

STATE v. LLANO
NO. 70-8883
SCHWARTZ
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Thereupon:

HECTOR CORNILLOT LLANO

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

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CROSS EXAMINATION

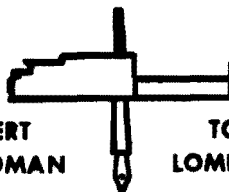
BY MR. O'DONNELL:

Q. Sir, Mr. Capuano asked you did you
furnish the names of the people involved in the Air
Canada bombing to the police.

You answered yes, you did. However,
you did not do that until some almost nine years after
the incident took place; is that not a fact? --or
until the statute of limitations---

A. Right.

Q. You knew these gentlemen cannot be


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1 prosecuted now; is that right?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. You remember meeting with Mr. Gracie,
4 do you not?

5 A. Yes, I did.

6 Q. You recall having a conversation with
7 him?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. Isn't it a fact that during that
10 conversation you told him that you, in fact, started
11 the construction of that bomb that was to be used in
12 the Air Canada office that night?

13 A. No. I can't say that I recall saying
14 that.

15 I do recall our conversation and I
16 recall telling him that I had offered to prepare the
17 bomb but that Mr. Santiago, who had similar training
18 like mine and who was going to place it, said he was
19 going to do it since he was going to place it.

20 Q. Did you tell Mr. Gracie that?

21 A. I think so.

22 Q. Do you specifically remember stating
23 you actually started construction of that bomb when
24 Mr. Santiago came in and continued the construction
25 of it and he and Nelson Lopez took it to the Air Canada

1 office?

2 A. I heard it. I heard it.

3 Q. Are you telling the Court now, as
4 reflected upon, you did not take any part in the
5 construction of that bomb or you do not remember
6 whether or not you did?

7 A. See, that particular situation of the
8 preparation and that date is kind of fuzzy. I have
9 to have deep recollection on it.

10 Now, I can tell you I did not have
11 any participation whatsoever with the manufacture or
12 the placing of the bomb.

13 Q. You can say you did not place it at
14 the Air Canada office?

15 A. Or manufacture in any way.

16 Q. In no way did you place the pencil
17 detonator and put it together?

18 A. Exactly, nothing. I have no part
19 whatsoever in any of the preparation.

20 Q. Were you right there when it was
21 prepared?

22 A. Yes, I was.

23 Q. Didn't you help?

24 A. No, I wasn't.

25 Q. What were you doing? Reading the

1 newspaper?

2 A. See, this is very delicate thing, and
3 you don't--- It's delicate thing. Whoever is going
4 to do is going to do it.

5 Q. But you knew how to do it?

6 A. Yes, sir, I do.

7 I was trained by Central Intelligence
8 Agency how to do it.

9 Q. In other words, you would be there
10 to render technical advice if it was needed?

11 A. It was not needed.

12 Q. How do you know?

13 A. I am telling you.

14 Q. Because you were right there and saw
15 how it was being done?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. When was that Air Canada office
18 ultimately decided to be the spot that would be blown
19 up to further your cause?

20 A. At that time--at that time any office
21 or any government that was dealing with Cuba in
22 violation of the United States Blockade was a very
23 good target.

24 Q. That is why the list was so long?

25 A. Exactly.

1 Q. My question, though--I realize your
2 reasons; okay? I do not argue with them, you understand,
3 but I realize what you say the reasons are.

4 My question is this: When in point of
5 time did you, Nelson Lopez and Mr. Santiago decide,
6 "We will blow up the Air Canada office at 6900 Collins
7 Avenue, Miami Beach, Dade County, Florida?"

8 THE WITNESS: Shall I answer?

9 MR. CAPUANO: Yes.

10 A. Well, that was decided the day before.

11 Q. Which would be the 17th?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. That is consistent with what Mr. Gracie
14 said.

15 THE COURT: Do not make comments. Just ask
16 questions.

17 MR. CAPUANO: Objection to what is consistent
18 with what Mr. Gracie testified to.

19 I am going to object. That is for the
20 Court to decide.

21 THE COURT: Sustained.

22 Q. (By Mr. O'Donnell) Did this plan take
23 place in a motel room, the Arrowhead Motel?

24 A. No. That plan took place some place else.

25 Q. Where?

1 A. In a house in the Southwest section.

2 Q. There is another Air Canada office,
3 is there not, on the South Beach area?

4 A. You wouldn't believe this, but that's
5 the first time I heard of another one.

6 Q. It was only this one on 69th and
7 Collins that was discussed?

8 A. That's the only one we knew of.

9 Q. You had been by, and, in fact, surveilled
10 that office?

11 A. I had driven by there, yes.

12 Q. To determine that it was a viable spot
13 at which the bomb could be easily placed?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Where did you determine the most
16 advantageous point from your vantage point would be
17 to place the bomb?

18 MR. CAPUANO: You are asking for an expert
19 opinion?

20 MR. O'DONNELL: I just asked a question.

21 MR. CAPUANO: I object.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 A. Where it was placed?

24 Q. (By Mr. O'Donnell) Right. Where it was
25 placed?

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A. Yes.

Q. Which was on that shelf?

A. Which was on the shelf.

Q. You knew this from your seat in the car, by being there, you knew?

A. Yes.

Q. And, of course, you communicated this to your cohorts?

A. No. We came to the conclusion.

Q. You were together when you drove by? You drove by it together?

A. No.

Q. When did you make this decision that the bomb would be placed at that place, then?

A. Well, we made our decision the night before this. We made the decision to bomb Air Canada. We decided that was a good place to bomb.

I went to this office--I am not lying to you--was about three or four days ago.

Q. Three or four days before?

A. Ago, yes, because surveillance in order to do a bombing, and I decided on Air Canada and went to the motel where I had the explosives and proceeded to plan the maja bombing of Air Canada.

On the night of the 18th, Santiago and

1 Lopez came over to the motel where I was at, and
2 Santiago told me he wanted to do the bombing--that
3 bombing.

4 Q. It would be his token to your cause?

5 A. Cause, exactly.

6 And he proceeded---

7 Q. He wanted to prove himself to you,
8 who was the leader?

9 A. No, not necessarily. It was nothing
10 to prove.

11 Q. Did you give him the explosives to
12 make the bomb?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. Where did you get them?

15 A. I had them.

16 Q. In the motel room?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. He told you he wanted to bomb Air Canada.
19 You said, "All right. I wanted to do
20 it, but you go ahead and do it," or words to that effect?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Then you got the explosives, gave them
23 to him, and he manufactured the bomb, and you discussed
24 exactly where that bomb was to be placed, which was the
25 Air Canada office which is at 6988 Collins Avenue,

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Miami Beach; is that right?

A. Yes.

MR. O'DONNELL: I have no further questions.

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF DADE)

I, Mary L. Antoine, RPR, do hereby certify that the case of State v. Llano, pending in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Dade County, Florida, No. 70-8883, was tried before The Honorable Alan R. Schwartz, Judge, on May 31, 1977; that I was authorized to and did report in shorthand the proceedings and evidence in said case; and that the foregoing pages, number 1 to and including 9, constitute a true and correct transcription of my shorthand report of the cross examination of HECTOR CORNILLOT LLANO in said case.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand this 6th day of June, 1977.

