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### **Memorandum of Interview**

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2009

Person interviewed: Frank Taddeo DOB: 9/15/1954

Reporting agent: Bill Clutter

Re: *USA v Angelo DiPietro*

The witness was interviewed outside his home. Reporting agent explained that I am conducting a federal post-conviction investigation on behalf of the defendant, Angelo DiPietro. Taddeo stated that he was born and raised in Mt. Vernon, New York. He enlisted in the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1976. He stated that Colin Powell was one of his commanding officers.

He has known Angelo DiPietro for many years. He worked as a bouncer for Angelo DiPietro at Sue's Rendezvous and another club called Diamonds. He also was involved in a painting business called Top Gun Painting with Angelo DiPietro and another individual by the name of **Harold Bringman**. He has also been self-employed installing marble and tile.

Taddeo stated that he and Angelo DiPietro had known John Perrazo for many years. Perrazo had been involved in selling Iraqi dinars.

Taddeo stated that on June 29, 2001, he received a call from Angelo DiPietro. Angelo DiPietro had just separated from his wife, and was visiting her in Yonkers. He stated that DiPietro wanted Taddeo to go to Applebee's to meet **John Perrazo** and **Maurizio Sanginiti**. They were going to all meet at Angelo DiPietro's house in Mt. Vernon. **Joe Genua** was working for Taddeo at the tile shop he owned when DiPietro called. Taddeo stated that he picked up **Rick Whalen** from Mt. Vernon. They drove over to Applebee's in Taddeo's white SUV. **John Perrazo** and **Maurizio Sanginiti** walked out of Applebee's. "Nobody grabbed anyone," said Taddeo.

Taddeo stated that there were two vehicles. He was driving his white SUV with Joe Genua, and Rick Whalen. **Maurizio Sanginiti** was in a separate vehicle, with **John Perrazo**. **Angelo DiPietro** was not at Applebees.

Taddeo stated if Maurizio Sanginiti testified that John Perazzo was grabbed against his will and taken in Angelo DiPietro's white van, that would be a lie, he said. Taddeo stated that Perazzo was never kidnapped against his will. DiPietro was not at Applebee's. And DiPietro's white van was not at Applebee's.

The two vehicles drove around for quite a while, because they were waiting on Angelo DiPietro, who was still visiting with his wife, trying to reconcile with her. Taddeo followed behind Sanginiti.

Taddeo stated that while following behind Sanginiti's car in his own vehicle while traveling to DiPietro's house, he and Sanginiti made numerous cell phone calls to each other, because DiPietro was not picking up his phone during this time frame.

When Angelo finally showed up at his house, he was driving his white painter's van. Angelo didn't have a key to the garage, so he had to call a Spanish guy who was renting one of the apartments. Taddeo described the house as a large home that had apartments that DiPietro rented out. Taddeo stated that the Spanish guy's son came down with a key and let them all into the garage. The garage led into a ground level basement.

Taddeo stated that **Maurizio Sanginiti** started talking to John Perrazo about money that he owed **Sanginiti**. "I had no idea JP owed Mo money," said Taddeo. "Nobody stripped him down. Nobody tied fireworks to his balls," said Taddeo.

Taddeo stated that Angelo DiPietro left with Joe Genua and Rick Whalen to get some beer. They came back with a 12 pack of beer. Taddeo stated that they often socialized in the basement like this.

Taddeo stated that Angelo Capalbo showed up. He stated that Capalbo was "fired up." He was yelling and screaming at Perrazo and was slamming his hand down on the table, yelling, "You owe me \$90,000." Capalbo declared that he was going to have his lawyer sue Perrazo if he didn't get his money back.

Taddeo stated after drinking the beer, everyone left.

Taddeo stated that **Anthony DiPietro** was not present during this meeting.

Taddeo stated that he was never charged with extortion, relating to these allegations, and neither was Rick Whalen. Taddeo stated that he meet at the US Attorney's Office with the government under an agreement called "Queen for a Day."<sup>1</sup> He explained that his

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<sup>1</sup> This meeting with the government took place on Dec. 10, 2004, with Taddeo, and his attorney, Anthony Siriano. FBI agent Rick Falsone, Inv. Haggerty, AUSA Tim Treanor, and Jennifer Rodgers were also present.

attorney advised him that he could sit down and talk to the government and whatever he said would not be used against him. He told the FBI and the US Attorneys what happened that day at Applebee's.

Taddeo stated that he went to Maryland where Rick Whalen lived and convinced him to talk to the FBI.

Taddeo stated that he never met **Din Celaj**. Rick Whalen told him that four guys broke into John Perrazo's house. Rick Whalen called him when it happened.

Taddeo said he was interviewed by Joe Genua's attorney and with Joe Bondy, who represented Angelo DiPietro. His attorney requested that they issue a subpoena before he would allow Taddeo to speak to him. Taddeo was not called to testify by either the government, or by the attorneys for the defendants.

I, Frank Taddeo, under the penalties of Perjury, swear that my interviews with Mr. Bill Clutter and the government where I made statements of the evening of 29 JUN 2001 are absolutely true. There was no abduction of Mr. John Perazzono or were there any weapons and explosives. It was one of many gatherings that we normally would have for dinners and drinks in restaurants, cafe's, etc. We were all friends for a good period of time.

Sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of June 2010

*Charles M. Schuler*  
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Qualified in Dutchess County

Truly  
*Frank Taddeo*  
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