

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

CASE NO. 81-17247

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Part VIII

ALFREDO ARIAS, et al,

Defendants.

State Attorney's Office
9th Floor
Metropolitan Justice Building
1351 Northwest 12th Street
Miami, Florida
April 14, 1982
3:30 o'clock p.m.

DEPOSITION OF RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE

Taken before Joycee Wax, Notary Public in
and for the State of Florida at Large, pursuant to
Notice of Taking Deposition filed in the above cause.

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13 ALSO PRESENT:

14 OFFICER LUIS LOPEZ

16 I N D E X

18 WITNESS

DIRECT CROSS

19 RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE

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1 Thereupon:

2 RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE

3 called as a witness on behalf of the Defendants having
4 been first duly sworn was examined and testified on
5 his oath as follows:

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

8 Q Reidentify yourself for the record,
9 please, sir?

10 A Ricardo Morales Navarette.

11 Q Confirm for me, please, sir, that you are
12 the same person who has been undergoing deposition
13 with Ms. Cohan and me since Friday a week ago,
14 April the 2nd?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Now, before we resume the line of question-
17 ing that we had been pursuing yesterday, there are
18 some other questions that I should like to put to you,
19 concerning an incident that occurred this morning.

20 When you arrived at the building this
21 morning at approximately 8:30 or 8:40, in whose
22 company did you arrive?

23 A In the company of Officer Diaz and Officer
24 Lopez.

25 Q Was it, in fact, in the vicinity of 8:30 to

1 8:45 that you did arrive at the building this morning
2 with those two police officers?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Is the Officer Lopez in whose company you
5 arrived the same Officer Lopez whom, a moment ago,
6 was seated here, whom we have now excused from the
7 room?

8 A Yes.

9 Q When you arrived this morning, did there
10 come a time when, while outside the building, you
11 saw a man whom you know as Alfredo Arias arriving at
12 the building?

13 A No, sir, I did not.

14 Q What kind of an automobile does Mr. Arias
15 drive, to your knowledge?

16 A I don't know.

17 Q You have no idea?

18 A I have no idea.

19 Q Were you in the company of Officer Diaz
20 and Officer Lopez from the time you emerged from the
21 automobile in which you arrived here until the time
22 you entered the building?

23 A I would step out of the car. We went to
24 the front door of the building, and we came to this
25 office.

1 Q Prior to entering the building, did Officer
2 Diaz or Officer Lopez say anything to you that, in any
3 way, either directly or indirectly pertained to or
4 related to Alfredo Arias?

5 A No, sir.

6 Q Didn't you make a gesture with one of your
7 hands and arms to indicate the direction from which
8 an automobile carrying Mr. Arias had arrived or
9 a place at which the automobile had come to stop?

10 A No, sir, that is incorrect, incompletely
11 incorrect.

12 Q Did you make --

13 A Mr. Williams, I already told you that I
14 didn't see anybody in the morning.

15 Q Did you make --

16 A Not even your court reporter. She was
17 complaining to me about it.

18 Q Did you make any gesture with your hands
19 or arms this morning at all of the sort that normally
20 and typically is understood by an adult human being
21 in the Western World to be one of indication or
22 description with regard to the place or location of
23 a particular person or thing?

24 MS. COHAN: Objection. Compound question.
25 Vague and calling for a conclusion.

1 You may answer; if you can.

2 THE WITNESS: No.

3 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

4 Q Did you have any conversation either last
5 night or this morning with Officer Diaz or with any
6 other police officer or any other agent of the State
7 that, in any way, directly or indirectly pertained
8 to the taking of Alfredo Arias' automobile?

9 A No, Mr. Williams.

10 Q You had no conversation with anybody about
11 that?

12 A No, Mr. Williams.

13 That will cover it?

14 Q Did you remain in the company of Officer
15 Diaz this morning for the entire period of time
16 between your arrival here in the building and the
17 time that Ms. Cohan came up from court?

18 A I arrived into this office, and they took
19 off.

20 Q They?

21 A Yes, the officers -- you know, Diaz, and
22 what's the name of the --

23 MS. COHAN: Lopez.

24 THE WITNESS: Lopez.

25 You know, they were shuffling papers back

1 and forth, and I was in the company of Ms. Cohan
2 for an extended period of time, the two of us here.

3 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

4 Q Were Officers Lopez and Diaz present
5 throughout?

6 A At one point, yes, and then, Officer Diaz
7 did return after a couple of hours, I believe. I
8 just can't pinpoint, you know, for how long he was
9 out.

10 Q Do you know when it was that he left?

11 A Nope.

12 Q When he left, did he go by himself, or
13 did he take Officer Lopez with him?

14 A No, Officer Lopez was left behind, but
15 then, he has some problems with a deposition that he
16 has supposed to be giving on the 6th Floor and --
17 Mr. Williams, I don't care what they do. If they
18 are in deposition, what they are doing, you know, I
19 don't pay attention to them, and usually, when something
20 of sensitive matter comes in this office when I am
21 here, I used to go in here, which you have already
22 noticed that I have done it a lot of times (indicating).

23 MS. COHAN: Indicating that he is putting
24 his fingers in his ears.
25

1 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

2 Q Then, the substance of your testimony is
3 that you neither overheard nor participated in any
4 conversation at any time this morning or last
5 night that had anything to do with Alfredo Arias and
6 his automobile; correct?

7 A I already answered to that question.

8 Q Is that correct?

9 A In the negative.

10 Q That you had nothing to do with any of
11 that?

12 A Whatsoever.

13 Q No knowledge of it?

14 A No knowledge.

15 Q Have you acquired knowledge from any source
16 throughout the remainder of the day, as you have
17 been here, that anything involving Mr. Arias' auto-
18 mobile occurred?

19 A I heard through the office that there was
20 a lot of commotion when Mr. Arias and another of the
21 defendants in this case -- I'm not positive it was
22 Carlos Quesada, you know, while you were waiting out
23 there, and that you ran down, you know, and then, there
24 was a flurry of, you know, Assistants coming in and
25 out of this office, you know, and they were about their

1 business.

2 Now, if I cannot be here, you know, or
3 be secluded in some area where I won't see what's
4 going on legally around this office, just let me know.
5 You know, there is a lot of restriction.

6 Now, I will have to go this way when I
7 get into the building (indicating).

8 MS. COHAN: For the record, present in
9 my office this morning were Larry La Vecchio, Mike
10 Band, Keran Fallon, Peter Outerbridge, Charlton Stoner
11 and others.

12 THE WITNESS: There was a lot of people
13 here in this office, you know, in and out.

14 At one point --

15 MS. COHAN: And Ricard Cataldo.

16 MR. CARHART: For the record, I was not
17 present. I had nothing to do with the conspiracy that
18 occurred here this morning.

19 THE WITNESS: I was not aware that there
20 was a conspiracy here this morning.

21 I'm not part of any conspiracies.

22 MS. COHAN: Nor was I.

23 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

24 Q You were telling us yesterday afternoon,
25 Mr. Morales, and before we revert to that line of

1 questioning, let me ask you, as I always have,
2 whether, in the interim between the time we recessed
3 yesterday and the present, you have reflected upon
4 any of the answers that you have given to questions
5 yesterday in such a fashion, so that you think there
6 is something that needs to be corrected, changed, or
7 explained?

8 A Yes. I believe that I told you yesterday --
9 I'm not sure -- that I met Alfredo Arias in 1979.

10 I'm positive now that I met Alfredo Arias for
11 the first time in 1978. I am positive about that,
12 because I remember a party over Lucy Quesada's home
13 on December 17, that is a religious festivity for
14 Cubans, and I remember that Alfredo was there, so,
15 you know, that's one of the things, you know.

16 I would like in the future to go over
17 them -- yesterday's, you know, deposition, since,
18 you know, the present court reporter is not the one
19 taking the notes. There was somebody else, you know,
20 and I don't know if she might have incurred any
21 misspellings or dates or whatever, you know, but
22 definitely, I recall that, on December 17th, 1978,
23 I was at that festivity over Lucy Quesada's place,
24 and definitely, I recall that Alfredo Arias was there,
25 too, so you know, I've been going to Happy Days

1 sometime before December 17th, because actually,
2 that's where I first ever saw Alfredo Arias.

3 Q You previously told us that you had an
4 acquaintanceship with or familiarity with virtually
5 the entire Villaverde family from the time you were
6 living in Cuba, and yesterday, I had asked you questions
7 about the circumstances under which you renewed your
8 acquaintainship with Raul Villaverde.

9 Let me ask you now the same question with
10 regard to his brother, Rafael Villaverde. At what
11 time and under what circumstances did you renew or
12 reestablish your acquaintanceship with Rafael
13 Villaverde here in the United States?

14 MS. COHAN: Objection. That is repetitious.
15 It has previously been asked and answered, and we have
16 gone into it extensively.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: As to Rafael?

18 MS. COHAN: Yesterday, we did Raul.
19 Previously to that, we did Rafael.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: We have not.

21 Let's go.

22 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

23 Q Under what circumstances, Mr. Morales,
24 and when did you renew your acquaintanceship and
25 contacts with Rafael Villaverde?

1 A Can I use one of yours?

2 Q These are for contact lens. They're not
3 regular eye drops. These are for contact lens.

4 A Oh, I'm sorry.

5 Q Go ahead.

6 MS. COHAN: Just a moment.

7 In terms of after your coming to the
8 United States and Rafael, you may answer it.

9 THE WITNESS: Somewhere in the vicinity of
10 1970.

11 (Off the record.)

12 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

13 Q Under what circumstances and where, please,
14 Mr. Morales?

15 A I cannot recall the circumstances, the
16 special circumstances.

17 It was during some -- either social
18 event, or you know, a party, you know, common
19 friends and whatever, that, you know, we bump into
20 each other, and we embrace, and things like that.
21 Late sixties, we might say, 1969, maybe 1970.

22 Q From the time that you reestablished your
23 acquaintanceship with Rafael Villaverde, did it
24 continue uninterrupted until the Fall of 1980?

25 A It continued uninterrupted.

1 Q Are you saying interrupted or uninterrupted?

2 A Uninterrupted.

3 Well, there were times that I was not seeing
4 him, you know, for extended periods of time, you know.

5 Q That's what I am trying to find out.

6 Could you portray that for us, so we can
7 have an idea?

8 A Well, the times when I was out of the
9 country.

10 Q Clearly, you said, at one point in time,
11 that you were commuting between Venezuela and Miami?

12 A And the time that I was living -- you know,
13 whatever. Every time that I came to Miami, I would
14 give him a ring.

15 I even, you know, ring him from Venezuela.
16 I mean, the last time that I saw him or talked to him
17 in person was on Halloween night, October the 31st,
18 1980.

19 MS. COHAN: Are you through with the
20 events occurring this morning, Mr. Williams?

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

22 (Officer Luis Lopez entered the room.)

23 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

24 Q That would be at The Mutiny?

25 A That would be at The Mutiny.

1 I believe that I already testified to that.
2 I am pretty sure that I already testified to that.

3 Q We have heard testimony about the Halloween
4 party at the Mutiny.

5 A Also, I remember, Douglas, that I said that
6 was the last time that I saw Rafael Villaverde in
7 person.

8 Q Would you say, Mr. Morales, that up until
9 the last time you saw Mr. Villaverde in October of
10 1980, your relationship with him was a casual one,
11 or would you say it was a close one, or would you use
12 some other term to describe it? How would you
13 describe it?

14 A A close relation.

15 Q Was your contact with Rafael Villaverde
16 more regular than your contact, for example, with
17 Raul, his brother?

18 A Oh, yes.

19 Raul didn't get into the picture, as I
20 testified yesterday, until the end of, you know,
21 whatever was the date that I gave you -- it was
22 at Brickell Bay -- 1978 or 1977. Whatever it was,
23 you know.

24 I mean, I have to go back again. I
25 mean, they were in and out.

1 I even talked to Raul on the telephone
2 while he was at Vero Beach.

3 Q Under what circumstances and when did you
4 first meet Roberto Ortega?

5 A 1945.

6 Q Obviously, in Cuba?

7 A At La Salle School.

8 Q When did you first have contact with
9 Mr. Ortega; if you can recall, here in the United
10 States?

11 A I believe that I saw him from car to car
12 sometime around 1973. I was either -- no, he was
13 parking his car, and I was coming out of a doctor's
14 office in Coral Way where I have taken -- I don't
15 recall -- it was one of the kids from my first
16 marriage or my son from the second marriage -- I
17 just can't recall exactly which one, who was being
18 given, you know, vaccination shots or whatever, and
19 Ortega told me that he has a CPA Office next to that
20 doctor's office, and that was at the beginning of
21 the seventies.

22 Q Thereafter --

23 A Thereafter?

24 Q With what degree of frequency, if at all,
25 did you encounter Mr. Ortega socially or personally?

1 A Never.

2 Q When was the next time after that that you
3 did have some encounter with Mr. Ortega?

4 A At Carlos Quesada's home.

5 Q When?

6 A That was in the beginning of the Summer
7 or the mid-Summer of 1980.

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Do you have a defendant's
9 list?

10 MS. COHAN: (Handing to Mr. Williams.)

11 MR. WILLIAMS: The record should note that
12 Ms. Cohan has just handed me a copy of the Information
13 presently pending in this case; the first page of
14 which is the cover sheet listing the names of those
15 presently accused and the charges.

16 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

17 Q Mr. Morales, look at the cover sheet of
18 the Information, and tell us, please, sir, the names
19 of the others who are listed there as defendants with
20 whom you had any kind of a personal acquaintanceship
21 prior to the Summer of 1980 (handing to the witness)?

22 A Prior to the Summer of 1980?

23 Q Yes, those whom you had known prior to
24 that time?

25 A Okay.

1 (After examining document) Carlos Quesada.

2 Q We have already covered Mr. Quesada.

3 MS. COHAN: Objection. The question called
4 for an answer that does not contemplate repetitious
5 remarks.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: All right.

7 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

8 Q Mr. Morales, I've already asked you about
9 the commencement of your acquaintanceship with
10 Mr. Quesada, Raul Villaverde, Rafael Villaverde,
11 Frank Marcos --

12 MS. COHAN: Jose Marcos. Frank Castro.

13 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry. I meant Frank
14 Castro.

15 THE WITNESS: Let's not start mixing
16 rice and beans.

17 You want me to go through the list or
18 jump from one name to the other? For me, would be
19 easy to answer this question that way.

20 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

21 Q Aside from those you've already told us?

22 A Can I go through the whole list?

23 Q Go right ahead.

24 A Okay.

25 Carlos Quesada, I have known Ortega, Alfredo

1 Arias, Lucy Garcia -- that's Quesada's sister.

2 Q Under what circumstances and when did you
3 first make the acquaintance of Ms. Garcia?

4 MS. COHAN: Objection. Can we have a
5 complete answer to the question, and then, we can
6 go back and get individuals?

7 THE WITNESS: Let me finish answering the
8 first question, and then, I will go through whatever,
9 because I haven't finished the first question.

10 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

11 Q Okay. Go ahead.

12 A Lucy Garcia -- that's Carlin Quesada's
13 sister. All of this is before the summer of 1980;
14 right?

15 Q That is correct.

16 A Ramon Puentes, Frank Castro, Jose Fernandez,
17 also known as Tony Mentirita, Dario-- whatever, you
18 know, the Columbian, and that was Lucy's boyfriend --
19 I met him after the summer, or you might say, in
20 August of 1980 briefly, you know, I saw the couple
21 maybe a couple of times, Rafael Villaverde,
22 Miguel A. Fernandez, also known as Santiago, Rosario
23 Quesada, also known as Cuca -- that's Carlin Quesada's
24 mother, Raul Villaverde, Porfirio Bonet.

25 That's it.

1 Q Under what circumstances, and when did you
2 first make the acquaintance of Lucy Garcia?

3 A Through Carlin Quesada -- her brother.

4 Q At what time, at what point in time?

5 A At what point in time? 1978. After I
6 was acquitted in my drug case.

7 Q With what degree of frequency did you
8 thereafter encounter Ms. Garcia, if any?

9 A Every time that we were dealing drugs.

10 Q Are you saying that you were dealing
11 drugs with Ms. Garcia?

12 A With her, with Ms. Garcia, and with Ms.
13 Garcia's boyfriend at the time, a Columbian by the
14 name of Dario de Jesus Grajales.

15 Q Spell the last name.

16 A G-r-a-j-a-l-e-s.

17 Q When and under what circumstances did you
18 meet Ramon Puentes?

19 A Oh, Ramon Puentes, I met him -- he's a
20 friend of Carlos Quesada, and he was the owner of
21 the used car lot on LeJeune and whatever it was --
22 Southwest I believe was the name, and Carlin used
23 to go down there, you know, frequently for the
24 purpose of dealing cars with the guy, and you know,
25 give him little presents of cocaine, you know, and

1 have bull shit sessions there, you know, bla, bla,
2 bla, bla, talking, and Mr. Puentes, Ramonin used to
3 visit Villalola at the time that I was, you know,
4 living in that household.

5 Q Tell me, if you are able, when you first
6 made Mr. Puentes' acquaintance, when you first
7 met him?

8 A After the Summer of 1980. Those were Carlos'
9 friends, you know, Quesada's friends.

10 Q When and under what circumstances did you
11 first make the acquaintance of Jose Fernandez?

12 A Oh, Tony Mentirita? He's a well-known
13 character from the early seventies.

14 Q Is that when you first met him?

15 A Yes, and he was a popular figure around
16 the nightclub spots in Miami. That's where he got
17 his name -- Tony Mentirita. He was telling lies
18 almost all the time. You know, big stories about
19 things, you know, and Tony Mentirita.

20 He was a popular character.

21 MS. COHAN: Do you want to tell us what
22 Mentirita means, for the record?

23 THE WITNESS: Mentirita mean little
24 lies. Tony little lies.

25 He is a joyful figure.

1 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

2 Q What was the function he was serving around
3 the nightclubs and bars? Was he just a hang around?

4 A He was just a hang around of -- he was
5 part of the crowd. Everywhere that you go, you bump
6 into him.

7 Q When and under what circumstances did you
8 first make the acquaintance of Santiago, otherwise
9 known as Miguel A. Fernandez?

10 A No, it's Miguel A. Fernandez, also known
11 as Santiago.

12 Well, that happens after the Mariel Boatlift.
13 He was taken into the Carlos Quesada household at
14 Villalola, also with Tato Melgarejo, so that was --
15 well, Tato -- I don't know how they got there,
16 anyway.

17 You know, I believe that was in 1979 or
18 the end of 1979 Tato first show up.

19 I'm not positive about that, because those
20 two guys were brought into the household by Quesada,
21 since Tato was from the same town that Carlos is in
22 Havana, and Santiago was sort of a caretaker, you
23 know, cleaning the house, you know, and things like
24 that.

25 Q How long and under what circumstances did

1 you first make the acquaintance of Carlos Quesada's
2 mother, Rosario, whom you also know as Cuca?

3 A 1978.

4 Q Under what circumstances?

5 A Well, Quesada took me down to her house,
6 you know, and introduced me, "This is my mother, and
7 this is my father," and "Meet Ricky, you know.

8 Q When and under what circumstances did you
9 meet Porfirio Bonet?

10 A Oh, I met Porfirio Bonet from Frank Castro
11 since the two of them have been very close friends,
12 and I met Porfirio Bonet sometime around 1976 or
13 1977.

14 Q Whom did you say was close with Frank
15 Castro?

16 A Porfirio.

17 Q Oh, you said Porfirio and Frank Castro
18 were very close?

19 A Yes, they were friends.

20 I mean, I was not a friend of Porfirio.
21 Frank is a friend of Porfirio.

22 Q Do I understand that, prior to December
23 of 1980, you had not met Jose Antonio Marcos, also
24 known as Marquito?

25 A No, I've never met Marcos in my life.

1 The first time that I ever saw this
2 guy Marcos was down here in the courthouse.

3 Q You mean, after he had been arrested?

4 A No. When I started -- you know, the first
5 day of my deposition, you know, on the 29th. You
6 know, before that day, I never seen him in my life,
7 was not aware of his existence.

8 Q Mr. Morales, how long have you been,
9 well, in the drug business, either on and off, or
10 regularly, or however it has fluctuated? When is
11 the first time you got into the business of dealing
12 drugs?

13 A Oh, December, 1977 up to December, 1980.
14 At the time --

15 Q Where did you --

16 MS. COHAN: Objection. Can he finish,
17 please?

18 THE WITNESS: No, I am finished.

19 Go ahead, Douglas. Come on, Douglas.
20 Don't get pissed off.

21 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

22 Q Where was it that you first made your
23 first entry into the business?

24 A Through Quesada and Franklin Sosa.

25 Q I gather, then, that it was here in Miami?

1 A Yes.

2 Q What kind of drug were you dealing or
3 drugs, controlled substances?

4 A Oh, marijuana, and Franklin was doing some
5 buying from Carlin for personal use and -- well,
6 mainly for personal use.

7 If he was selling to somebody else, that
8 was his business. I was not selling cocaine to
9 anybody.

10 Q I thought we were talking about marijuana?

11 A Huh?

12 Q You had told us a minute ago that the
13 substance was marijuana.

14 A Marijuana, right, but we were buying from
15 Carlin.

16 Q We?

17 A I mean, Franklin and myself.

18 Q Buying marijuana from him?

19 A No, cocaine from him, but the marijuana --
20 it was a deal between Carlin, Franklin, and myself.
21 I mean, actually doing business, you know, the drug
22 business. It was marijuana.

23 Q How did it come to pass, Mr. Morales,
24 that --

25 A How come what?

1 Q How did it come to pass that you got into
2 the business with Mr. Quesada?

3 A Into business with Mr. Quesada?

4 Q Yes, you said you got into the business
5 with Mr. Quesada in December of 1977?

6 A Right.

7 Franklin and I -- we went down there to
8 Quesada's place, because Franklin was selling him
9 some stereo equipment, you know, and TV sets,
10 because he was finishing remodeling the house,
11 Villalola, at the time, and we got into a discussion,
12 and Quesada said, "I have a friend who is, you know,
13 expecting a load of grass," and Franklin said,
14 "I've got some friends in Luaderdale who are potential
15 buyers," so we went to see this friend of Quesada,
16 Pupi Quintano, Carlin, Franklin, and myself, we went
17 to Pupi Quintano's home, and they made the arrange-
18 ments, and then, I moved with Franklin up there to
19 Lauderdale.

20 We talked to a couple of Anglos over
21 there.

22 They gave us a location. That was
23 transmitted back to Pupi Quintano, and if I -- my
24 memory is not failing me today, on December the 17th,
25 1977, a load of about 3,000 pounds arrived at the

1 location that these Anglos over there in Lauderdale
2 gave it to us in a truck, and they distributed the
3 grass, and we split between Franklin, Carlos, and
4 myself. We split it three ways, about thirty points.

5 Q Does that mean thirty percent?

6 A Thirty points.

7 Q Does that mean thirty percent?

8 A Not exactly.

9 Q What does it mean?

10 A I can't explain it to you. If you are
11 not a marijuana dealer, you wouldn't understand it.

12 It's thirty points. That means one point
13 per pound.

14 Q Try and explain it to me, because I'm not
15 smart enough to be a marijuana dealer. I can only
16 be a lawyer, and I don't know what that term means,
17 so see if you can explain what it means?

18 A A buck a pound.

19 Q Well, when you say, "a buck," I understand
20 you to be talking about a dollar?

21 A A dollar a pound. That means thirty points.

22 Q Well, assume that I am as obtuse and
23 unexposed as most lawyers are, and lead me by the
24 hand, and tell me what it is, Ricky, that you are
25 talking about?

1 A It means that I got 25, Carlin got 25,
2 and Franklin got 25; right?

3 Q 25 what?

4 A \$25,000.

5 Q Let's back up a little bit.

6 A Oh, Jesus.

7 You cannot change that, because that was
8 the money that was split. I took 25,000, Carlin got
9 25, Franklin got 25,000, and the other 15,000 that
10 were -- it was Christmas. It was spent freely over
11 The Mutiny. We bought some cocaine. We bought
12 champagne. We bought wine.

13 We gave presents to everybody, but that
14 was the split.

15 Q Now, tell me --

16 MR. CARHART: There is 10 more left. What
17 happened to that?

18 THE WITNESS: 10 more left?

19 MR. CARHART: Uh huh.

20 THE WITNESS: Well, that was still owed
21 to this guy Quintano by Franklin, and that Franklin's
22 problem. That was not my problem.

23 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

24 Q Mr. Morales, tell me with a little bit
25 more definition the system that you are talking about

1 when you refer to thirty points and a buck a pound?

2 A Well, that means, Douglas, that, let's
3 say, that we get the marijuana at \$180 a pound, and
4 we act as middlemen, you know, as a broker; right,
5 and for \$210; right?

6 Q So, you're clearing \$30 a pound?

7 A Thirty points.

8 Q That's thirty points?

9 A That's thirty points.

10 Q The profit per pound?

11 A 180 to 210, that means thirty points.

12 Q So, when you talk about a point, you are
13 talking about the difference between what you buy
14 it for and what you sell it for in bulk?

15 A Right, thirty points.

16 You have to then deduct transportation
17 costs, how much you are going to pay the guy who is
18 driving the truck, how much you are going to pay for
19 storage, you know, and things like that. I mean --

20 MS. COHAN: Overhead?

21 THE WITNESS: Overhead, right, overhead
22 costs, bales that were wet, and some of it wasn't
23 able to be saved. Part of it was not being able to
24 be saved.

25 MS. COHAN: Depreciation?

1 THE WITNESS: Depreciation.

2 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

3 Q Was it imported marijuana, or did it
4 come from someplace in the States?

5 A No, it was imported. It came from
6 someplace in Columbia.

7 Q Who had arranged for the importation of
8 it?

9 A Quintano.

10 Q What role in that did Mr. Quesada have?

11 A Oh, he got the role that he took us down
12 to Quintano, and said, "Quintano, you don't know
13 Ricky, but you know Franklin Sosa," because Franklin
14 had been in the business, you know, previously, and
15 they have a customer over there in Lauderdale for
16 a good price, and if you are expecting a load, you
17 know, I will appreciate, you know, that you strike
18 a deal with us. You know, I am going to get my
19 cut. They are going to get their cut, you know,
20 and you are going to be paid at the price that
21 whatever you are coming up with, you know," because
22 at the time -- I don't know the prices now, but at
23 the time, it was a very good price for 180.

24 Q In other words, Mr. Quesada was able to
25 put prospective buyers with the prospective seller,

1 and in that capacity, act as broker?

2 A Right.

3 Q Now, if I understand you correctly, you
4 told me that the encounter between Quesada and Sosa
5 was accidental, gratuitous, just by chance?

6 A No, it was not accidental.

7 We went down there on November the 16th I
8 believe with the purpose of selling Quesada a stereo
9 equipment, TV sets for the remodeling of his house.

10 Q You hadn't gone to him to talk about
11 marijuana?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And the subject just came up?

14 A Yes, later on in the day.

15 Q What it boiled down to was that however
16 the conversation about marijuana started, Quesada
17 said, "I know somebody who has something to sell,"
18 and Sosa said, "I might know somebody who might want
19 to buy it," and that's what it amounted to?

20 A That was about the first day because then,
21 we got back again on the 19th, and I believe on the
22 26th, also, or the 29th -- I'm telling you the dates,
23 because the police were outside taking pictures,
24 surveilling the place already, and finally, we --
25 Quesada was out of the picture, because he was not

1 going down to Pupi Quintano's home anymore with us.

2 We were the ones doing the trips down there,
3 and finally, you know, the pot arrived. You know,
4 it was moved, and one day, we returned on December
5 the 19th, I believe, or the 18th, with Quesada's
6 cut, his piece of the take, and we didn't do anything
7 else.

8 We stopped everything on December the 20th.

9 Q And your share was for having put Sosa
10 and Quesada together?

11 A Oh, yes, because there was some disagreement
12 between the two of them over some deals that they had
13 in the past, and I was sort of a mediator. I said,
14 "Carlin, you know, Franklin is okay. Don't take what-
15 ever, you know, had been between you two guys before,
16 and let's do some business together."

17 Q So, in reality, you made the deal?

18 A No, I didn't make the deal.

19 Q YOU mean, you made it possible to happen?

20 A No, Quesada is the one who made it possible
21 to happen. Not even Quesada. Pupi had been the
22 owner of the house. Quesada and Sosa had been
23 roommates, known each other for years and years and
24 years.

25 Q Prior to that time, I gather you had not

1 had any dealings or communications with Mr. Quesada
2 pertaining to the sale or distribution of any controlled
3 substance?

4 A No, no, no. Not even for social purposes.
5 That was the first time that I had seen Quesada since
6 1973 or whatever.

7 Q Between 1977 and 1980, Quesada clearly
8 was not the only person with whom you had contacts
9 pertaining to controlled substances; was he,
10 transactions in controlled substances?

11 A Transactions besides Pupi Quintano,
12 because Franklin disappeared right after he was
13 popped, you know, what we discussed yesterday in
14 April.

15 Q Try and give me a yes or no; if you can.
16 Was Quesada the only one with whom you had
17 encounters or communications pertaining to trans-
18 actions in controlled substances?

19 A Yes, was definitely Franklin.

20 When Franklin disappeared after he was
21 popped, Quesada became my partner, I became his
22 partner, and whoever dealt with Quesada, I was there.

23 Q Whose grass was it that was seized in the
24 course of the same transaction when you were
25 arrested?

1 A I already testified to that. It's
2 repetitious.

3 MS. COHAN: Objection.

4 THE WITNESS: The name is in the record.
5 It's been reflected from yesterday.

6 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

7 Q Who was it?

8 A Do you want me to say it again? Again and
9 again and again. Roberto Puledo.

10 Douglas, don't make me keep repeating the
11 same thing again because you start losing your temper
12 and I start getting mad.

13 That Puledo subject came up a hundred
14 times yesterday.

15 MS. COHAN: At least four.

16 THE WITNESS: Don't start aggravating me.
17 I don't want to aggravate you, but Puledo's name
18 was yesterday in the record.

19 I want to get it over with, you know,
20 more than you.

21 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

22 Q By the Summer of 1980, of the people who
23 are presently the defendants in this case --

24 A I can't hear from where you are now,
25 Douglas. Please.

1 Q By the Summer of 1980, of the people who
2 are now defendants in this case --

3 A Who are?

4 Q Now defendants in this case --

5 A Now defendants in this case --

6 Q With whom, in addition to Mr. Quesada,
7 had you had face to face direct communications and
8 transactions pertaining to the sale or delivery or
9 acquisition, as the case may be, of any controlled
10 substance?

11 A Okay. I already answered to that question.
12 I am going to answer it again. If you
13 remember a few days ago --

14 MS. COHAN: Objection. Repetitious.

15 Can you read the question back, and I will
16 find it in my notes, meanwhile?

17 (Whereupon, the question referred to was
18 read into the record by the court reporter.)

19 MS. COHAN: Objection.

20 THE WITNESS: Okay.

21 Are you satisfied if I go again over
22 the same question that you already asked me, and I
23 answered you?

24 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

25 Q The question still stands unless the

1 prosecutor is going to advise you not to answer it.

2 A No, but it was already answered.

3 Do you want to --

4 Q Yes, humor me.

5 MS. COHAN: I am objecting on the basis
6 of repetition in that he testified between August
7 of 1980 and December of 1980, he obtained cocaine
8 or used with various individuals.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: That wasn't my question;
10 okay, and the witness didn't need to be coached.

11 The question is --

12 MS. COHAN: Mr. Williams, I am hardly
13 coaching the witness.

14 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

15 Q As of the Summer of 1980, and in this
16 part of the world, we consider that the summer begins
17 sometime around June; okay, or actually, the Vernal
18 Equinox is June 21st; okay?

19 A No, no, Douglas.

20 When the summer ends? Are you talking
21 before this summer? I'm not in the lip reading
22 business.

23 Q As of the summer --

24 A I'm not in the lip reading business, if
25 you are fishing if I had been trained into lip reading.

1 Q When the moment of summer, 1980 arrived --

2 A When that the summer of 1980 arrived?

3 Q June 21st, 1980. It always has, and it
4 always will.

5 As of that time, with whom of the named
6 defendants in this Information, aside from Mr. Quesada,
7 had you had direct communication or interaction
8 relative to the sale, delivery, or acquisition of
9 a controlled substance?

10 A Okay.

11 Roberto Ortega came on or about June the
12 21st. I cannot pinpoint exactly when he materialized
13 because Quesada was already living in Key Biscayne in
14 that townhouse that was rented from Rafael Villaverde's
15 aunt, and that's where he bumped into Ortega, and
16 that's the time that he brought Ortega into Villalola,
17 and I met Ortega again after last time that I saw him,
18 me coming out of that medical facility, or whatever
19 I mentioned before.

20 Alfredo Arias, Lucy Garcia.

21 I answered to your questions the other day
22 that Ramon Puentes, I have used cocaine with him.

23 Q No, no. I'm sorry.

24 A I never make any dealings of cocaine.

25 Q I'm sorry. Mr. Morales, I'm not asking

1 you to tell me the people with whom you consumed any
2 kind of drug or whom you saw consume any kind of
3 drug.

4 A Oh, we sold cocaine to Ramon Puentes.

5 Q Let me give you my question one more time,
6 so we make sure you have it.

7 By the time the Summer of 1980 had come --

8 A Yes? You stopped me right on Ramon Puentes.
9 Let me finish.

10 Q Apparently, you misperceived the question,
11 so I want to make sure it's clear.

12 A I didn't miss anything.

13 MS. COHAN: Objection.

14 THE WITNESS: Let me finish.

15 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

16 Q Do you understand the question, Ricky?

17 A We sold cocaine to Ramon Puentes.

18 Q Who is the "we"?

19 A Quesada and myself and Rafael Villaverde --
20 we have business deals, drug dealings with him.

21 Q Who is the "we"?

22 A Quesada and myself, Raul Villaverde, and
23 that's it from the list that I have right in front of
24 me.

25 MS. COHAN: Indicating the cover sheet of

1 the new Information.

2 MR. WILLIAMS: All right.

3 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

4 Q Putting aside Mr. Quesada, tell me, please,
5 sir, the number and nature of transactions in which
6 you participated relative to some controlled
7 substance with Mr. Ortega up until the beginning of
8 the Summer of 1980? Now, let me make sure that
9 you understand, for the purpose of my questioning,
10 when I talk about a transaction, I am not talking
11 about a situation in which the people are sitting
12 around a table in a house someplace.

13 A No, no, I understand. Don't tell me what
14 drug transaction means, because you are not a drug
15 trafficker; right, so don't align me about what a
16 drug transaction is because I purposely know what a
17 drug transaction is; okay?

18 Q When I talk about "transaction," I am not
19 talking about a situation in which one person gives
20 another --

21 A I know perfectly. You don't have to
22 clear my mind. Ask the question directly.

23 Q Ricky --

24 A Are you going to give me a lesson about
25 drug transactions?

1 Q Do you remember the suggestion that Judge
2 Kogan made to you relative to the way in which
3 questions are to be answered?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Okay. Here's the question, so that you
6 understand the meaning of the question, as I put it
7 to you, will be advised that when I use the word
8 "transaction" regardless of how the law looks at it,
9 I am not talking about a situation in which one
10 person gives another person some quantity of a
11 controlled substance for personal use. I am talking
12 about a transaction for the purpose of making money
13 in some quantity other than for personal use.

14 Now, understanding that --

15 A Understanding that.

16 Q Tell me, please, sir, as of December of
17 1980, the number of the occasions upon which you
18 engaged in some transaction in controlled substances
19 with Roberto Ortega, and describe each of them to me,
20 please?

21 A Before Roberto Ortega appeared out from
22 Key Biscayne, and that's the time that Carlos Quesada
23 was introduced to him by Rafael Villaverde.

24 I never did any kind of drug transaction,
25 meaning for the purpose of monetary gains, with

1 Roberto Ortega. Ortega appeared in Villalola the
2 first time that I saw him, and we gave him kilos,
3 maybe a couple of kilos, that day, or whenever it
4 was that he show up there in the middle of the Summer
5 of 1980 if the summer starts in June 21st.

6 Good for me. It's summer already out
7 there.

8 MS. COHAN: It sure seems like it.

9 BY MR.WILLIAMS:

10 Q If I understand you correctly, then,
11 prior to the Summer of 1980, you had not engaged in
12 any transaction in controlled substances with
13 Roberto Ortega; is that correct, sir?

14 A That is correct, sir.

15 Q Tell me, please, sir, as of the beginning
16 of the Summer of 1980, the number of occasions upon
17 which you engaged in transactions in controlled
18 substances with Alfredo Arias, and describe those
19 occasions to me?

20 A With Alfredo Arias?

21 Q Correct, prior to the Summer of 1980.

22 A Well, you see, Alfredo was a supplier.
23 I mean, you know, prior to 1980.

24 Q Here's the question, Mr. Morales --

25 A I don't believe that you know anything

1 about drug transaction.

2 We are going to get back to the same point
3 that we were in intelligence work. You don't know
4 anything about intelligence, and you don't know
5 anything about drug transactions, so please, I am
6 going to be very patient.

7 Put up the question to me again. I am
8 going to take it very slowly, and follow the
9 advise of the Court so far.

10 Go ahead, Mr. Williams.

11 Q I need the education at your hands very
12 badly.

13 A I'm not going to give it to you. I charge
14 money for that.

15 Q Send the bill to Ms. Cohan. She is
16 picking up your entire tab.

17 MS. COHAN: Objection to counsel testifying
18 to inaccurate statements.

19 THE WITNESS: The same way you are picking
20 up Mr. Arias' tab, which is drug money. That is
21 the way he is paying you.

22 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

23 Q Life's a bitch, Ricky.

24 A Yes, life's a bitch.

25 Q Here's my question to you: As of the

1 Summer of 1980, tell me the number of occasions --

2 A At the beginning of the Summer of 1980;
3 right?

4 Q Let me see if I can do it this way: Let's
5 say that where I stand right here on this line
6 is June 21st, 1980 (indicating); okay, and everything
7 on this side of me is stuff that came after June 21st,
8 1980 (indicating), and everything on my left side
9 is stuff that came before June 21st, 1980 (indicating),
10 so let's just turn ourselves and look only at the
11 before side.

12 A At the before side.

13 Q Up until the moment that it became June
14 21st, 1980, tell me of all of the transactions in
15 controlled substances in which you engaged with
16 Alfredo Arias, and describe the nature of them to
17 me?

18 A Countless.

19 Q Okay.

20 A Countless. I cannot go -- maybe dozens.
21 Daily basis. Countless.

22 Q When did you first begin to engage in
23 transactions in controlled substances with Mr. Arias?

24 Don't read my notes.

25 A I can't read without my glasses.

1 Don't be suspicious. For Christ's sake.

2 MS. COHAN: Paranoid.

3 THE WITNESS: Paranoid. My God.

4 (Off the record.)

5 MS. COHAN: Can we resume tomorrow

6 morning?

7 (Whereupon, at 5:00 o'clock p.m.,

8 the deposition was recessed until Thursday, April 15th,

9 1982 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.)

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