

SWORN STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, [REDACTED] ID No. [REDACTED] state under oath as follows:

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I am an adult male security officer currently unemployed, residing at [REDACTED], corner of [REDACTED], Johannesburg with telephone number [REDACTED].

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I am giving this statement as a result of my knowledge about certain events, as set out herein, and do so freely of my own will, without any promise of fear or favour.

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SECTION 204 CRIMINAL PROCEDURES ACT

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 utilised in any manner or be regarded as admissible evidence in any trial against me.

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My friend and colleague, [REDACTED] whom I have known from about 2001 or 2002, but I do not recall where I met him. We were employed as security at "The Grand" situated at Corner of Rivonia Road and 11th Avenue, Rivonia, Johannesburg. This was about six years ago, when the Grande opened and I stopped working there in June 2014. Since then I've been unemployed.

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I first met Radovan Krejcir at the Grande, he was a customer. George Smith, whom I now know to be George Louca was with him. There was also a Greek guy called Mike Arsiotis as well. If I recall, it was 04th November 2007. I remember the date well, because my son's birthday is on 03 November and this was Radovan's birthday.

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That time, George was fighting with Mike Arsiotis and we had to grab George and push him out of the club. He then apologised and we let him back. After that Radovan told us it was his birthday and me and Liberty could come to his place the following day. George told us that Radovan was a billionaire and that he was an ex-president of the Czech Republic. I thought 'Wow' this is great stuff. We all exchanged numbers, me and Liberty and Radovan, I also took George's but did not take Michael Arsiotis' number.

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In March or April 2008 George called either me or [REDACTED], I cannot now remember to meet him at Bedford Centre, as there was some problem with a Russian guy and they needed back up. I think it was Alexius Lazarus or something like that. Me and [REDACTED] then went through to Bedfordview in my car, a BMW 328i cabriolet.

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Radovan informed me that Lazarov had told him, Krejcir that he had been sent to South Africa by someone with instructions to kill Krejcir, but he doesn't want to kill him, he wants to help him. Krejcir said this Lazarov wanted money from Krejcir, some big figure in Euros.

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Lazarov apparently wanted to meet with Krejcir for something and Krejcir was worried that Lazarov might come with someone else and that there might be trouble. We took up seats in the Harbour Restaurant, to watch what would happen.

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We arrived at the Harbour Café at around mid-day, we arrived together, [REDACTED] and myself in my car. Lazarov arrived and he was alone. He then joined Krejcir at a table and we, myself and [REDACTED] and I don't recall where George was sitting. We sat watching them from a short distance away. Radovan and this guy, they spoke alone for about half an hour to an hour. This guy was short, white, I think he had some scars on his head, I do not now recall where, short hair, light in colour, I'd say he was about 30-35 years old. The meeting went on for about an half to an hour, and then the guy got up and left.

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Radovan then spoke with us. He said that this guy was sent by guys in the Czech Republic to come and kill him. He said the guy wanted to get money out of him. After this discussion, [REDACTED] and I left. George then called [REDACTED] and said we must go and fetch that guy. We then went back to Bedfordview in my car again. George said 'Let's go, let's go' and we jumped in his white double cab with siren and blue lights. George also had a police card as well so everyone would think we were cops. George said he was a senior cop, as I often saw him in Bedfordview police station shouting at Colonel Sambo.

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George then picked us up at Bedfordview, and we went in the silver double cab of George. We went to Sandton, to a hotel in Katherine Street. George had the address. I can't remember the name of the hotel, but it was on Katherine Street and very close to the Shell filling station.

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We went into the hotel and asked for Lazarov at reception, George, myself and Liberty. George asked for him at reception and they said he had gone out. We jumped in the car and as we drove out, I saw him walking down the street.

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This Russian was walking towards the hotel. We then drove alongside Lazarov, [REDACTED] was sitting in the front with George. George then stopped the bakkie and jumped out and grabbed this guy and before the guy could do anything, George brought him to the bakkie and opened the back door and I helped to pull him in. We then drove off, with [REDACTED] and George in the front and this guy in the back with me. This guy was told to stay down, so no-one in the street would see him. George told me to search him, which I did, I found dollars and Rand and Russian money and a small phone and passed it to George.

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We then drove straight to a house in Boksburg, on the East Rand. I think it was the house of a friend of George. I had never been to that house before, or since. I could not find that house, other than to say it was in a township. It was a small house of two bedrooms and a kitchen and dining room and a bathroom. We went there with the blue lights and siren going.

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Krejcir obviously knew where to go, because he arrived there about one and a half hours later. Before Krejcir arrived there, we started asking questions. George was asking him questions and hitting him. The guy fainted and when he opened his eyes I took water and woke him up. He said he wanted vodka and George was laughing. George took a beer from the fridge and gave it to him. George was asking who sent him, and the guy did not tell him the truth. I did hold the guy whilst George was hitting him. I also may have hoit him, but I don't remember.

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Once he came there Radovan began to ask Lazarov questions and accused him of lying. I was making some hot water and sugar to drink to drink and the kettle was boiling. George then took the kettle of boiling water and poured it on him. He poured it into his ears first and when the guy started crying, he poured it into his mouth. Krejcir was watching all of this. I then grabbed the kettle and took it off George and I even brunt myself with hot water at the time. After the boiling water, Lazarov started talking to Krejcir. George wanted to stab this guy with a screw driver and I heard Liberty screaming to stop, as George wanted to stab him in

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the eyes. [REDACTED] and I then stopped this from happening to him. I then realised that this guy George was not a cop.

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Lazarov told Krejcir that he had followed Krejcir to Seychelles to kill him and that he brought a gun into the Seychelles hidden in a generator. However, he only followed Krejcir and did not get a chance to kill him. He told Radovan everything Radovan wanted to know.

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After all the questioning was finished, Radovan spoke quietly with George and George came and said he had admitted to being a hit-man, we should take him to the bush and kill him and make his body vanish. I then thought about the movies and where you have to kill someone and then you get killed yourself. I said, no, no, no. Then I told about the fact that we had been to the hotel and they had cameras and our pictures were there and we would be the first suspects. I said if he has confessed to being a hit-man, why don't we take him to the police station.

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[REDACTED] and me had to go to work, so we decide to take him to a guest house in Edenvale, owned by Radovan and George's friend and he was tied up in the bedroom. I saw this. The following day we went back to Edenvale with George and I said, 'Lets just take this guy to the police station'.

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George [REDACTED] and myself, took him the following evening to the police station. I saw him being handed over to Colonel Sambo. After that I was relieved. George paid us with cash, I can't remember if it was R100 or R200 notes and we split it between us. I think we had R20,000 each. This is all I can remember.

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Prior to me signing this statement, I have carefully read through it and am satisfied that the facts are correctly and accurately recorded. The following questions were put to me in person by the commissioner of oaths and I entered the answers thereto in my own handwriting:

'Do you know and understand the contents of this statement?'

Yes

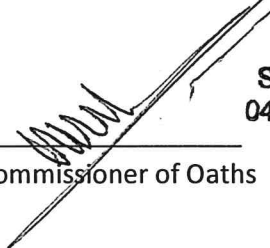
'Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath?'

No

'Do you consider the prescribed oath binding on your conscience?'

Yes

I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this statement which was sworn to before me and the deponents signature was placed thereon in my presence at **GALLO MANOR** on 06th day of **FEBRUARY 2015**


Commissioner of Oaths

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