

Transcript of Testimony of Jaimie Bianco  
Before the Thompson County Grand Jury  
September 3, 2004

Appearing: Assistant State's Attorney Carl Marsh  
Jaimie Bianco  
Attorney Joshua Stuart

Q [Mr. Marsh]: State your name.

A [The Witness]: My name is Jaime Bianco.

Q: Are you also known as Jaimie White?

A: That was my name. I legally had my name changed.

Q: It is my understanding that you wish to read a prepared statement to the ladies and gentlemen of the Grand Jury pursuant to Local Rule 17a of the Circuit Court of Thompson County. Is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: You understand that you do not have to give a statement; that anything you say may be used against you; and that your statement is under oath and if it is found that you are lying, you may also be prosecuted for perjury and lying to a grand jury?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you discuss the decision to prepare a statement and appear before the Grand Jury with your attorney?

A: Yes. My lawyer told me not to do this, but I have nothing to hide. I want to straighten all this out, right here, right now.

Q: Your attorney is present to advise you here, but cannot participate in this proceeding. Is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: Before coming before the Grand Jury, you gave me a written statement which you wanted to read to the Grand Jury. Is that correct?

A: Yes.

Q: I am going to show you what has been marked as Grand Jury Exhibit Number 3. Do you recognize that document?

A: Yes. This is a copy of the written statement I gave you earlier and want to read to the Grand Jury.

Q: Are the statements contained in that written statement true, correct, and in your own words?

A: Yes, although my attorney tried to help me in preparing the statement. The statement is the truth.

Q: You stated that your attorney helped you. Is your statement in your own words?

A: Yes.

Q: I will allow you to read the statement. Under the Local Rule, neither I nor your attorney can ask you questions. Any member of the Grand Jury, however, may ask you questions. Do you understand that?

A: Yes.

[Whereupon, the statement was read aloud by Jaimie Bianco.]

Q: Is that your complete statement?

A: Yes. I told you it is the whole truth.

Q: Thank you. I have no further questions.

Q: [By a Grand Juror] I have a question or two. Did anybody else have the combination to your safe where narcotics were found?

A: Absolutely not.

Q [By a Grand Juror]: If you were the only person to know the combination to the safe, then how did the narcotics get into the safe without your help or knowledge?

A: I stay awake nights trying to figure it out. I just don't know. Somebody must have figured it out.

Q: [By a Grand Juror] Now that the safe was removed from your office and will be of no good to you, can you tell us what the combination was?

A: I don't know how that's important for you to know.

Q [By a Grand Juror]: Just humor me. What was the combination?

A: O.K. 7 right, 14 left, 19 right, 22 left.

Q [By a Grand Juror]: Did you make up that combination?

A: No. That's the combination that was already set on the safe when I took over the restaurant after my father's death.

Q [By a Grand Juror]: Who gave you the combination?

A: My father's attorney, Frank Smith. I am the only living person who knows the combination to the safe. My father would trust only me with the combination. Frank Smith died a couple of years ago.

Q [By Mr. Marsh]: Any other questions for the witness? No? Seeing none, the witness is excused.

Whereupon the witness was excused.

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