

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.

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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.

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FROM: SAC, BOSTON (92-1132)  
SUBJECT: JOSEPH BARON, aka  
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Lt. Det. WILLIAM BERGIN, Mass. State Police, attached to Norfolk County DA's Office, and assigned to handle MCI, Walpole, Mass., advises he received two affidavits from inmate WILLIAM GERAWAY, dated 11/24/70. GERAWAY alleges Attorney RONALD CHISHOLM has furnished him \$150, then \$200 and a \$395 watch, as well as a promise of \$35,000 to furnish affidavits and testify in court relative to statements made to GERAWAY by subject about innocence of individuals convicted on BARON testimony. GERAWAY alleges that BARON did make such statements but he, GERAWAY, was not aware that he could not ethically accept these things. Admits at instigation of Attorney RONALD CHISHOLM, who was in contact with GENNARO J. ANGIULO, he, GERAWAY, was to "fill in" inmate LAWRENCE WOOD with information provided by BARON to GERAWAY so that WOOD could also submit affidavits.

GERAWAY indicated to BERGIN a desire to talk with Strike Force Head EDWARD F. HARRINGTON, Suffolk County DA and HARRINGTON aware of foregoing. HARRINGTON advises he will have no contact with GERAWAY as he is a self-admitted liar. Boston Office having no contact with GERAWAY as Bureau has previously been advised. Bureau already aware of information provided by WOOD.

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By return mail both Boston and San Francisco advise the Bureau concerning any prosecution pending against the subject. Also include details as to the stage to which the prosecutive steps have progressed.

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BARON has been indicted in Bristol County on gun carrying charges, armed assault and possession of marijuana. No trial date has been set and he is held in \$100,000 bail. He is also being held for Suffolk County authorities for Probation Violation. He is currently in custody in the Hampden County Jail in Springfield, Mass. A request for his removal to California has been received by Governor of Mass. from California authorities to face a murder charge in Sonoma County, California.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Anthony Stathopoulos, being duly sworn, depose as follows:

I am the Anthony Stathopoulos who testified in the case of Commonwealth v. French, in 1968, in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk. To the best of my memory, I testified at that trial that the defendant Louis Grieco, in my opinion, looked like the man I had seen come out of the alley at 4th Street in Chelsea on March 12, 1965. Officer Doyle told me that Baron had told him that Grieco was in the alley shooting Deegan. Someone from the District Attorney's staff had told me the seating arrangement of the defendants in the courtroom before I testified.

On September 8, 1967, I was taken by Boston police officer to the County Jail at Dorchester where I had a talk with Joseph Baron. We talked about the events of March 12, 1965, and about testimony that both he and I were going to give before a grand jury about that night. I told Baron that I wasn't sure that Charles Moore had set up the shooting so that, since I wasn't sure, I would not want to involve him. I asked Baron about Flemmi because Baron had told me in Charles Street Jail that he, Baron, could straighten me out with Flemmi. Baron told me that he was going to keep Flemmi out of it because he said that Flemmi was a friend of his and the only one who treated him decently.

*Anthony Stathopoulos*

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Before the trial in 1968, I talked with Mr. Zalkind about the lawyers for the defendants wanting to talk with me before the trial. I thought that I would so that I would know what kind of questions they would ask me when I was on the witness stand. Mr. Zalkind told me that I shouldn't do this because someone was trying to kill me.

Since the trial I learned from Mr. Bailey about police reports and I talked with Mr. Zalkind about the reports. The reports were attached together and the first was headed "John Doyle's office" and related to the events of September 8, 1967, and the second related to certain statements made by Officer Robson about talks with me in June and July of 1967. Mr. Zalkind informed me, in August or September of 1970, to the best of my memory, that the second report had been delivered to Mr. Zalkind by Officer Doyle sometime after the trial was over and that Mr. Doyle believed that a copy of the second report had been delivered to one of the lawyers for the defendants by a police officer. I also talked with Officer Doyle who had some papers in his hand. He said that this was what the defense lawyers were talking about. He read parts of it to me. He asked me if parts were accurate and I agreed with him.

*Anthony Stathopoulos*  
Anthony Stathopoulos

SUFFOLK, ss.

January 5, 1971

Then appeared the above named Anthony Stathopoulos and made oath to the truth of the foregoing.

Before me,

*Walter J. Hurley*  
Notary Public

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*Memorandum*TO : Edward F. Harrington  
Attorney-in-Charge  
Boston Strike ForceDATE: January 12, 1971  
PRM:bjwFROM : Philip R. Michael  
Assistant Attorney-in-Charge  
San Francisco, CASUBJECT: Joseph (Baron) Barboza

On January 11, 1971, I had a lengthy telephone conversation with Mr. Kiernan R. Hyland, District Attorney for Sonoma County which covers Santa Rosa, California. His telephone number is [REDACTED]. I informed him we had no desire to interfere with his pending murder prosecution against Barboza, but that we wished to satisfy ourselves, (1) that Barboza was not being framed, and (2) that Barboza was represented by competent counsel.

Hyland was well familiar with Barboza, his background, and his federal testimony against Patriarca. Hyland said his office was alert to the frame-up possibility but thought an explanation such as that did not accord with the facts of the case. In his opinion, Barboza is an individual unable to stay away from criminal involvement. Hyland believes Barboza became involved with Clay Wilson, the victim, in connection with stolen non-negotiable bonds Barboza was attempting to sell. Wilson was a known criminal operator in Santa Rosa who apparently attempted to cheat Barboza, not knowing the character or propensities of Barboza. Barboza also became quite friendly with Wilson's attractive wife, who is a known user of hard narcotics.

Hyland informed me that the first information in the case came from the Massachusetts prisoners. While they were interviewed by Hyland's chief investigator and the Santa Rosa Police Chief, the prisoners' information was vague, sketchy and inaccurate, though it did serve to stimulate the investigation. The prisoners apparently did not know the location of the body or other crucial elements surrounding the crime. Hyland feels they were quite lucky to solve the case. He was surprised they were able to convince Wilson's wife and another 18 year old girl (another known narcotic user) to reveal the crime and Wilson's grave, which was located in remote countryside. Hyland stated no immunity was given either of the women but that he would have no

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charges on them anyway. Apparently the four -- Barboza, Wilson and the two women were on a walk in the woods when the men walked ahead, a shot rang out, and Wilson was dead. Hyland hypothesizes the women were too frightened to report the crime.

Hyland does not believe the women were persuaded to frame Barboza. Hyland stated all these people were local and had been known to law enforcement for many years, and that Barboza became involved with them. Hyland sees no organized crime ramifications to this crime.

Hyland has forwarded the extradition papers which have been signed by the California Governor. No reliable information exists as to when Barboza will be returned to California. Hyland reported that Barboza has apparently retained Mr. Marteen Miller, Public Defender of Santa Rosa, as his California counsel. Hyland describes Miller as a very able criminal trial lawyer.

Hyland discussed this matter frankly with me, and invited me, or someone from the Department of Justice to review his files and discuss the case in depth with him. I advised him he may be contacted by an attorney from our Boston Strike Force, which caused Hyland no concern.

Let me know if you wish me to make any new contact with Hyland or assist you further in this matter.

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ReBulet. to Boston 12/23/70.

The Governor of Massachusetts signed the extradition papers on JOSEPH BARBOZA BARON for the State of California on 2/10/71. It is not known whether BARON will be filling a writ.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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SR MURDER CASE

Massachusetts Judge Denies  
Baron Block to Extradition

2/27/71

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (UPI)—A Superior Court judge today denied a motion by underworld informer Joseph (Barboza) Baron to fight extradition to answer a murder charge in California.

Judge Frank Smith denied the motion. Earlier, attorney general Robert H. Quinn had recommended to Gov. Francis W. Sargent that Baron be extradited.

Baron turned in former against his reputed one-time

criminal bosses after two friends were executed while trying to raise bail for him several years ago. His testimony was instrumental in getting convictions against Raymond L. S. Patriarca, alleged Cosa Nostra chieftain for New England, and several associates.

He had been given immunity and was ordered to stay out of the state until last fall. But last July he was picked up on

narcotics and firearms charges during racial outbreaks in New Bedford, his hometown.

The murder charge from California was in the death last summer of Clay Wilson of Santa Rosa. Two inmates at Norfolk County Jail told authorities of a conversation they allegedly overheard involving Wilson's death.

Officials investigated and found Wilson's body in Glen Ellen, Calif., and sought the charges against Baron.

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BARON waived extradition and turned over to California authorities for removal to California on 2/22/71.

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# Two Deputies Returning With Accused Murderer

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By BONY GALUDES  
Gangland informer Joseph  
Baron, charged with  
the execution-type slaying of a  
Santa Rosa man last July—is  
due to arrive in Santa Rosa  
sometime tomorrow in custody  
of two Sonoma County sheriff's  
deputies. The Press Democrat  
learned today.

Massachusetts authorities yesterday  
turned him over to Sheriff's  
Inspector Timothy Brown and  
Transportation Officer Frank  
Bean, who flew to New Bedford,  
Mass., over the weekend.

Officials here surrendered him  
to California authorities after  
Superior Court Judge Frank  
Smith, New Bedford, denied Mr.  
Baron's motion to block his  
extradition to this state yesterday.

Assistant District Attorney  
John W. Hawkes said extreme  
security measures are being  
taken in Mr. Baron's return to  
Sonoma County.

Mr. Hawkes said the suspect  
will be flown back, but he would  
not divulge what arrangements  
have been made. He said commercial  
aircraft definitely will  
not be utilized.

Officials here, Mr. Hawkes  
said, were informed beforehand  
that the judge would deny Mr.  
Baron's motion and that he'd be  
ready for surrender yesterday.  
The two deputies then were sent  
to get him over the weekend.

Mr. Baron is charged with the  
murder of Clayton Ricky Wilson,  
26, whose body was found in  
a crude, shallow grave on a  
thorn-infested hillside near  
Glen Ellen on Oct. 13.

The charge was filed Oct. 15  
in Southern Municipal Court be-  
cause the slaying allegedly oc-  
curred in Glen Ellen, near the  
grave site. Glen Ellen is in the



JOSEPH BARON

Southern Municipal District.

An autopsy disclosed Mr. Wilson  
was shot twice in the head.  
Two slugs, believed from a .38  
revolver, were uncovered in a  
field several yards away from  
the grave.

Mr. Baron allegedly was living  
in Santa Rosa, under the assumed  
name of Joseph Bentley, at the  
time of the slaying—believed to  
be in the early part of last July.

District Attorney Kiernan  
Hyland previously indicated it  
may have been the result of a  
triangle-type circumstances  
involving Mr. Wilson's wife,  
Dorothy Wilson, also known as  
Dee Mancini.

There are indications, Mr. Hy-  
land said, that the theft of several  
thousand dollars worth of bonds,  
stolen from a Petaluma home,  
may figure in the case.

Mr. Baron, a reputed gang-  
land executioner, was named as

the murder suspect following a  
three-week investigation last  
fall by Massachusetts and Santa  
Rosa authorities.

Information turned over by  
Mr. Baron's cellmate in North-  
folk County Jail, latched off the  
investigation that led to discovery  
of Mr. Wilson's body.

Last October, Mr. Hyland  
stated Mr. Wilson's wife admitted  
she was present during the slaying,  
but that she would be granted  
immunity and would not be  
prosecuted.

Authorities have also ques-  
tioned another young woman  
who allegedly was present when  
Mr. Wilson was buried. She led  
officers to the grave on Oct. 13  
and a few days later showed  
them the spot where Mr. Wilson  
was shot.

Mr. Baron reportedly had two  
attempts on his life in the East  
Coast sometime in the past.

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on narcotics and firearms  
charges during racial outbreaks  
in New Bedford, his hometown.

Once back in Sonoma County,  
Mr. Baron's pre-trial proceed-  
ings up to and including a pre-  
liminary hearing will be held in  
the Sonoma Municipal Court,  
unless for security reasons, offi-  
cials decided to hold them in  
Santa Rosa.

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