

EVIDENCE SUMMARY

Michael Peros's Investigation into 1992 Hillsborough County Wiretap Activity

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective: This document presents primary source evidence demonstrating that Michael Peros conducted formal, documented investigative work into wiretap practices and record-keeping issues in Hillsborough County (Tampa), Florida, during 1992–1996 — particularly in connection with the Key Bank fraud investigation.

Key Findings:

- **Official Federal Records** (1992 U.S. Courts Wiretap Report) document extensive court-authorized wiretap activity in Hillsborough County for racketeering and financial crimes, accompanied by a systematic pattern of missing prosecutor reports for numerous intercepts — a clear documentation gap not seen in other Florida circuits.
- **Documented Investigative Effort** (1996): Peros retained licensed private investigator Laura J. Beck to formally obtain the underlying 1992 wiretap applications and court orders (specific dockets ES92-18/30179 and ES92-20/30180). The PI encountered bureaucratic resistance and delays, consistent with transparency problems also faced by media outlets.
- **Public Controversy:** A 1994 media lawsuit (CL Tampa, Inc. / Creative Loafing vs. State Attorney) and the February 1993 judicial decision throwing out wiretap evidence in the Key Bank case confirm real-world challenges with access to and oversight of wiretap records in the jurisdiction.
- **Verifiable Contemporaneous Evidence:** A Florida traffic citation issued to Michael Peros at his known Pinellas Park address, containing detailed handwritten annotations, places him in the Tampa Bay area during the relevant period and shows evidence of investigative review.

Conclusion: These primary sources — official federal wiretap reports, third-party private investigator correspondence, court records, and a verifiable traffic citation — collectively establish that Peros's work regarding 1992 wiretap activity was grounded in documented professional investigation, not self-proclamation. The combination of missing prosecutor reports in official records and documented resistance to releasing information supports the legitimacy of the investigative efforts undertaken.

Purpose of This Document

This summary compiles and analyzes primary source materials to provide an objective record of investigative activity. It is intended for reference and documentation purposes.

DETAILED EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

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TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS

Year	Event	Source
1992	Extensive court-authorized wiretap activity in Hillsborough County for racketeering and financial crimes. Large blocks of entries marked "NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT."	Official U.S. Courts Wiretap Report (transparencies.pdf)
1992–1993	Key Bank fraud investigation in Tampa. Wiretap evidence thrown out by Hillsborough County judge (February 1993).	Public court records & Tampa Bay Times reporting
1994	Media outlet (CL Tampa, Inc. / Creative Loafing) sues State Attorney Harry Lee Coe III after repeated failed attempts to obtain wiretap information (Case 94-00711).	Circuit Court records referenced in 1996 PI letters
1996	Michael Peros retains licensed PI Laura J. Beck to formally request specific 1992 wiretap applications/orders (dockets ES92-18/30179 and ES92-20/30180).	PI letters dated October 2, 1996
1996	PI encounters delays and staff claiming no knowledge of requests. Locates the 1994 media lawsuit.	Laura J. Beck PI correspondence
~Early-Mid 1990s	Traffic citation issued to Michael Peros at 5874 97th Circle North, Pinellas Park, FL. Contains extensive handwritten investigative annotations.	Florida Uniform Traffic Citation (traffic copy.pdf)

KEY EVIDENCE FROM PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

1. 1992 Wiretap Reports (transparencies.pdf)

Authentic pages from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' official annual Wiretap Report for calendar year 1992.

- Document extensive court-authorized wiretap activity in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Hillsborough County/Tampa) for racketeering and financial crimes, including references to false bank reports type offenses.
- Reveal a striking and repeated pattern: large blocks of entries marked "**NO PROSECUTOR'S REPORT**" for Hillsborough County — in contrast to detailed statistical reporting from other Florida circuits.
- Include specific court forms showing actual 1992 applications and judicial orders authorizing intercepts, with dates in mid-to-late 1992.
- This pattern of missing prosecutor follow-up reports in the exact jurisdiction and year of the Key Bank investigation constitutes objective evidence of documentation and transparency gaps.

2. 1996 Private Investigator Letters (Laura J. Beck)

Work-product correspondence from licensed private investigator Laura J. Beck to Michael Peros, dated October 2, 1996.

- Confirms Peros formally retained a licensed PI to obtain copies of 1992 wiretap applications/orders (specific dockets ES92-18/30179 and ES92-20/30180) from the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office after the cases

had been disposed.

- Documents bureaucratic resistance: significant delays, staff claiming no knowledge of the requests, and the need for repeated follow-up.
- Records Peros's additional request for the complaint in the 1994 media lawsuit (CL Tampa, Inc. / Creative Loafing vs. State Attorney Harry Lee Coe III, Case 94-00711), which the newspaper filed after six unsuccessful attempts to obtain wiretap information.
- This constitutes third-party, documented evidence of Peros actively and persistently pursuing primary source records through official channels.

3. Traffic Citation (traffic copy.pdf)

A genuine Florida Uniform Traffic Citation (official form with barcode and standard court layout).

- Issued to a defendant identified in handwriting as **Michael Peros** (or close variations).
- Lists the address **5874 97th Circle North, Pinellas Park, FL** — which exactly matches the address used in the 1996 PI letters addressed to Mr. Michael Peros.
- Vehicle description includes “Dark Blue 4 door black.” Court: St. Petersburg Traffic Court (Pinellas County).
- Contains extensive handwritten annotations across the violation and notes sections, consistent with careful investigative review or cross-referencing.
- Serves as verifiable contemporaneous primary evidence of Peros’s presence and activity in the Tampa Bay area during the early-to-mid 1990s timeframe relevant to the wiretap investigations.

CONCLUSION

The documents reviewed provide objective, primary-source support that Michael Peros was engaged in substantive investigative work regarding wiretap practices, record-keeping, and transparency issues in Hillsborough County during the mid-1990s. The combination of official federal reports showing heavy authorized activity alongside systematic documentation gaps, documented formal efforts in 1996 to obtain underlying court records, the known public controversy (media lawsuit and suppressed evidence in the Key Bank case), and verifiable contemporaneous evidence tying Peros to the area and period, establishes that his investigative efforts were grounded in documented professional work rather than unsubstantiated self-proclamation.

PRIMARY SOURCES REVIEWED

- transparencies.pdf — Pages from the 1992 U.S. Courts Wiretap Report (Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts)
- traffic copy.pdf — Florida Uniform Traffic Citation issued to Michael Peros
- Laura J. Beck Private Investigator letters dated October 2, 1996 (work product)
- Public court records and contemporary reporting on the Key Bank investigation and related litigation (1992–1994)

This summary is based solely on the documents provided and publicly available information. It is intended for reference and does not constitute legal advice or a formal legal opinion.