
AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGE SMITH [No.5]

I, the undersigned,

GEORGE SMITH

do hereby make oath and say that -

1. I am an adult male, with South African Identity No 6807135282087 and South African Passport No. 4566643640 currently detained at Johannesburg Prison having been extradited from Cyprus to face certain criminal charges.
2. I therefore make this statement freely, voluntarily and without any undue influence in accordance with section 204 of the Act. Further, insofar as it may be necessary, subject to the provisions of section 105A of the Act; having been informed that my statement may incriminate me in various offences and notwithstanding the aforesaid, I may be called as a witness on behalf of the prosecution and further be required to answer questions which may incriminate me. However, if in the opinion of the court, I am found to have answered all questions frankly and honestly I will be discharged from prosecution on such charges or any competent verdict thereon. Further that the contents hereof may not be utilized in any manner or be regarded as admissible evidence in any trial against me.


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3. The facts herein contained are, save where the context indicates otherwise within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

4. I met Radovan Krejcir ("Krejcir") in or around April 2007 when I shared a cell with him at the Kempton Park Magistrates Court.
5. I had been arrested on charges of theft or alternatively receiving stolen property and Krejcir, as he explained to me, had been arrested upon his arrival in South Africa in 2007.
6. Krejcir introduced himself to me as a wealthy businessman, with businesses interests in Europe. He explained that upon his release from detention it was his intention to establish himself in South Africa.
7. He told me that because he had no experience of the South African business environment and no business connections in South Africa; and also because he did not speak English very well at that time, that he would need help from someone who could assist him generally in his business activities in South Africa.
8. I discovered that Krejcir was a particularly persuasive person, able to make you believe virtually anything he said.
9. I was impressed by Krejcir and saw an opportunity to advance myself.

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10. I told him about myself and my many business connections in South Africa. And explained that I was in a very good position to assist him to start doing business this country.
11. Krejcir asked me to assist him in doing so and promised to pay me well for my services; I agreed to do so.

MURDER OF LOLLY JACKSON IN MAY 2010

12. Lolly Jackson ("Jackson") and Krejcir met and became acquaintances.
13. Krejcir was interested in Jackson's activities generally and particularly wanted involvement in Jackson's club "Teasers". He also shared Jackson's interest in fast and expensive motor cars.
14. It was known to Krejcir that Jackson was exporting millions in funds which had not been declared, through the services Mr. Alekos Panayi ("Panayi") who ran the Laiki bank of Cyprus in South Africa.
15. Panayi identified South African residents who had money offshore and wanted access to funds in this country.
16. Panayi would arrange what was called a "cash swap" in terms of which residents in South Africa who wanted to send money offshore could give it to Panayi who made it available to other local clients who had money offshore but needed their funds in South Africa.

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17. In consideration for receipt of these funds locally, the recipient would transfer an amount equal to the money received by him locally, from his offshore account to the offshore account nominated by Panayi's client who wanted money offshore.
18. In this manner Panayi transferred millions of Rands for Jackson.
19. Panayi stole funds from Jackson. Jackson approached me with the request that I recover the amount stolen by Panayi.
20. I was able to do so and in the result Jackson began to rely upon me to assist him in a number of ways.
21. Shortly before he was murdered Jackson requested my assistance in obtaining a Greek passport. Jackson was in fact of Greek origin and I was able to obtain a legitimate Greek passport for him.
22. As a result of my services Jackson and I enjoyed a good relationship and trusted one another.
23. This occurred at a time when my association with Krejcir had become strained following two instances in respect of which we had a difference of opinion and I had refused to follow instructions given by Krejcir.
24. Jackson confided to me that he was planning to leave South Africa as pressure was mounting over allegations of money laundering. It was for this reason, as noted above, that he required Greek citizenship.

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25. Panayi had lost his job at the Laiki bank after the discovery that he had engaged in money laundering activities.
26. In 2009 Krejcir approached Jackson and advised that he and his associate Cyril Beeka were in a position to make funds available offshore using a similar arrangement to the "money swap" scheme operated by Panayi; allegedly using certain eastern European contacts of Cyril Beeka who had set up businesses in the Cape.
27. Jackson told me that he agreed to use their services and that two or possibly three transactions involving "small" sums of money, in the nature of between R80, 000 and R120, 000 had been successfully concluded.
28. In April 2010 Jackson contacted me urgently and told me that he and Krejcir assisted by Beeka had arranged a "transfer" of approximately R740, 000.00 which amount he had given to Krejcir; but that an equivalent amount of funds had not been transferred to his account despite receipt by him of a document in the form of a "swift-transfer" which he explained to me, had upon enquiry, proved to be a fake.
29. Jackson was angered by this development and in April 2010 requested that I set up a meeting with Krejcir.
30. I arranged meeting but neither Krejcir nor Beeka, despite their commitment to attend, arrived for the meeting.

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31. I contacted Beeka and complained that he had not arrived despite his commitment and told him that in my opinion, that this was not the behavior I expected from a grown man.
32. Shortly afterwards Krejcir called for me to meet him at the Harbor Café. Upon my arrival I spoke with Krejcir, and during the conversation Beeka came toward me, unseen, and punched me on the side of my head.
33. I fell to the floor and was kicked several times by Beeka on my head and face. This took place in front of Krejcir who didn't interfere in the assault or assist in any way.
34. As a result I was hospitalised and unable for this reason to attend a court appearance.
35. Upon my release from Hospital, I attempted once again to set up a meeting between Krejcir and Jackson.
36. Krejcir refused to attend any meeting at Jacksons home or office.
37. He insisted that the meeting be held at the house where I lived in Kempton Park.
38. It was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled for the afternoon of the 3rd of May 2010.
39. Having confirmed the arrangement with Jackson, he and I agreed to meet on the Modderfontein Road running in front of the Greenstone Shopping

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Centre. Jackson driving his Jeep arrived late afternoon and we set off, with Jackson following me, I was driving my Peugeot van.

40. On the way along Modderfontein Road my car broke down, from what seemed to be an electrical fault.
41. Jackson stopped his car to assist me and we drove the remainder of the way together in his Jeep.
42. Upon our arrival at my house I invited Jackson into the living room and stepped behind the bar to offer him a beer.
43. Krejcir arrived some five or six minutes later and was also offered a drink.
44. Within moments Jackson had begun to shout at Krejcir and to wave the copy of the swift transfer which he said was a fake.
45. Jackson swore at Krejcir, asking him "who the fuck" he thought he was to steal his (Jackson's) money.
46. Krejcir lunged forward to grab the swift transfer from Jackson who held it out of reach.
47. At this point Krejcir pulled out a firearm and shot Jackson once; Jackson fell onto the back of the sofa positioned directly behind him.
48. Jackson looked shocked, and began to plead and beg for his life.
49. Krejcir crossed the floor toward him standing over him and kicked him in the side of his chest said the following or words to the same effect :

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".....you want to know who I am, I will show you who I am you fucking cockroach..."

50. Krejcir then proceeded to fire many shots into Jackson. I don't remember how many but there were several further shots.
51. Jackson appeared to be dead, and lay in a pool of blood. I was horrified and frightened.
52. Krejcir ordered me to pick Jackson up and take him down the corridor toward the garage. He wanted me to put the body into Jackson's car.
53. I attempted to do as he said but Jackson was quite heavy. My shirt was quickly covered in Jackson's blood. I said to Krejcir "I can't do that I can't pick him up. He asked me to go and get a blanket to carry his body.
54. I ran to my bedroom, removed the bloody shirt and put on a clean one taking a duvet off my bed and returned to the lounge where I succeeded in placing Jackson's body onto the duvet and dragging the body down the passage toward the door that leads into the garage.
55. I left Jackson's body in the passage just inside the door and stepped into the garage.
56. I opened the automatic garage door on the left and noticed Cyril Beeka seated in a car just outside the garage on my right together with someone

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who I could not see clearly save to say that he had short light coloured hair.

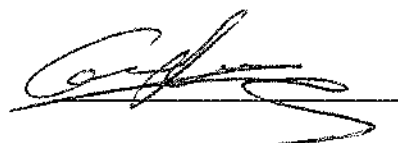
57. I reversed the Jeep into the garage right up to the doorway leading from the passage. When I stepped out of the Jeep in order to open the back of the car I found that I had parked it too close to the door to open the boot.
58. At that moment I was in a state of shock and felt afraid for my life; I had just witnessed Lolly Jackson shot dead by Krejcir and wanted get away as quickly as possible
59. I got back into the car and drove away, exiting through the booms at the entrance to our suburb and then called General Mabasa from my phone telling him what I that I had just witnessed Krejcir killing Jackson and to ask for his help. He asked me who was present at the time of Jackson's murder and I told him that Krejcir and Cyril were there.
60. He asked me where I was. I told him that I was driving Jacksons Jeep. He suggested that I meet him at Bedford Centre, and that I should speak to Krejcir as soon as possible
61. Mabasa knew of the problems between Krejcir and Jackson; having already been approached by Jackson to intervene and assist in facilitating a meeting with Krejcir.
62. I too had spoken with Mabasa about the need for a meeting to be arranged between Krejcir and Jackson to resolve their problem.

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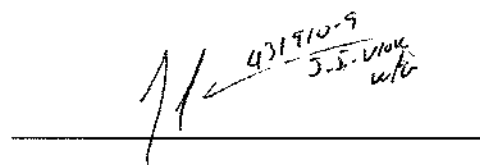
63. I didn't drive immediately to Bedford Centre but drove around for a while.
64. Radovan was calling me on the phone. I didn't take his calls at first. Later I called him as advised by Mabasa.
65. He asked me to meet with him at Jannis Louca's Engen garage near to Linksfield. We met there.
66. He got there before me and I met him behind the garage. He wanted me to calm down, but I was extremely angry with him for what he had just done and didn't want to listen to his stories. He asked me why I had driven off and left the house. He said that I was supposed to have helped him to put the body in the car and then dumped it.
67. I drove off and then headed for the Harbour Café in order to meet with Mabasa. Upon my arrival I saw several people including Cyril Beeka who was sitting with Hein Metrovich in the smoking area. I asked him whether Mabasa was there.
68. He answered that he had not seen Mabasa. I realised that I was alone and that Mabasa was not going to show up.
69. Krejcir then arrived at the Harbour Café and before speaking with me approached Metrovich who handed him two cellphones.
70. He then turned to me and said we need to talk. We got to the parking lot and he told me that I should give him my cell phone and speak to no-one.

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71. He then said that I should drive to the Nicol Hotel in Bedfordview. I went to the second floor to room 26 as instructed by Krejcir where I found Krejcir's friend from the Czech Republic by the name of Martin.
72. Krejcir arrived at 10pm and told me that I had no choice but to leave the country. As he put it: Lolly was murdered in your house. You were there when it happened. You are fucked and there is nothing you can do about it
73. He reminded me further that I was due to appear in Court the following day (on charges of theft alternatively possession of stolen property) and that Mabasa had told him that I would get between ten and fifteen years on the charges.
74. He said I should leave as soon as possible for Cyprus; which he said had no extradition treaty with South Africa.
75. He undertook to send money to me in Cyprus.
76. This was his way of dealing with the position in which he had through his actions, placed me.
77. I called my friend Yannis Louca who met with me at the parking lot across the road from the Hotel, where I parked Lolly Jackson's Jeep.
78. We left from there and while driving I told Yannis the truth about what had happened. Yannis took me across the border to Mozambique where I travelled via Lisbon (Portugal) to Cyprus.


DEPONENT

I hereby certify that the deponent declares that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit and that it is to the best of the deponent's knowledge both true and correct. This affidavit was signed and sworn to before me at Johannesburg on this the day 5th day of November 2014, the Regulations contained in the Government Notice R1258 of 21 July 1972 as amended having been complied with.


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