

SWORN STATEMENT

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

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I am an adult male Driver currently residing at [REDACTED] with telephone number [REDACTED]. I am employed by [REDACTED] Limited.

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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], were employed as security at "The Grand" situated at Corner of Rivonia Road and 11th Avenue, Rivonia, Johannesburg. This was between 2007 and 2009.

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I first met Radovan Krejcir at the Grande, he was a customer. We greeted each other and he said he wanted us to work together and he said there were some people owing him money. George Smith, whom I now know to be George Louca was with him.

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I gave Radovan my telephone number and he gave it to George and George would phone me, if there was some work to do, such as debt collection.

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In March or April 2008 George phoned me to accompany him to a meeting between Krejcir and a man named Alexei Lazarov at the Harbour Café situated at Bedford Centre, corner of Smith & Bradford Roads, Bedfordview.

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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.

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Lazarov apparently wanted to meet with Krejcir for some or other reason and Krejcir was worried.

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We arrived at the Harbour Café at around mid-day, we arrived together, [REDACTED] and myself in my car, a white BMW 318i. We took up a position at a separate table, so that we could observe the proceedings, in case there was a problem.

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Lazarov telephoned and said he was coming by meter taxi. He arrived and walked in and we saw him, as he was communicating with Radovan by phone. He was alone.

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He then joined Krejcir at a table and we, myself and [REDACTED] and George, sat watching them from a short distance away. Radovan and this guy, they spoke alone. This guy was short, white, of medium build, short hair, light in colour, maybe about 30 years old. The meeting went on for about an hour, and then the guy got up and left.

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Radovan then came to our table. He said that this guy was sent by guys in the Czech Republic to come and kill him. After this discussion, [REDACTED] and I left. George then called us and said we must go and fetch that guy. George then picked us up at Bedfordview, I can't remember where we left our car 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 very close to the junction of Katherine and West, I remember the Shell filling station nearby.

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

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This Russian was walking towards the hotel. We then drove alongside Lazarov, I 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 Bruce helped to pull him in. We then drove off, with me and George in the front and this guy Lazarov and [REDACTED] in the back. This guy was told to stay down, and he lay down on the seat, so no-one in the street would see him.

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We then drove straight to a house in Benoni or Boksburg, 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 rooms and a kitchen.

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Krejcir obviously knew where to go, because he arrived there about three hours later. Before Krejcir arrived there, we started asking questions. For example, who sent him to South Africa, what he was supposed to do and so on. Lazarov said he just wanted to give information that there were people that wanted to kill Krejcir.

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Once Krejcir arrived, Krejcir began to ask Lazarov questions and accused him of lying. [REDACTED] then gave Lazarov a 'klap'. George wanted to stab Lazarov on the hand with a screw driver and I stopped this from happening. [REDACTED] was making some coffee and the kettle was boiling. George then took the kettle of boiling water and poured it on him, I think he put it on his mouth and on his ear. Krejcir was watching all of this. After the boiling water, Lazarov started talking to Krejcir.

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Lazarov was told by Krejcir he had a picture of him in the Czech Republic, a few years before, when he had come there with a gun to kill Krejcir. Krejcir asked him how he got the gun into the Czech Republic and he said he had brought it in concealed in a generator. He then went on to say he had been paid about 500,000 Euro from someone in the Czech Republic to come and kill Krejcir. I cannot remember the name, but he did give a name.

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This went on for approximately an hour, Krejcir then looked at all of us and said we should kill Lazarov and dump the body. [REDACTED] said, *'No we don't do that, you can get some other people to do that'*. [REDACTED] mentioned that we had been seen at the hotel maybe on CCTV, and what if he's found dead and then we'll be in the shit. Krejcir then said, *'Throw his body in a dam then'*. But [REDACTED] said *'No, we're not going to do it'*.

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We were supposed to go to work and we were late for work at the Grande. We, George [REDACTED] and myself then took Lazarov to some place in Edenvale and left him there with another black guy, who I do not know. The following day we went back to Edenvale with George and [REDACTED] said, 'Lets just take this guy to the police station'.

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I think George had spoken to someone there, he knew some cops. The three of us, George, [REDACTED] and myself, then drove to Bedfordview in George's bakkie, and walked the guy into the police station at Bedfordview around mid-day or so and handed him over to Colonel Sambo. George had arranged everything.

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Sambo knew Krejcir and/George from what I could see. The Russian guy did not speak very good English, but I did not hear him complain about what had happened to him. We then left. George later told me he was in Boksburg prison, I never saw him again. After that George mentioned he had gone back to Russia. Neither I nor Bruce were asked to make any statements at all. [REDACTED] and I were supposed to be paid R60,000 for this work. However, Krejcir only paid us R50,000. He paid the money in a mixture of R100 and R200 notes to [REDACTED] and we split it between us. We had R25,000 each. Krejcir said he would pay us the rest later, but to this day we never got that money. 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?'

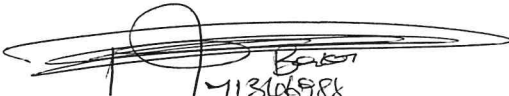
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'Do you consider the prescribed oath binding on your conscience?'

YES


[REDACTED]

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 **JOHANNESBURG** on **06th** day of **FEBRUARY 2015**


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Commissioner of Oaths

