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DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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v. .
RAUL LUCIANO, ET AL., .
Defendants. .
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE PETER C. DORSEY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 either in my briefcase or it's in the -- probably on my desk.
2 I'm not sure where.

3 THE CLERK: Yes.

4 THE COURT: I want you to check and see if you can
5 find where the lawyers are.

6 (Pause.)

7 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Hernandez, you may
8 proceed.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: I have no other questions, Your
10 Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right. Cross? Anybody? All right,
12 Mr. Grattan, you may step down.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Your Honor, the United States calls
14 Lieutenant William White, New Haven Police Department.

15 WILLIAM WHITE, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN

16 THE CLERK: For the record, would you please state
17 your full name, spelling your last name, and give the Court
18 your business address.

19 THE WITNESS: My name is Lieutenant William White,
20 W-h-i-t-e, One Union Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

21 THE CLERK: Thank you.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. HERNANDEZ:

24 Q. Sir, who do you work for?

25 A. New Haven Police Department.

1 Q. And how long have you been with the New Haven Police
2 Department?

3 A. I'm in my 30th year.

4 Q. Could you tell the members of the jury what training and
5 experience you've had to become a member of the New Haven
6 Police Department?

7 A. I came on the police department in 1967, police
8 department lead detective in 1969. I went to different
9 schools during that time. I went to narcotic investigation
10 schools, patrol schools, and every three years you have to be
11 certified and you have to go to 40 hours of training every
12 three years.

13 I made sergeant, I believe, in 1986 or '7, and I made
14 lieutenant in 1991, I think. I believe 1991 or 1992.

15 Q. And what are your duties and responsibilities as a
16 lieutenant with the New Haven Police Department?

17 A. I'm in charge of the criminal intelligence unit at the
18 police department.

19 Q. Would you tell the members of the jury what the criminal
20 intelligence unit is?

21 A. Criminal intelligence unit of the police department is a
22 unit that was formed in 1991 by Chief Pastore, and now we are
23 members of the federal gang -- drug task force, and our major
24 concerns are drug gangs working within the City of New Haven.

25 Q. How many individuals do you supervise as a lieutenant and

1 member of the gang task force?

2 A. How many?

3 Q. Yes, sir.

4 A. Probably -- there are six New Haven officers. There's
5 one FBI agent and I believe there are two or three DEA agents.
6 There's a regular supervisor and a head supervisor, Joe Eagan
7 (phonetic) of the DEA.

8 Q. Drawing your attention to the morning of September the
9 28th of 1995.

10 Did you have an opportunity to go to the vicinity of 282
11 James Street in New Haven, Connecticut?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. And what was the purpose of your going there at the time?

14 A. My purpose at that time was we had a federal seizure
15 warrant for a vehicle, and it was located in the rear yard of
16 that location, and I seized that vehicle.

17 Q. Where relative to 282 James Street was that vehicle
18 parked?

19 A. In the rear yard.

20 Q. Handing you what has been marked Government's Exhibit
21 TJ-1 in evidence.

22 Do you recognize that?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. What is depicted in Government's Exhibit TJ-1?

25 A. It's the '86 Buick LeSabre with the Connecticut 569.JSZ

1 license plate on it. That's the vehicle I seized.

2 Q. That's the vehicle you seized at 282 James Street?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And what did you do -- well, how did you seize the
5 vehicle?

6 A. How did I seize the vehicle? I observed the vehicle in
7 the rear yard. I called in. They sent me a tow truck. The
8 vehicle was hooked on the tow truck and I followed it down to
9 an off site in New Haven, and then I turned it over to
10 Detective Grady and Special Agent Giandana who was in charge
11 of the seizing of vehicles.

12 Q. Special Agent Jane Giandana of the DEA?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And Lieutenant White, --

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Actually, that's it. I have no
16 other questions, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Any other questions?

18 MR. HERRMAN: Yes.

19 CROSS EXAMINATION

20 BY MR. HERRMAN:

21 Q. Lieutenant White, my name is Larry Herrman. I represent
22 Frank Parise whom you know, correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Okay. Mr. Hernandez elicited testimony that this was
25 your 30th year on the New Haven Police Department?

1 A. Yes, it is.

2 Q. And went into your qualifications and your career
3 milestones of '69, making detective; going to schools;
4 becoming a sergeant in '86 or '7; a lieutenant in 1991; is
5 that correct?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. Okay. In the summer of 1971, were you and three
8 detectives accused of planting evidence in a series of cases
9 on innocent people which you thought was cocaine, but which
10 turned out to be quinine resulting in your being fired from
11 the New Haven Police Department?

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 BY MR. HERRMAN:

15 Q. Were you accused of subordination of perjury for
16 persuading your female informant prostitute to lie that she
17 was the source of the information on these people?

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 BY MR. HERRMAN:

21 Q. Did it go to the State Board of Mediation which refused
22 to admit her polygraph?

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 BY MR. HERRMAN:

1 Q. Did it come down to your word against that of a convicted
2 prostitute and were you restored to the police force?

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

4 THE COURT: Sustained.

5 BY MR. HERRMAN:

6 Q. Were you off the police force for a period of time during
7 the early 1970s?

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

9 THE COURT: I'll permit that.

10 A. Yes, I was.

11 BY MR. HERRMAN:

12 Q. All right. Did there also come a time when you denied
13 participating in the illegal wiretapping that was rife in the
14 New Haven police force?

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

16 THE COURT: Sustained.

17 BY MR. HERRMAN:

18 Q. Did you subsequently admit that you participated in
19 illegal wiretapping after denying same?

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

21 MR. HERRMAN: On what basis, Your Honor?

22 THE COURT: No. I'll permit that question.

23 A. Repeat, please?

24 BY MR. HERRMAN:

25 Q. After denying that you participated in illegal

1 wiretapping as a New Haven police officer, did you
2 subsequently admit that you participated in illegal
3 wiretapping as a New Haven police officer?

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: I renew my objection, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Overruled.

6 A. No.

7 BY MR. HERRMAN:

8 Q. Did you participate in illegal wiretapping as a New Haven
9 police officer?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Are you the supervisor of all the city or New Haven area
12 police officers that work in the joint task force with joint
13 organized crime task force or drug enforcement task force,
14 whatever this group is called that initiated this case?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Did you help initiate this case?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Did it have anything to do over the bitterness of a
19 problem between your son and the Latin Kings?

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Objection.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 MR. HERRMAN: No further questions.

23 THE COURT: Anything further as far as anyone is
24 concerned? Mr. Hernandez?

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: No. I have no further questions.