

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

No. 70-8883

STATE OF FLORIDA,

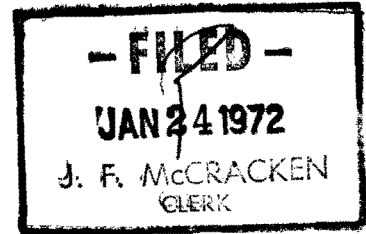
Plaintiff,

-vs-

HECTOR LLANO,

Defendant.

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DEPOSITION OF MARVIN HASPIL

The oral examination of Marvin Haspil,  
taken pursuant to Notice of Taking Deposition on  
behalf of the Defendant, before Bruce Hartman, a  
Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at  
Large, on Friday, the 7th day of January, 1972, at  
2:30 o'clock p.m., at the Office of the Public  
Defender, 1351 Northwest 12th Street, Miami, Dade  
County, Florida.

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**APPEARANCES:**

HON. RICHARD E. GERSTEIN,  
State Attorney,  
By: ROBERT M. HAGGARD, ESQ.,  
Assistant State Attorney.  
On behalf of the State of Florida.

HON. PHILLIP A. HUBBART,  
Public Defender.  
By: THOMAS J. MORGAN, ESQ.,  
Assistant Public Defender.  
On behalf of the Defendant.

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**I N D E X****Witness****Direct**

Marvin Haspil

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Thereupon

MARVIN HASPIL

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. MORGAN:

Q Would you please state your name, sir?

A Marvin Haspil.

Q Where do you live, sir?

A 2440 Northeast 214th Street.

Q Miami, sir?

A North Miami Beach.

Q Are you married, sir?

A Yes.

Q How many times?

A Twice.

Q Do you have children?

A No.

Q Do you live with your wife at the present time?

A Yes.

Q What is your occupation at the present time, sir?

A Real estate salesman.

Q Are you licensed in the State of Florida?

A Yes.

Q How long have you been so employed?

A Since '69. Since 1969.

Q Since 1969?

A Yes.

Q Who do you work for now, sir?

A Cavanaugh Land Sales.

Q Where are they located?

A We are located at 183rd and Collins.

Q How long have you been so employed with them?

A Three months.

Q Three months?

A Yes.

Q Who did you work for before that, sir?

A American International.

Q How long did you work for them, sir?

A That was three months. Three months.

Q Before that, sir?

A With GAC.

Q And how long did you work for them?

A It was almost two years.

Q When did you start work for GAC, sir, if you recall, approximately?

A I believe it was-- I don't remember when it was, but I think I started with them in 1969. I don't remember whether it was June or July, or--

Q Did you start with them as your first job when you passed the test?

A No.

Q Who did you work for?

A It was with Bahama Realty.

Now it comes back to me. I was with Bahama Realty in November of '69, and went to GAC in February of '70.

Q When was it that you said you got your real estate license?

A It was in 1969, the beginning of 1969.

Q What did you do before you went into the real estate business?

A I drove a cab.

Q For how long did you drive a cab?

A About five years.

Q For whom?

A Central Cab Company.

Q Did you work for them for the full five years?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever have occasion to see a bombing or anything like that?

A Yes, I did.

Q When was that, sir?

A Well, I believe it was in October of 1968.

Q Have you had occasion, prior to today, not today, but prior to today, to speak to an Assistant State Attorney?

A No.

Q Have you had a chance today to speak to an Assistant State Attorney regarding the facts of this case?

A Yes.

Q Did you discuss what you are going to testify to in your deposition today?

A More or less.

Q For how long a period of time did you speak with him?

A Just about ten minutes.

Q And who was that, sir?

A Mr. Shenberg.

Q Did he refresh your mind as to the facts and the dates regarding this case?

A A little, yes.

Q Now, you wanted to tell me what you saw and what happened that day?

A I saw a white flash, a loud noise and a lot of smoke coming out of this particular store near 71st and Collins. It was the Air Canada office.

Q Anything else?

A That's it.

Q Did you see any people running around?

A No.

Q Where were you when you saw this?

A I was on the northeast corner of 71st Street and Collins. I was sitting in my cab. It's a hack stand.

There were a few people around the

area, but it was early in the morning. They were just as startled as I was, and that's pretty much it.

Q What is at that particular hack stand? What sort of building or whatever?

A Well, at that time it was a row of stores.

Q It is Collins and what avenue?

A 71st Street. That's where the Burleigh House Condominium is now constructed. They tore that building down and constructed the condominium complex.

Q Were you heading north or south, sir?

A I was sitting on the corner.

Q Facing north or south, east or west?

A I was facing west.

Q On Collins?

A On 71st Street.

Q And the explosion in the building, or whatever, was where in relationship to you; behind you, in front of you, to the side of you?

A In front and to the left.

Q About how far away?

A About 40, 50 feet.



Q And what time of day or night was this, did you say?

A Early in the morning. About 1:00, 1:30.

Q So it was dark?

A Yes.

Q Were the lights on in your vehicle?

A No.

Q Do you remember what kind of vehicle you were driving?

A I guess it was a '68 Chevy.

Q But you are not sure?

A No.

Q You did not have any passengers, did you?

A No.

Q Do you remember how long it had been since your last passenger?

A No.

Q Do you know how long you had been sitting there?

A I would say about maybe 15, 20 minutes, definitely. It could be longer.

Q In other words, you really do not remember?

A No.

Q You sort of have to guess, because you usually do not sit in one place too much more than half an hour, forty-five minutes?

A Well, on that corner it's a pretty active hack stand for radio calls.

Q What was the first thing that you saw or heard?

A A white-- well, I guess you can call it a white flash.

Q And then what did you do? Did you hear a sound after that?

A Yes, sure. A loud explosion. And then it was like smoke coming out of the store.

Q Now, is this a store or a building, or what is it, exactly?

A It's actually a store in a building.

Q Does it have a storefront like a butcher shop?

A Yes.

Q Or does it have a stone wall type of

front?

A No. It's a store with glass.

Q A picture window type front?

A Right.

Q Did anything fly out the window?

A Oh, sure. A lot of glass.

Q Was there anybody nearby that was injured? Do you know?

A No.

Q Did you see anybody on the street, nearby, at the time?

A There were a few people around, but it was south of it, and in the block near the Dream Bar, and that's about all there was.

Q What did you do after you saw this?

A Oh, I jumped out of the cab and took a look around, because there was other glass breaking around that area, stores south of it, which is a dress shop, the dress shop in the Janina (phonetic) across from it, and I think it did some damage to the Stock Exchange office north of it.

Q Anything else?

A I think there was a couple of cars

parked at the curb that it might have damaged.

Q Do you know what kind of cars they were?

A No.

Q You do not remember?

A No.

Q What did you do next?

A Well, about that time I think I got a fare-- where I had gone to I don't remember-- but I came back pretty soon and there were a couple of FBI men waiting on the corner, to question me.

Q Waiting for you in particular?

A Yes.

Q Why? How did they know about you?

A I guess one of the other cab drivers must have told them that I was on that corner when it happened. Either that way, or how they got it, I don't know. All I know is they were waiting for me, to question me.

Q Were there other cab drivers around at the time?

A Well, there's another hack stand on the other corner, on the southwest corner.

Q Did you give a statement to the FBI?

A Yes.

Q Was there anything in that statement that is different than what you have given me today?

A No.

Q Did you make a written statement, do you know? Did you go down to the FBI headquarters and--

A I don't believe so.

Q You just gave them that statement on the corner?

A Yes.

Q Have you talked to any FBI Agents since then?

A No.

Q Have you talked to any police officers since then?

A No.

Q Can you give me an idea of approximately how long after the explosion it was that you came back and talked to the FBI Agents?

A It might have been anywhere from 15 to 25 minutes.

Q Do you remember the names of the Agents?

A No, sir.

Q Do you remember what they looked like?

A Sort of.

Q What does that mean, sir?

A In other words, I think I would recognize the man I was talking to if I saw him.

Q If he came up and told you he was an FBI Agent?

A Well, I remember a tall, slender, handsome man.

Q What did you do after you talked to the FBI Agents? Anything?

A I continued to work. I think I-- I don't remember how late in the morning I worked.

Q Was it a good topic of conversation, for your fares, for the rest of the evening?

A No, not really.

Q Is there anything else you can think about this case that you feel is important, or unimportant, or that was interesting?

A Yes. It scared the hell out of me.

That's about all.

Q Did it shake your car, at all?

A Well, it was a very resounding explosion.

Q I know. But were there any vibrations that shook your car?

A I don't remember. I guess, maybe, I was too shook up to even feel it. I think I was shaking a little.

Q It took you by surprise?

A Yes. Sure.

Q How do you know it was an Air Canada office?

A Well, I know that that is the office of Air Canada. I hacked in that area quite a bit, and I pretty much know the row of stores that are there, and so forth. Like the dress shop and the Lum's next to it and so forth.

Q Was there a sign on the front that said Air Canada?

A Yes.

MR. MORGAN: I have nothing further.

MR. HAGGARD: No questions.

(Reading, signing and notice  
of filing of the deposition  
were waived by the witness.)  
(Thereupon the taking of the  
deposition was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE OF NOTARY

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
                              ) SS:  
COUNTY OF DADE )

I, BRUCE HARTMAN, a Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large, hereby certify that I reported the deposition of MARVIN HASPIL at the time and place herein above set forth; that the foregoing pages numbered from 1 to 15a, 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 nor counsel for, nor related to nor 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 10th day of January, 1972.

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Notary Public

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
BONDED JANUARY 1972