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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF RECORD
IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

No. 72-8883 (Morphonios)

STATE OF FLORIDA,

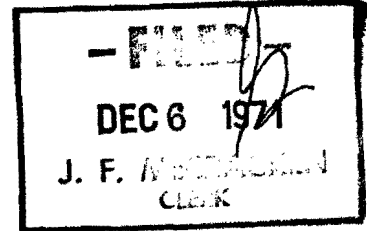
Plaintiff,

-vs-

HECTOR LLANO,

Defendant.

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DEPOSITION OF THOMAS BRODIE

The oral examination of Thomas Brodie, taken pursuant to Notice of Taking Deposition on behalf of the Defendant, before John F. Casey, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large, on Monday, November 29, 1971, at 3:15 o'clock p.m., at the Office of the Public Defender, 1351 Northwest 12th Street, Miami, Florida.

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APPEARANCES:

No Appearance on behalf
of the State of Florida.

HON. PHILLIP A. HUBBART,
Public Defender.
By: JAMES BOCZAR,
Legal Intern.
On behalf of the Defendant.

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<u>Witness</u>	<u>Direct</u>
Thomas Brodie	3

Thereupon

THOMAS BRODIE

was called as a witness by the Defendant and, after having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BOCZAR:

Q State your name and occupation, please?

A Thomas G. Brodie, Criminalist for Dade County Public Safety Department.

Q Were you so employed on October 18, 1968?

A Yes.

Q Calling your attention to October 18, 1968, did you have an opportunity to investigate a bomb at the Air Canada Office, located at 6988 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach?

A Yes.

Q Would you tell us what you did on that date with regard to the bombing, and what happened, to the best of your knowledge?

A I examined the scene for evidence of

a bombing and found four pieces of a time pencil or M1A1 corrosive delay firing device.

The center of the explosion was on a ledge above the display window in the front of the store.

There is a hole in this ledge and pieces of the time pencil were lying up there also.

Q From your investigation, could you determine where the bomb was placed?

A Yes.

Q Was it placed on the ledge outside or inside the building?

A Outside.

Well, it was recessed from the street and this ledge was up above the window and it was a recessed area there several feet from the sidewalk and above the windows.

Q How wide was this ledge?

A We took measurements of it at the time. It was seven feet high.

Another fellow from the Crime Scene Section worked with me, Sergeant Tom Fox.

The ledge is 76 inches wide and 39

inches deep.

Q Now, is this sort of an overhang in front of a plate glass window or something?

A Yes.

Q Did you determine where on the ledge the bomb was placed?

A Yes, it was as far in as it would go up against the wall there.

Q What damage was done?

A There were photographs taken of the scene, but I don't have copies of the photographs with me. The Miami Beach Police Department took some, and so did our Department and the explosion was -- the center of it was, in approximately 39 inches right up against the wall.

Q How much damage was done to the building in the area and the ledge, et cetera?

A It broke a lot of windows out across the street in the hotel over there, and it broke the windows in this building and tore down some of the ceiling and lights.

Q Did it break through the interior wall?

A Yes, and it broke out this section of

the ledge (indicating).

Q It did damage to the interior of the Air Canada Office?

A Yes, it did.

Q Was anyone injured by the explosion?

A No, no injuries.

Q Approximately what time did the explosion take place?

A I believe it would have been about when I received his call at 1:30; I arrived there at 2:10.

Q Other than the timing device, were you able to collect any other pieces of the explosive, the mechanism used?

A No.

Q Were you able to determine from the timing device where it was purchased or where it can be purchased in this area?

A No, it's a military item.

Q Were any fingerprints found or anything of that effect?

A No.

Q How much of the timing device was

found; how much was left?

A There are four pieces of it, and it's all joined together, a whole one; there are about eight basic parts.

Q You said it was a corrosive device? Does it work on the basis of a chemo-corrosion?

A There's a copper portion that you squeeze and crush and a glass vial full of acid and as the acid starts eating away the wire, the wire breaks and a heavy spring throws a firing pin down and strikes the primer and the primer fires into the blasting cap which is clamped on the end and that is what makes it into an explosive.

Q About how long after the device is set to go off does the explosion occur?

A The time varies. According to the color of the safety band that is on these things and the temperature in which it was. At approximately 75 degrees, it runs anywhere from nine minutes to twelve hours, plus or minus 15 per cent and they will vary as to time.

For instance, it could be a nine-minute, a fifteen-minute or one hour or four hours.

Q Did you determine what type of band was used on this?

A No, we didn't find any pieces of the band.

Q So, you would not know when the bomb was placed there and when it was designated to go off?

A It should have been less than 12 hours.

Q Less than 12 hours?

A And, not less than approximately nine minutes.

Q Did you recover anything else from the scene in the way of physical evidence?

A We collected pieces of metal for possible determination of the type of explosive, but chemical analysis came back from the FBI Laboratory and we couldn't determine anything.

Q You were unable to determine what type of explosive was used?

A We just know approximately that one pound of high velocity explosive equivalent to those effects was used.

Do you have a copy of his confession?

Q Did he make any statements to you?

A No.

Q Did you speak with the Defendant?

A No.

Q Do you recall anything else you did with regard to this case, or any connection you had with this case other than investigating the case, other than the four pieces of the timing device and tests on the metal to determine the time of explosive?

A No, that was about all.

MR. BOCZAR: I have no further questions.

(Reading, signing and notice of filing were waived.)

(Thereupon the taking of the deposition was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF DADE)

I, JOHN F. CASEY, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large, hereby certify that I reported the deposition of THOMAS BRODIE at the time and place hereinabove set forth; that the witness was first duly sworn by me; and that the foregoing pages numbered from 1 to 9, inclusive, constitute a true and correct transcription of my stenographic report of the deposition of said witness.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither attorney or counsel for, nor related to or employed by any of the parties connected with the action, nor financially interested in the action.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL in the City of Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 3rd day of December, 1971.

John F. Casey

Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA at LARGE
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. 25, 1978
BONDED THROUGH FRED W. DICKELEBORS