his fingerprints. A comparison was made between the homicide victim's fingerprints and the prints of PETER J. POULOS by Detective P. MUMPOWER of the CCSO Identification Bureau, at which time the victim was positively identified as PETER J. POULOS.

PETER J. POULOS is described as follows: WMA, dob 7/31/30, 5'7", 160, chestnut hair, brown eyes.

On 2/2/70 a phone call was placed to Sgt. FRANK WALSH of the Organized Crime Section of the Boston Police Department. Sgt. WALSH stated that POULOS was wanted by his department, along with a STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEME for the murder of one WILLIAM BENNETT

Page 4
March 11, 1970

which occurred in the Boston area on 12/27/66. Sgt. WALSH related that POULOS was a loan shark and racketeer in the Boston area. He further stated that STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME are members of an eastern Cosa Nostra family and were associates of POULOS, although POULOS was not a member of the Cosa Nostra. Sgt. WALSH stated that POULOS, FLEMMI and SALEMME were suspected of several more murders in the Boston area. On 9/11/69 all three subjects were indicted by a Grand Jury in Boston for the murder of the aforementioned WILLIAM BENNETT. On the same date, Sgt. WALSH stated that POULOS, FLEMMI and SALEMME disappeared from the Boston area. Investigation conducted by the Boston Police Department revealed that on this date (9/11/69) POULOS received several phone calls for him to get in touch with "Steve" (believed to be STEPHEN FLEMMI). Upon his arrival at home POULOS told his mother that he was going to take a vacation and go to Cape Cod for a while. He immediately left, taking very few clothes.

Further information was received by the Boston Police Department to the effect that POULOS took approximately \$50,000.00 with him and that it was expected that he would never be seen alive again. Sgt. WALSH stated that it was common knowledge among police circles that FLEMMI and SALEMME considered POULOS to be a "weak link" and would, sooner or later, kill him.

After establishing the identity of the victim and receiving the aforementioned information from Boston, this Department obtained photos of victim PETER J. POULOS, STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME.

These photos were forwarded to Sgt. MELENDRES and Detective PURMER of the Los Angeles Police Department who took them to Mrs. LENA RICE in an attempt to establish identification of the second subject seen by her with the victim.

Sgt. MELENDRES and Detective PURMER reported that after viewing the photos, Mrs. RICE was unable to positively identify any of the subjects as being the person she knew as "PAUL J. ANDREWS", however she did state that FRANCIS SALEMME very closely resembled the person she knew as ANDREWS, and that the second subject with ANDREWS resembled PETER POULOS.

It should be noted that further information received from Sgt. WALSH of the Boston Police Department regarding the murder of WILLIAM BENNETT, the crime for which these suspects were under indictment, indicated that victim POULOS was used by FLEMMI and SALEMME as a "decoy" to get BENNETT into a position where he could be killed. Further that Boston Police Department recovered bullets from the body of BENNETT, said bullets being .38 caliber with left hand rifling, the same type and weight which was recovered from victim POULOS' body.

Page 5
March 11, 1970

Conclusion:

From the above investigation it becomes apparent that victim PETER J. POULOS and suspects STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME left Boston, Massachusetts on or about 9/11/69, traveling to Los Angeles, California. On 9/18/69, Apartment #106, located at 154 N. New Hampshire Street in Los Angeles, California was rented by one of the subjects, using the name "BAUR, J. ANDREWS". On or about 9/27/69 victim POULOS and suspects FLEMMI and SALEMME left the apartment in Los Angeles enroute to Las Vegas. Victim and suspects, in all probability, left Interstate #5 at Indio, California traveling to Shoshone, California and into Nevada on Nevada State Route #16 at Fairbump, Nevada.

Suspects FLEMMI and SALEMME shot and killed victim PETER J. POULOS leaving his body alongside the highway where it was subsequently discovered. This Department has been unable to find any evidence to indicate that victim POULOS ever arrived at Las Vegas.

It should be noted that both suspects, STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME, are both wanted for murder by the Boston, Massachusetts Police Department and UFAP Warrants have been issued for them through the FBI. To date no trace of either suspect has been found.

Witnesses:

1. JOHN W. ORR, ██████████ Mountain Springs, Nevada, Phone # ██████████
2. FRED W. LUJAN (same address and phone as above).
Above subjects can testify as to their finding the victim's body.
3. SGT. D. CAPUTO, CCSO.
4. Detective D. WEIDEMANN, CCSO.
5. Detective P. MUMPOWER, CCSO.
Can testify to all photos taken of the scene, crime scene search, evidence found at scene, crime scene sketch, and evidence booked from the crime scene.
6. Dr. JAMES CLARKE, Clark County Pathologist.
Can testify as to the autopsy and his findings.
7. Sgt. D. CAPUTO, CCSO I.D. Bureau.
8. Detective W. J. DUNN, CCSO I.D. Bureau.

Page 6
March 11, 1970

Witnessed the autopsy, can testify as to the clothing and items removed from the body, items found in the pockets of the clothing, the removal of one bullet from the body and all autopsy photos.

9. Sgt. MELENDEZ, Los Angeles Police Department, Rampart's Division Homicide Unit.
10. Detective JOE FURMER, Los Angeles Police Department, Ramparts Division Homicide Unit.

Can testify as to locating the apartment in Los Angeles and their examination of the apartment. Detective FURMER can also testify as to his showing Mrs. LENA RICE photos of the victim and suspects.

11. Mrs. LENA RICE, [REDACTED], Huntington Park, California, phone # [REDACTED].

Can testify as to the subjects renting the apartment in Los Angeles and information given by subject known to her as "PAUL J. ANDREWS".

12. S/A MCKINLEY, Las Vegas FBI Office.

Can testify as to receiving information from S/A LINK in Boston regarding the tentative identification of the victim.

13. Detective P. MUMPOWER, CCSO I.D. Bureau.

Can testify as to his positive identification of the victim through fingerprint comparison.

14. Sgt. FRANK WALSH, Organized Crime Section, Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts.

Can testify as to suspects and victims background and to the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the victim from the Boston area. Can also testify to the fact that victim and suspects were, and are now under indictment for murder, and that POULOS was a potential witness against them.

Criminal Record:

1. STEPHEN J. FLEMMI - FBI # 401425C.
2. FRANCIS P. SALEMME - FBI # 433761F.

1516

Page 7
March 11, 1970

Above suspects have no arrest record with any local police agencies, however both have extensive arrest records on the east coast, particularly the Boston area for crimes wherein firearms were used. Both suspects are presently wanted by the Boston Police Department for murder and the FBI for UFAP for this murder. Photos are available.

Special Note:

It is respectfully requested that warrants and complaints charging the crime of Murder as outlined under NRS 200.010 be issued for STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME for the murder of PETER J. POULOS.

Respectfully submitted,

Detective Jim Duggan
Detective Charles Lee

JD:CL:lm

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

EVIDENCE EXAMINED REPORT

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION
IDENTIFICATION BUREAU
Criminal Investigation Section

Incident MURDER DR# 184-458
 Submitting Agency CCSO Officer(s) LT. MC CULLOUGH Div. DET
 Examination(s) Requested FINGERPRINT COMPARISON
 Description of Item(s) Submitted SEE BELOW

Results of Examination: VICTIM: POULOS, PETER J., BOSTON INFORMATION ORDER
IDI 129-286
 SUSPECTS: SALEMME, FRANCIS PATRICK, FBI INFORMATION ORDER
#4345 FBI #433-761 F
FLEMMI, STEPHEN JOSEPH, FBI INFORMATION ORDER
#4344 FBI #401-425 C

ON 2-2-70 A FINGERPRINT COMPARISON REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED BY DETECTIVE J. DUGGAN TO COMPARE THE FINGERPRINTS OF AN UNKNOWN JOHN DOE FOUND IN THE DESERT AREA OFF HWY 185, 25.5 MILES WEST OF THE BLUE DIAMOND CUT-OFF, AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF PETER J. POULOS THAT APPEAR ON A BOSTON INFORMATION ORDER. THE RESULT WAS A POSITIVE MATCH WITH OVER 25 POINTS OF COMPARISON FOUND.

THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE VICTIM AND THE ABOVE SUSPECTS WERE THEN COMPARED AGAINST THE LATENT PRINTS SUBMITTED BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT LIFTED FROM THE INSIDE OF AN APARTMENT LOCATED AT 154 N. NEW HAMPSHIRE, APT. #106. THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: ONE (1) FINGERPRINT FROM AN ALUMINUM SAUCE PAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE RIGHT INDEX FINGER OF THE VICTIM WITH 8 POINTS OF COMPARISON FOUND; ONE (1) FINGERPRINT FROM A DRINKING GLASS IN THE BATHROOM WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE LEFT THUMB OF THE VICTIM WITH 12 POINTS OF COMPARISON FOUND; TWO (2) FINGERPRINTS FROM A WIZARD AIR FRESHENER CAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE RIGHT MIDDLE AND RIGHT RING FINGER OF THE VICTIM WITH 10 POINTS OF COMPARISON FOUND ON THE RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER AND 12 POINTS OF COMPARISON FOUND ON THE RIGHT RING FINGER.

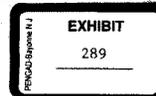
NO MATCH WAS MADE ON THE ABOVE SUSPECTS.

THE FINGERPRINT CARDS OF THE VICTIM, THE ABOVE TWO SUSPECTS AND

10-13-69 Examining Officer _____ Comm# _____
 10-15-69
 Date of Examination 2-2-70 Examining Officer F.P. MUMPOWER Comm# 545
 Chemist _____

Supervising Officer's Acknowledgement of Above J. Reagan Rank LT

S-77 2-4-70 10:45 AM STOKAN



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON

MURDER
EVIDENCE EXAMINED REPORT
184-458

CONTINUATION REPORT

THE LATENT PRINTS FROM LOS ANGELES ARE NOW ON FILE UNDER

DRY 184-458.

Lined area for handwritten notes or details.

F.P. MUMPOWER / 546
OFFICER'S SIGNATURE / DOE NO.

1519

RALPH LAMB
Sheriff

W. L. BILL
Undersheriff

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COUNTY OF CLARK
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
383-4711

March 1., 1970

FROM: Ralph Lamb, Sheriff
Clark County
Las Vegas, Nevada

TO: George Franklin, Esquire
District Attorney
Clark County
Las Vegas, Nevada

SUBJECT: Murder of PETER J. FOULOS
Clark County Sheriff's Office DR# 184-453

SUSPECTS: STEPHEN J. FLECKI and FRANCIS E. SALESE

Case Summary

On October 19, 1969, at approximately 1:30PM the body of a white male adult was found eight-tenths of one mile East of Mile Post #33 on Nevada State Route #16, in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

The body was found in a small wash approximately (40) feet South of the highway by MR. JOHN W. ORR and FRED W. LULIAN, both of Mountain Springs, Nevada, Telephone [REDACTED]. Persons discovering are both employed by the Highway Department of the State of Nevada and found the body while working along the highway picking up trash and rubbish.

After the crime scene was searched and all items of any possible evidential value were photographed and impounded by CCSO Identification Bureau, the body was examined. What appeared to be one gunshot wound was noted in the back of the victim's head. After examination at the scene, the body was removed to Bunker Brothers Mortuary in Las Vegas where an autopsy was performed by Dr. JAMES Y. CLARKE. The autopsy revealed that the cause of death was due to multiple gunshot wounds, two in the lower back and one in the back of the head. Two expended bullets were recovered from the victim's body, one of which is sufficient for firearms comparison. Bullets were determined to be .38 caliber with left hand rifling, indicating they may have been fired from a Colt Revolver or some other weapon with similar specifications.

Page 2
March 11, 1970

Dr. CLARKE estimated death to have occurred ten to fourteen days prior to discovery of the body. A complete set of classifiable and identifiable fingerprints were obtained from the body. Description of the victim was as follows: WMA, 45-50, 5'7", approximately 158 lbs., dark brown hair.

The victim was dressed as follows: Royal blue nylon windbreaker type jacket, light blue, square tailed, short sleeve shirt, white t-shirt, grey wool slacks, black belt, white boxer type shorts, with narrow pin stripes, black low quarter shoes, black socks.

The above clothing was impounded and searched for items of identification, however none was found. The only item of any value for identification was a small loose leaf note book in the victim's jacket pocket which had evidently been overlooked by the suspect(s).

Examination of this note book revealed the name: PAUL J. ANDREWS, and the address: 154 N. New Hampshire Street, written on one of the pages. Contact was made with the Los Angeles Police Department at which time it was ascertained that such an address existed in their Ramparts Division. Sgt. MELENDRES and Detective JOE PURMER of the Ramparts Division Homicide Unit were contacted and a request was made for them to check the address at 154 N. New Hampshire Street to ascertain if a PAUL J. ANDREWS resided there. Sgt. MELENDRES and Detective PURMER, after checking this address, reported that Apartment #106, 154 N. New Hampshire had in fact been rented to one PAUL J. ANDREWS on 9/18/69 and that this subject had not been seen in the apartment area for quite some time. They also reported that they examined Apartment #106 and it appeared that the occupant had not been there for quite some time as evidenced by spoiled food in the refrigerator, etc.

A request was made to have Los Angeles Police Identification Officers process latent fingerprints. This request was complied with and several latent fingerprint lifts were forwarded to this Department by Los Angeles Police Department. A subsequent comparison of these prints against the victim's prints made by Detective P. MUMPOWER of the CCSO I.D. Bureau established positively that the victim had resided, or been present, in Apartment #106, 154 N. New Hampshire Street in Los Angeles, California.

On 10/7/69, Detective DUGGAN traveled to Los Angeles to conduct further investigation of this case. Detective DUGGAN contacted Mrs. LENA RICE, Manager of the Parkton Hotel, located at ~~154 N. New Hampshire Street~~, Huntington Park, California, Phone # ~~972-1111~~ regarding subject PAUL J. ANDREWS. Mrs. RICE had been the manager of the apartments located at 154 N. New Hampshire Street at the time the victim registered into Apartment #106.

Mrs. RICE recalled this subject and provided Detective DUGGAN with a physical description fitting closely that of the victim. It was further ascertained that the victim had been accompanied by another man at the time he obtained the apartment. Mrs. RICE

Page 3
March 11, 1970

related that she had seen this second subject with ANDREWS on two or three occasions, however was unable to give a very good facial description due to this subject always averting his face.

She did, however, state that the second subject appeared to be a little taller and older than the subject she knew as PAUL J. ANDREWS. Mrs. RICE further related that she last saw both of these subjects on 9/27/69, a Saturday. She remembers the date because that was the date she moved from the apartments to her present address. She recalled that both subjects were entering the door to Apartment #106, both carrying sacks of what appeared to be groceries.

Note: This is in all probability the date the subjects left the apartment as two sacks of groceries were found just inside the doorway by Los Angeles Police Department Officers. This date also coincides with the estimated time of death given by Dr. CLARKE.

Copies of the victim's fingerprint cards were forwarded to CII and FBI, however both agencies failed to make an identification.

It became obvious from investigation conducted in the Los Angeles area that the subject had used false information when registering into the apartment and that the name PAUL J. ANDREWS was an alias.

Victim Identified

On 1/6/70 bulletins were sent to several police agencies on the east coast in an attempt to establish the victim's identity. On 1/30/70 S/A MCKINLEY of the Las Vegas FBI Office notified this Department that his agency had received information from their Boston office to the effect that Boston Police Department had established tentative identification of the victim as being one PETER J. POULOS, a subject wanted by that department for the murder of a local racketeer. It was further learned that PETER J. POULOS was also wanted by the FBI for UFAP in connection with this murder.

On 2/2/70 S/A MCKINLEY furnished this Department with a wanted poster on PETER J. POULOS which contained his fingerprints. A comparison was made between the homicide victim's fingerprints and the prints of PETER J. POULOS by Detective P. MUMPOWER of the CCSO Identification Bureau, at which time the victim was positively identified as PETER J. POULOS.

PETER J. POULOS is described as follows: WMA, dob 7/31/30, 5'7", 160, chestnut hair, brown eyes.

On 2/2/70 a phone call was placed to Sgt. FRANK WALSH of the Organized Crime Section of the Boston Police Department. Sgt. WALSH stated that POULOS was wanted by his department, along with a STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME for the murder of one WILLIAM BENNETT

Page 4
March 11, 1970

which occurred in the Boston area on 12/27/66. Sgt. WALSH related that POULOS was a loan shark and racketeer in the Boston area. He further stated that STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME are members of an eastern-Cosa Nostra family and were associates of POULOS, although POULOS was not a member of the Cosa Nostra. Sgt. WALSH stated that POULOS, FLEMMI and SALEMME were suspected of several more murders in the Boston area. On 9/11/69 all three subjects were indicted by a Grand Jury in Boston for the murder of the aforementioned WILLIAM BENNETT. On the same date, Sgt. WALSH stated that POULOS, FLEMMI and SALEMME disappeared from the Boston area. Investigation conducted by the Boston Police Department revealed that on this date (9/11/69) POULOS received several phone calls for him to get in touch with "SAMUE" (believed to be STEPHEN FLEMMI). Upon his arrival at home POULOS told his mother that he was going to take a vacation and go to Cape Cod for a while. He immediately left, taking very few clothes.

Further information was received by the Boston Police Department to the effect that POULOS took approximately \$50,000.00 with him and that it was expected that he would never be seen alive again. Sgt. WALSH stated that it was common knowledge among police circles that FLEMMI and SALEMME considered POULOS to be a "weak link" and would, sooner or later, kill him.

After establishing the identity of the victim and receiving the aforementioned information from Boston, this Department obtained photos of victim PETER J. POULOS, STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME.

These photos were forwarded to Sgt. MELENDRES and Detective PURMER of the Los Angeles Police Department who took them to Mrs. LENA RICE in an attempt to establish identification of the second subject seen by her with the victim.

Sgt. MELENDRES and Detective PURMER reported that after viewing the photos, Mrs. RICE was unable to positively identify any of the subjects as being the person she knew as "PAUL J. ANDREWS", however she did state that FRANCIS SALEMME very closely resembled the person she knew as ANDREWS, and that the second subject with ANDREWS resembled PETER POULOS.

It should be noted that further information received from Sgt. WALSH of the Boston Police Department regarding the murder of WILLIAM BENNETT, the crime for which these suspects were under indictment, indicated that victim POULOS was used by FLEMMI and SALEMME as a "decoy" to get BENNETT into a position where he could be killed. Further that Boston Police Department recovered bullets from the body of BENNETT, said bullets being .38 caliber with left hand rifling, the same type and weight which was recovered from victim POULOS' body.

Page 5
March 11, 1970

Conclusion:

From the above investigation it becomes apparent that victim PETER J. POULOS and suspects STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME left Boston, Massachusetts on or about 9/11/69, traveling to Los Angeles, California. On 9/18/69, Apartment #106, located at 154 N. New Hampshire Street in Los Angeles, California was rented by one of the subjects, using the name "PAUL J. ANDREWS". On or about 9/27/69 victim POULOS and suspects FLEMMI and SALEMME left the apartment in Los Angeles enroute to Las Vegas. Victim and suspects, in all probability, left Interstate #15 at Baker, California traveling to Shoshone, California and into Nevada on Nevada State Route #16 at Pahrap, Nevada.

Suspects FLEMMI and SALEMME shot and killed victim PETER J. POULOS leaving his body alongside the highway where it was subsequently discovered. This Department has been unable to find any evidence to indicate that victim POULOS ever arrived at Las Vegas.

It should be noted that both suspects, STEPHEN J. FLEMMI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME, are both wanted for murder by the Boston, Massachusetts Police Department and UFAP Warrants have been issued for them through the FBI. To date no trace of either suspect has been found.

Witnesses:

1. JOHN W. ORR, ██████████ ██████████ Mountain Springs, Nevada, Phone # ██████████
2. FRED W. LUJAN (same address and phone as above).

Above subjects can testify as to their finding the victim's body.

3. SGT. D. CAPUTO, CCSO.
4. Detective D. WEIDEMANN, CCSO.
5. Detective P. MUMPOWER, CCSO.

Can testify to all photos taken of the scene, crime scene search, evidence found at scene, crime scene sketch, and evidence booked from the crime scene.

6. Dr. JAMES CLARKE, Clark County Pathologist.
Can testify as to the autopsy and his findings.
7. Sgt. D. CAPUTO, CCSO I.D. Bureau.

8. Detective W. J. ORR, CCSO I.D. Bureau

Page 6
March 11, 1970

Witnessed the autopsy, can testify as to the clothing and items removed from the body, items found in the pockets of the clothing, the removal of one bullet from the body and all autopsy photos.

9. Sgt. MELENDRES, Los Angeles Police Department, Rampart's Division Homicide Unit.
10. Detective JOE BURNER, Los Angeles Police Department, Ramparts Division Homicide Unit.
Can testify as to locating the apartment in Los Angeles and their examination of the apartment. Detective BURNER can also testify as to his showing Mrs. LENA RICE photos of the victim and suspects.
11. Mrs. LENA RICE, [REDACTED], Huntington Park, California, phone # [REDACTED].
Can testify as to the subjects renting the apartment in Los Angeles and information given by subject known to her as "PAUL J. ANDREWS".
12. S/A MCKINLEY, Las Vegas FBI Office.
Can testify as to receiving information from S/A LINK in Boston regarding the tentative identification of the victim.
13. Detective P. MUMPOWER, CCSO I.D. Bureau.
Can testify as to his positive identification of the victim through fingerprint comparison.
14. Sgt. FRANK WALSH, Organized Crime Section, Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts.
Can testify as to suspects and victims background and to the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the victim from the Boston area. Can also testify to the fact that victim and suspects were, and are now under indictment for murder, and that POULOS was a potential witness against them.

Criminal Record:

1. STEPHEN J. FLEMMI - FBI # 401425C.
2. FRANCIS P. SALEMME - FBI # 433761F.

Page 7
March 11, 1970

Above suspects have no arrest record with any local police agencies, however both have extensive arrest records on the east coast, particularly the Boston area for crimes wherein firearms were used. Both suspects are presently wanted by the Boston Police Department for murder and the FBI for UFAP for this murder. Photos are available.

Special Note:

It is respectfully requested that warrants and complaints charging the crime of Murder as outlined under NRS 200.010 be issued for STEPHEN J. FIENNI and FRANCIS P. SALEMME for the murder of PETER J. FOULOS.

Respectfully submitted,

Detective Jim Duggan
Detective Charles Lee

JD:CL:lm

1527

DR# 184-458
FOLLOW-UP MURDER
PETER J. POULOS
9/27/69 to 10/10/69
Page 2

Sgt. WALSH further related that the weapon used in the WILLIAM BENNETT homicide was a .38 caliber revolver left twist. In view of this information, arrangements are now being made with the Boston Police Department to match the pellet removed from the body of PETER POULOS with the pellets removed from the body of WILLIAM BENNETT. In view of the victim's association with members of the Cosa Nostra, CCSO Intelligence Unit is assisting the officers reporting in this investigation.

Case status investigation continuing.

M. Jensen
2/9/70

CHARLES LEE 619
JIMMY DUGGAN 220