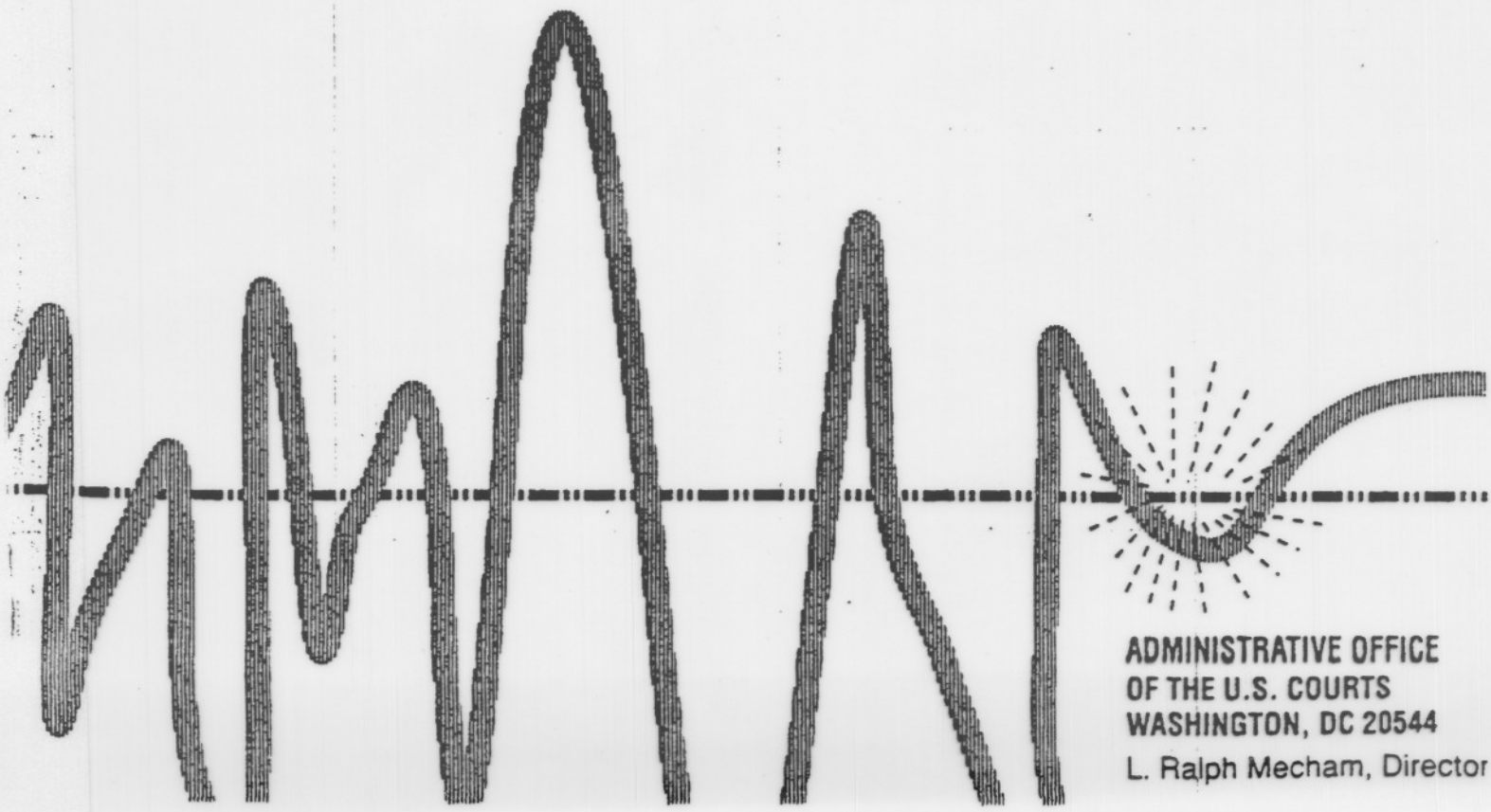


REPORT ON APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERS AUTHORIZING OR APPROVING THE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (WIRETAP REPORT)

*D: Mike
Perros*

For the period January 1, 1992
to December 31, 1992



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF THE U.S. COURTS
WASHINGTON, DC 20544
L. Ralph Mechem, Director

REPORT OF APPLICATION AND/OR ORDER AUTHORIZING INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION

Application Number (Optional) **ESO 92-13(B)** Docket No. **32819**

Report Prepared By **Julia Best Chase** Telephone No. (Area Code) **813-272-5400**

1. COURT AUTHORIZING OR DENYING THE INTERCEPT
 Name of Judge **Honorable Susan Sexton** Mailing Address **County Courthouse Annex**
 County & Court **Hillsborough, Circuit** City or Town **Tampa** State **FL** Zip Code **33602**

2A. SOURCE—OFFICIAL MAKING APPLICATION
 Name **G.D. Tipton** Title **Detective** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 247-8000**
 County & Agency Name **Hillsborough Sheriff's Office** Mailing Address **2008 E. 8th Ave., Tampa, FL 33605**

2B. SOURCE—PROSECUTION OFFICIAL AUTHORIZING APPLICATION—SHOW "SAME" IF SAME AS 2A
 Name **Bill James** Title **State Attorney** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 272-5400**
 County & Agency Name **Hillsborough County State Attorneys Office** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 272-5400** Mailing Address **County Courthouse Annex Tampa, FL 33602**

3. COUNTY CODE _____ 4. OFFENSE (MOST SERIOUS) **Racketeering** 5. TYPE OF ORDER
 Ordinary Specification Order
 Relaxed Specification Order. (If this box is checked, also check "Roving" under Item 8.)

6. DURATION OF INTERCEPT

ORDER OR EXTENSION	NUMBER OF DAYS	DATE OF APPLICATION	CHECK ONE		GRANTED WITH THESE CHANGES	DATE ORDER DENIED OR GRANTED
			DENIED	GRANTED		
ORIGINAL REQUEST	30	5/13/92		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	5/19/92
Extensions	1st	30		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	6/18/92
	2nd	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None	7/17/92
	3rd					
Total Days Authorized	90					
Total Number of Extensions	2					

7. TYPE OF INTERCEPT Phone Wiretap
 Microphone/Eavesdrop
 Electronic Communication (Specify below)
 Digital Display Pager
 Other (Specify) _____

8. PLACE
 Single Family Dwelling—e.g. detached home, semi-detached, townhouse, rowhouse, duplex.
 Apartment—e.g. garden style, low rise, high rise, self-contained private room or apartment within a house, condominium.
 Multiple Dwelling—e.g. boarding house with common telephones, dormitory.
 Business (Specify Type) **Bank** e.g. store, restaurant, motel business, coffee shop.
 Roving—authorized by relaxed specification order.
 Other (Specify) _____ e.g. trailer, mobile home, boat, automobile, pay phone, motel room, social club.

9. INSTALLATION
 NEVER INSTALLED (Skip Items 10 through 12)
 INSTALLED BUT NOT USED (Fill in Item 11 only)
 INSTALLED AND USED (Complete form.)

10. DESCRIPTION OF INTERCEPTS

10A. Termination Date of Interception	10B. Number of Days in Actual Use	10C. Aver. Frequency of Intercept (Per Day) 10E ÷ 10B	10D. Number of Persons Whose Communications Were Intercepted	10E. Number of Communications Intercepted	10F. Number of Incriminating Communications Intercepted
7/23/92	66	414.3	116	27,344	245

11. COST
 Check A, B, or C
 A. Costs shown here are for this wiretap only.
 B. Costs shown here are for this wiretap plus Docket Number(s) **32818** **32820**
 C. Costs for this wiretap are included in total shown on Docket Number _____

D. Nature and Quantity of Personnel Used to install and monitor
Customs Agents & Hillsborough & Pinellas Detectives Personnel Cost **\$ 174,219.00** Total Cost (Round to nearest dollar) **\$ 181,547.00**

E. Nature of Other Resources (Cost of installation, supplies, etc.)
Site Rental, GTE Costs, audio tapes and supplies Resource Cost **\$ 7,328.00**

12. RESULTS Check here if case is pending and No Results to report.

12A. Number of Persons Arrested	Arrest Offenses	12B. Specify Numbers of Motions to Suppress		
		Granted	Denied	Pending
13	Communications Fraud 817(4)(b)(1) Scheme to Defraud Financial Organized Fraud 817.034(4)(a)(1) Instit. 655.0322 False Bank Reports 817.16 Conviction Offenses False Stmt Bank Viol 655.0322	3	0	0
12C. No of Persons Convicted	0	12D. Number of Trials Completed		
0	0	0		

13. COMMENTS AND ASSESSMENT
 Give an assessment of the importance of the interceptions in obtaining convictions. Use the back of the form if necessary. List the application number(s) of any related wiretaps (if applicable). Do NOT include the names, addresses or phone numbers of any individuals or places involved in the communication intercept.

Signature of Authorizing Prosecutor _____ Date of Report **3/17/94**

REPORT OF APPLICATION AND/OR ORDER AUTHORIZING INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION					Application Number (Optional) ES0 92-13(c)	Docket No. 32820		
Report Prepared By Julia Best Chase			Telephone No. (Area Code) (813) 272-5400					
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Name of Judge Honorable Susan Sexton			Mailing Address County Courthouse Annex					
County & Court Hillsborough, Circuit			City or Town Tampa		State FL	Zip Code 33602		
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Name Bill James			Title State Attorney		Telephone No. (Area Code) (813) 272-5400			
County & Agency Name Hillsborough County State Attorneys Office			Mailing Address County Courthouse Annex Tampa, FL 33602					
3. COUNTY CODE (Leave blank)		4. OFFENSE (MOST SERIOUS) Racketeering		5. TYPE OF ORDER				
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6. DURATION OF INTERCEPT								
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			DENIED	GRANTED				
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Extensions	1st	30		x	None	6/18/92		
	2nd	7		x	None	7/17/92		
	3rd							
Total Days Authorized	90							
Total Number of Extensions	2							
7. TYPE OF INTERCEPT			8. PLACE		9. INSTALLATION			
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7/23/93	42	8.24	9	346	4			
11. COST								
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Costs shown here are for this wiretap only. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Costs shown here are for this wiretap plus Docket Number(s) <u>32818</u> <u>32819</u> <input type="checkbox"/> C. Costs for this wiretap are included in total shown on Docket Number _____								
Name and Quantity of Personnel Used to Install and Monitor Central Air Agents & Hillsborough & Pinellas Detectives				Personnel Cost	Total Cost (found to nearest dollar)			
				\$ 174,219.00				
Name of Other Resources (Cost of installation, supplies, etc.) Site rental, CTE fees, audio tapes and supplies				Resource Cost				
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14. No. of Persons Convicted	Conviction Offenses					12C. Number of Trials Completed		
0	0					0		
13. COMMENTS AND ASSESSMENT								
Give an assessment of the importance of the interceptions in obtaining convictions. Use the back of the form if necessary. List the application number(s) of any related reports (if applicable). Do NOT include the names, addresses or phone numbers of any individuals or places involved in the communication intercept.								
Name of Authorizing Prosecutor						Date of Report 3/19/94		

STATE FLORIDA

CALENDAR YEAR 1992

REPORT BY PROSECUTORS OF COURT AUTHORIZED INTERCEPTS OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT TO TITLE 18 USC SEC 2519

A.O. NO.	NUMBER OF DAYS IN OPERATION ³	AVERAGE INTERCEPTS PER DAY	NUMBER OF			COSTS		NUMBER OF			PERSONS CONVICTED			
			PERSONS INTERCEPTED	INTERCEPTS	INCRIMINATING INTERCEPTS	TOTAL COST \$	OTHER THAN MANPOWER \$	ARRESTS	TRIALS	MOTIONS TO SUPPRESS INTERCEPTS ⁴				
											G	D	P	
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (ORANGE)														
1	30	53	40	1,600	20	40,500	4,500	3	-	-	1	-	-	
2	30	50	35	1,500	670	32,727	212	23	-	-	-	-	22	
3	30	40	37	1,200	550	27,916	212	RELATED TO NO. 2						
4	30	88	338	2,626	259	53,375	3,000	7	-	-	1	-	6	
5	30	67	50	2,000	100	11,600	2,000	6	-	-	-	-	-	
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (POLK)														
**4	57	11	30	634	40	9,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
**5	51	3	12	130	9	RELATED TO NO. 1								
**6	17	-	-	-	-	RELATED TO NO. 1								
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (HILLSBOROUGH)														
1	NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT													
2	NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT													
3	NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT													
4	NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT													
5	NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT													
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8	NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT													
9	NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT													

⁵ AUTOMOBILE/VAN ¹⁰ MOBILE HOME/TRAILER ¹⁵ SOCIAL CLUB ²⁰ GRAVE SITE
⁶ CELLULAR PHONE ¹¹ PEN REGISTER ¹⁶ TELEFAX
⁷ CLOSED CIRCUIT TV ¹² MOBILE PHONE ¹⁷ GARAGE
⁸ DIGITAL DISPLAY PAGER ¹³ PRISONER/JAIL ¹⁸ COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
⁹ HOTEL ROOM ¹⁴ PAY PHONE ¹⁹ LAW OFFICE

Report Prepared By **Ken Sanz** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 878-7300**

1. COURT AUTHORIZING OR DENYING THE INTERCEPT

Name of Judge **Susan Sexton** Mailing Address **Courthouse Annex**
 County & Court **Hillsborough County - Circuit Court** City or Town **Tampa** State **FL** Zip Code **33602**

2A. SOURCE—OFFICIAL MAKING APPLICATION

Name **Cynthia J. Barnard** Title **Special Agent** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 878-7300**
 County & Agency Name **Hillsborough County Florida Department of Law Enforcement** Mailing Address **4211 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida** Zip Code **33614**

2B. SOURCE—PROSECUTION OFFICIAL AUTHORIZING APPLICATION—SHOW "SAME" IF SAME AS 2A

Name **Lee Atkinson** Title **Executive Assistant State Attorney** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 272-5400**
 County & Agency Name **Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 272-5400** Mailing Address **Courthouse Annex Tampa, Florida** Zip Code **33602**

3. COUNTY CODE (Leave blank) **4. OFFENSE (MOST SERIOUS)** **Racketeering** **5. TYPE OF ORDER**
 Ordinary Specification Order
 Relaxed Specification Order. (If this box is checked, also check "Roving" under Item 8.)

6. DURATION OF INTERCEPT

ORDER OR EXTENSION	NUMBER OF DAYS	DATE OF APPLICATION	CHECK ONE		GRANTED WITH THESE CHANGES	DATE ORDER DENIED OR GRANTED
			DENIED	GRANTED		
ORIGINAL REQUEST	26	9/11/92		X		9/13/92
Extensions	1st					
	2nd					
	3rd					
Total Days Authorized	30					
Total Number of Extensions	0					

7. TYPE OF INTERCEPT
 Phone Wiretap
 Microphone/Eavesdrop
 Electronic Communication (Specify below)
 Digital Display Pager
 Other (Specify) _____

8. PLACE
 Single Family Dwelling—e.g. detached home, semi-detached, townhouse, rowhouse, duplex.
 Apartment—e.g. garden style, low rise, high rise, self-contained private room or apartment within a house, condominium.
 Multiple Dwelling—e.g. boarding house with common telephones, dormitory.
 Business (Specify Type) Lounge/Office e.g. store, restaurant, motel business, coffee shop.
 Roving—authorized by relaxed specification order.
 Other (Specify) _____ e.g. trailer, mobile home, boat, automobile, pay phone, motel room, social club.

9. COMMENTS

Please use the reverse to give any further explanatory remarks. Do NOT include the names, addresses or phone numbers of any individuals or places involved in the communication intercept.

Judge's Signature **Susan Sexton** Date of Report

INSTRUCTIONS

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			DENIED	GRANTED		
ORIGINAL REQUEST	-0-	7/7/92		X	None	7/8/92
Extensions	1st	-0-		X	None	8/5/92
	2nd					
	3rd					
Total Days Authorized	30					
Total Number of Extensions	1					

7. TYPE OF INTERCEPT
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 Microphone/Eavesdrop
 Electronic Communication (Specify below)
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 Other (Specify) _____

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 Business (Specify Type) Manufacturing e.g. store, restaurant, motel business, coffee shop.
 Roving—authorized by relaxed specification order.
 Other (Specify) _____ e.g. trailer, mobile home, boat, automobile, pay phone, motel room, social club.

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LAURA J. BECK
PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS

State Agency A8800380 Investigator C8800798

Civil Criminal Skip Tracing Background Assets Search Photography

October 2, 1996

Mr. Michael Peros
5874 97th Circle North
Pinellas Park, Florida

Work Product - Privileged

Pursuant to your request, I attempted to obtain copies of the wiretap applications sought by Hillsborough County law enforcement officials in two cases from 1992.

Both cases have been disposed, so the information was public record. I put my request in writing for ES92-18 (docket number 30179) and ES92-20 (docket number 30180) and hand delivered it to "Annette" at the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office on August 28, 1996. About a week later, I received a phone call from Tracy, Eric Myers secretary. She told me she had received my request and would be processing and forwarding the documents.

Several weeks passed and since I had not received the information, I contacted Tracy by telephone to follow-up on my request. She indicated having no knowledge of my request, but said she would pass along my message to Eric Myers. Today, I contacted Myers office again and spoke with Valerie. She also indicated having no knowledge of the request and said she would give my message to Myers.

You also requested I obtain a copy of the Complaint in the lawsuit filed by CL Tampa, Inc. and Mark Barroso vs. Harry Lee Coe III, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Florida. This suit was filed in 1994. I had no case number, just the style of the suit and was unable to find any indication of the suit existing in Hillsborough County records. Computer records and microfiche records had no record of the case. I searched by the names involved, under both plaintiff and defendant records. Nothing was found. Finally I contacted the reporter, Mark Barroso. He was able to give me the case number assigned in Circuit Court (94-00711). Only with the case number, was I able to find the lawsuit. As you know,

Mr. Michael Peros
Page Two

CL Tampa, Inc. is Creative Loafing (now known as the Weekly Planet). They sued Coe after six attempts in six months to obtain the same documents.

I will continue in my efforts to obtain the two wiretap applications from 1992. As soon as I have them in my possession, I will forward them to you. Next time I am in Tampa, I will retrieve a copy of the Complaint in the lawsuit you requested, now that I have the case number.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Laura J. Beck
Private Investigator

Were local law officers out of control in making telephones in Hillsborough County some of the most frequently wiretapped in the United States? Who were they listening to?

Did the taps pay off, putting major criminals behind bars, or were they expensive traps for minor lawbreakers that drained money from traditional policing? Is wiretapping as popular with the new state attorney as with the previous one?

Hillsborough State Attorney Harry Lee Coe III may have the answers but he's not telling. Coe has ignored verbal and written requests for public records, and his assistants claim the information is missing from a locked vault.

In a lawsuit filed Wednesday, Feb. 2, Creative Loafing demands Coe find the records or, if they're missing, produce the information his office is required by federal and state laws to maintain and disclose.

CL wants copies of all Electronic Surveillance Orders (ESOs) sought by state prosecutors and signed by local judges for 1992 and 1993. Those orders contain the names of the specific phone lines and persons who had their homes or businesses wiretapped or bugged, the crimes being investigated, and reasons why other less intrusive techniques failed or were not considered serious options.

CL has also asked the courts to order Coe to turn over copies of reports he is required by law to send to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in Washington, D.C., detailing the costs, duration and effectiveness of each wiretap and eavesdrop microphone (i.e., "bug").

Anyone who can be identified during the course of a wiretap or bug should be on an "inventory list," and should be notified by the state attorney that his voice has been recorded. Even those targeted by ESOs that were denied by a judge have a right to be told that the state intended, but failed, to tap their phone. CL wants these inventories as well.

Despite state and federal laws that require Coe to disclose these records, he has failed to do so. Some of the records, those pertaining to 1992, would reveal the activities of Coe's defeated political rival, former State Attorney Bill James, and a former prosecutor under James, Lee Atkinson.

Why would Coe not disclose the "truth" about one of the biggest issues that motivated some people to vote against James and put Coe into office? Courthouse insiders express bewilderment.

Speculation ranges from ineptitude and sloppy record-keeping by Coe's staff to efforts by Coe's office to thwart an embarrassing revelation of a present associate. Another theory is that Coe's office continues to promote wiretapping as much as his predecessor's.

"I don't know why he wouldn't want to tell the people how bad it was (under James)," said a prominent attorney who helped elect Coe and now requests anonymity. "It doesn't make any sense to me."

Reach Out and Bug Someone

Nationwide, wiretapping by local law enforcement is rare. But not here.

"Wiretaps in Hillsborough County in 1992 numbered more than in any other Florida county, and more than those in 46 states, according to the Wiretap Report published by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in Washington, D.C.

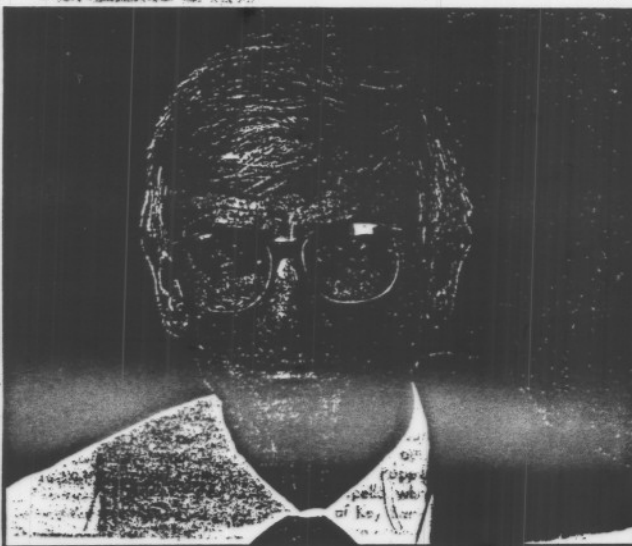
CL TAMPA, Inc.

Plaintiff

vs.

HARRY HARRY LEE COE, III, STATE ATTORNEY

Defendant



Eighteen states had none.

"At least 32 wiretaps and bugs were authorized by Hillsborough judges in 1992, while only four were approved by Pinellas judges. At least fourteen of the wiretaps were not reported to Washington, D.C."

"That same year, Dade County prosecutors asked for only six wiretaps."

When told of the number of wiretaps in Hillsborough, Trudy Novicki, chief assistant for organized crime in the Dade County State Attorney's Office, said, "That's an amazing number. I don't know how [local law enforcement] could finance

that. I'd be curious to find out."

"One 1992 tap - on the Key Bank in Tampa - intercepted about 65,000 calls, more than triple the amount of calls intercepted in the entire year of 1991."

"In addition to state wiretaps, federal judges in Florida's Middle District, an area that extends from Ft. Myers to Jacksonville, signed 11 orders to listen. All but four were for crimes of narcotics or racketeering."

"Law enforcement agencies using wiretaps include the Tampa Police Department, Hillsborough and Pinellas County Sheriff Offices, U.S. Customs, the

BY Mark Barroso

**REPORT OF APPLICATION AND/OR ORDER
AUTHORIZING INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION**

Application Number
(Optional)
ESO 92-17B

Docket No.

30178

Report Prepared By: Ken Sanz Telephone No. (Area Code): 813-878-7300

1. COURT AUTHORIZING OR DENYING THE INTERCEPT

Name of Judge: Susan Sexton Mailing Address: Courthouse Annex

County & Court: Hillsborough County, Circuit Court City or Town: Tampa State: FL Zip Code: 33602

2A. SOURCE—OFFICIAL MAKING APPLICATION

Name: Cynthia J. Barnard Title: Special Agent Telephone No. (Area Code): (813) 878-7300

County & Agency Name: Hillsborough County Florida Department of Law Enforcement Mailing Address: 4211 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33614 Zip Code: 33614

2B. SOURCE—PROSECUTION OFFICIAL AUTHORIZING APPLICATION—SHOW "SAME" IF SAME AS 2A

Name: Lee Atkinson Title: Executive Assistant Telephone No. (Area Code): (813) 272-5400

County & Agency Name: Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office Telephone No. (Area Code): 813-272-5400 Mailing Address: Courthouse Annex Tampa, Florida 33602 Zip Code: 33602

3. COUNTY CODE (Leave blank) **4. OFFENSE (MOST SERIOUS)** Racketeering **5. TYPE OF ORDER**
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6. DURATION OF INTERCEPT

ORDER OR EXTENSION	NUMBER OF DAYS	DATE OF APPLICATION	CHECK ONE		GRANTED WITH THESE CHANGES	DATE ORDER DENIED OR GRANTED
			DENIED	GRANTED		
ORIGINAL REQUEST	30	7/7/92		X	None	7/8/92
Extensions	1st	30		X	None	8/5/92
	2nd	14		X	None	9/4/92
	3rd					
Total Days Authorized	74					
Total Number of Extensions	2					

7. TYPE OF INTERCEPT

8. PLACE

Phone Wiretap
 Microphone/Eavesdrop
 Electronic Communication (Specify below)
 Digital Display Pager
 Other (Specify) _____

Single Family Dwelling—e.g. detached home, semi-detached, townhouse, rowhouse, duplex.
 Apartment—e.g. garden style, low rise, high rise, self-contained private room or apartment within a house, condominium.
 Multiple Dwelling—e.g. boarding house with common telephones, dormitory.
 Business (Specify Type) Manufacturing plant e.g. store, restaurant, motel business, coffee shop.
 Roving—authorized by relaxed specification order.
 Other (Specify) _____ e.g. trailer, mobile home, boat, automobile, pay phone, motel room, social club.

9. COMMENTS

Please use the reverse to give any further explanatory remarks. Do NOT include the names, addresses or phone numbers of any individuals or places involved in the communication intercept.

Judge's Signature: Susan Sexton Date of Report: _____

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**REPORT OF APPLICATION AND/OR ORDER
AUTHORIZING INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATION**

Application Number
(Optional)
ESO 92-18

Docket No.

30179

Report Prepared By

Kqn Sanz

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1. COURT AUTHORIZING OR DENYING THE INTERCEPT

Name of Judge

Susan Sexton

Mailing Address

Courthouse Annex

County & Court

Hillsborough County - Circuit Court

City or Town

Tampa

State

FL

Zip Code

33602

2A. SOURCE—OFFICIAL MAKING APPLICATION

Name

Cynthia J. Barnard

Title

Special Agent

Telephone No. (Area Code)

(813) 878-7300

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Tampa, Florida 33602

Zip Code

3. COUNTY CODE:
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4. OFFENSE (MOST SERIOUS)

Racketeering

5. TYPE OF ORDER

- Ordinary Specification Order
 Relaxed Specification Order. (If this box is checked, also check "Roving" under Item 8.)

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ORIGINAL REQUEST	30	8/16/92		XXXX		8/17/92
Extensions	1st	14		XXXX		9/25/92
	2nd					
	3rd					
Total Days Authorized	44					
Total Number of Extensions	1					

7. TYPE OF INTERCEPT

- Phone Wiretap
 Microphone/Eavesdrop
 Electronic Communication (Specify below)
 Digital Display Pager
 Other (Specify) _____

8. PLACE

- Single Family Dwelling—e.g. detached home, semi-detached, townhouse, rowhouse, duplex.
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LAWTON CHILES
GOVERNOR

STATE OF FLORIDA

Office of the Governor

THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

October 7, 1996

Mr. Michael Peros
5874 97th Circle North
Pinellas Park, Florida 34665

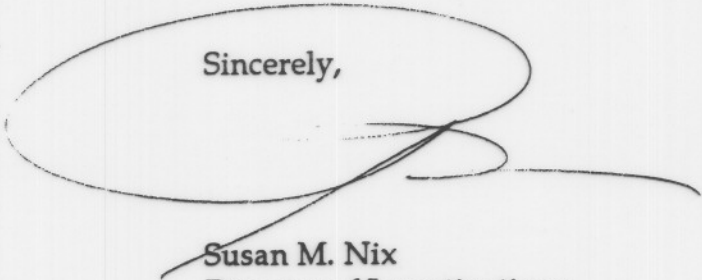
Dear Mr. Peros:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding allegations of falsification of documents involving employees of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. I appreciate your taking the time to bring your concerns to our attention.

Based on the information you have furnished, we are referring your complaint to the Department's Executive Investigations Division, Special Agent Doughtie, for appropriate review or investigation.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope we will be able to resolve your concerns satisfactorily.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Nix
Director of Investigations
Office of Chief Inspector General

SMN:bf



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

November 29, 1996

Mr. Michael Peros
5075 Park Boulevard
Pinellas Park, Florida 34665

Dear Mr. Peros:

Your October 6th letter to FBI Director Louis Freeh regarding your allegations involving illegal wiretaps was referred to me for reply. This also serves to respond to the copy you sent to Deputy Attorney General Jamie S. Gorelick.

Your current inquiry was referred to our Tampa Office which conducted a thorough review of your current allegations and those you described to a Special Agent of that Office when interviewed on October 2, 1996. It was determined that the issue of the wiretaps in question had been fully adjudicated by the courts and the charges against the defendants were dismissed. Any additional investigation by the FBI was deemed not to be in the public's interest.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Barry Smith
Supervisory Special Agent
Unit Chief
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

October 6, 1996

Mr. Louis Freeh,
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Re: Illegal Wiretaps in Hillsborough County, Florida

Dear Director Freeh:

On October 2, 1996, I filed a complaint with the local FBI Field Office regarding illegal wiretaps that were made by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's special agents, Florida Department of Law Enforcement special agents, and U.S. Customs special agents. These agents apparently obtained ESOs from Judge Sexton that were undated and not signed by the states attorney. In addition, the serial numbers on the ESOs were altered before they were filed with the Administrative Office for the U.S. Courts.

The evidence in the information that I supplied to the FBI Field Office indicates that no supporting affidavit articulating probable cause was filed in Judge Sexton's Court leading to the conclusion that Judge Sexton signed the ESO forms in blank and undated which special agents just filled in the blanks AFTER they installed wiretaps!

The purpose of my letter is to bring this matter to your attention because the Agent with whom I filed my complaint stated that he knew the violators on a personal basis. This led me to conclude that this matter would be ignored your field office personnel.

Please find enclosed eight pages of allegations supported by facts obtained from public records regarding the wiretaps.

If you require any further information from my research, please advise me and I will forward to your office copies of the documents that I have obtained regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Peros
5075 Park Blvd.
Pinellas Park, FL 34665
(813) 541-7921

CC:Ms. Jamie Gorelick,

Report Prepared By **Ken Sanz** Telephone No. (Area Code) **(813) 878-7300**

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Extensions	1st	14		XXXX		9/25/92
	2nd					
	3rd					
Total Days Authorized	Total Number of Extensions	60	1			

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 Digital Display Pager
 Other (Specify) _____

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April 7, 1997

United States Congress

Dear: Newt Gingrich Speaker of the house,

Enclose you will find a small part of an expose that is based upon facts compiled from public record files. As you see, not all public records were handed over by the prosecution for public viewing which is common in all criminal trials .Numerious attempts were made to get access to them.

*I filed numerous offical **criminal complaints** against all law enforcement officers and agencies involved at the local, state, federal, and Congressional levels of government.*

The FBI was the only one of a few law enforcement agencies that was not involved in the original investigation. Enclosed you will find a letter which I recived from Charles Barry Smith who states that a through investigation is not deemed to be public interest based upon the charges had been fully adjudicated by the courts. There is one problem with this, the unauthorized eaves dropping devices that I found never had a case number which means that the issue was never brought foward into any court.

This may be the only case in U.S history that could prove that local state and federal law enforcement do engage in illegal eavesdropping.

I hope to either testify before congress or at least give them the factual tools to prevent the wiretapping bill from being passed into law which is to come onto the voting platform in the spring of this year.

Please review and examine fora thorough investigation.

Sincerely,

Michael Peros

Chief Technician

M.P.

WIRETAP INFORMATION REPORTS HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FLORIDA 1992														
ESO	CASE #	DEFENDANT	AGENCY	DETECTIVE	DATE/TAP	JUDGE	# DAYS UP	# CALLS	# COPS	# NAMED IN ORDER	# CHARGED	# CONVICTED	# FSP	COST
13A	92-10808	PAPELLO,F	HCSO		5/20/92	SEXTON	73	323	19	9 OTHERS	13	0	0	181,547
TAP		ALBANO	CUSTOMS						38					
		DUNCAN,L							OPERATORS					
		TRAFFICANTE,S							5 HCSO					
		TRAFFACANTE,G							5 CUSTOMS					
		FREEDMAN							5 PINELLAS SO					
		HIRSCH							2 ST PETE. PD					
		PAPELLO,M							4 DEA					
		DAWES												
		WILLIAMS												
		NEUFIELD												
		DUNCAN,A												
		DEDIEGO												
13B		10	HCSO		5/20/92	SEXTON	66	27,344						
		PHONES	CUSTOMS											
		KEY												
		BANK												
13C		BANK	HCSO		6/12/92	SEXTON	42	346						
BUG/MIC			CUSTOMS											
EXT1			HCSO											
			CUSTOMS		6/18/92	SEXTON								
EXT 2			HCSO											
			CUSTOMS		7/17/92	SEXTON								
TOTAL							181	28,013	38		13	0	0	181,547
	3													