

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	No. 02 CR 1050-3
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v.)	Honorable James B. Zagel
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JOSEPH LOMBARDO, <i>et al.</i>)	

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In terms of Lombardo’s leadership role, consider the May 8, 1978, recording of mobsters Tony Spilotro and Frank Schweih discussing a suspected informant. They resolve to consult with Lombardo about this problem, implying that he enjoyed a respected leadership position. *See* Government Exhibit May 8, 1978 Intercept; Government Exhibit May 8, 1978, Intercept - T; *see also* Tr. 524, 536-37. This is confirmed through statements made by Schiro. As noted above (page 4, note 1), trial witness Richard Cleary testified that defendant Schiro identified Lombardo

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Other evidence presented to the jury, including the Frattiano transcript, similarly establish Lombardo’s leadership role with the Outfit, *see* Tr. 5199-5233 (Fratianno testifies that Lombardo identified Joseph Aiuppa as “the boss of the family,” and described himself as Marshal Caifano’s “capo”), as did the video and audio-taped meetings between former Old Town pornographic bookstore owner William “Red” Wemette and co-defendant Frank Schweih. *See* Tr. 308-523.

The following mid-1990's exchange between Ann Spilotro and Lombardo underscores Lombardo’s leadership position:

- A. [T]ell us what was said during your conversation with Mr. Lombardo in the mid 1990's concerning Michael and Tony Spilotro's murder.
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- Q. And what, if anything, did he say to you?
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in the context of the Spilotro murders said “doc, you get an order, you follow the order. You don't follow the order, you go [you get killed], too.”).

The photograph of Lombardo at a restaurant with other members of the “mob elite” only serves to underscored the other evidence of Lombardo’s leadership position within the Chicago Outfit. *See* Government Exhibit Photo 1. Nicholas Calabrese identified Lombardo in this photo, and identified him as a “Capo” for the Grand Avenue Crew. Tr. 2314.

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The examples of obstructive conduct listed in Application Note 4(e) to Guideline Section 3C1.1, however, include willful failure to appear at judicial proceedings. *See generally United States v. Bolden*, 279 F.3d 498, 502 (7th Cir. 2002) (“A defendant's failure to appear is ‘willful,’ however, if the defendant knew that he was required to appear in court and ‘voluntarily and intentionally’ failed to do so.”). Lombardo was properly convicted of the crime of obstructing justice in Count Nine, *see, e.g.*, Government Exhibit C (Lombardo’s 2005 demand letter to this Court); see also Tr. 4916 (“Q. Did you have conversations with him where you encouraged him to turn himself in? A [Calarco]. Oh, we talked about it a lot. I always told him, “why don't you turn yourself in and you'd have an easier time.” He says, “if I can get a bond, I'd go in tomorrow.”), and the enhancement is entirely appropriate for Count One, and the enhancement

does not constitute “double counting.” *See generally United States v. Vucko*, 473 F.3d 773, 776 (7th Cir. 2007) (no “double-counting” because of grouping rules).

PSIR Lines 565-78: Lombardo objects to the PSIR’s criminal history computation. *See* Doc. #1026 at 20-24. According to Lombardo “[t]he seminal error in the point computation is the misplaced belief that the controlling time frame for determining point computation is the length of the conspiracy in Count One, mid-1960’s to March 2007.” Doc. #1026 at 20.

Lombardo contends that he was not involved in the conspiracy after being released following the Pendorf and Strawman convictions discussed in Section I, *supra*. Lombardo, however, for the reasons set forth above continued to be involved in the conspiracy, and he certainly never as a matter of law (or fact) withdrew from it. The PSIR therefore correctly calculates Lombardo’s criminal history and his advisory Guideline range.

V. SECTION 3553 CONSIDERATIONS

Lombardo claims his age and health, as well as the time since his “last identifiable offense,” entitle him to a sentence below the PSIR’s advisory Guideline calculation of life (based on criminal history category IV and a total offense level of 43). *See* Doc. #1026 at 24-25. Lombardo was an active Outfit boss. *See supra* page 4, footnote 1 (describing Lombardo’s ongoing role in Outfit); *see also supra* pages 6-8 (describing Lombardo’s leadership role in Outfit). As such, Lombardo over the years had direct – as well as command – responsibility for literally thousands of Outfit-related criminal acts.

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One can only speculate as to how much damage to society could have been prevented had Lombardo in the 1970's been convicted of that brutal murder and sentenced to imprisonment for life. Lombardo's case is in a sense an aggravated one, however; for over three decades Lombardo enjoyed the primary benefit of "getting away with" this murder, namely, freedom. This fact, combined with Lombardo's leadership role in the Outfit and his obvious contempt for the truth as put on display during his testimony, confirm the justness of a life sentence.

VI. CONCLUSION

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Now comes the United States of America, by and through Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and makes the following response to defendant Joseph Lombardo’s¹ January 26, 2009, Objections to the Presentence Investigation Report [Doc. #1026]. For the reasons set forth below, Lombardo’s objections must be overruled.

I. LOMBARDO’S DOUBLE JEOPARDY ARGUMENT

Lombardo argues that various sentencing enhancements discussed in his November 28, 2008, Pre-Sentence Investigation Report (“PSIR”) are barred by the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. *See* Doc. #1026 at 1-5, 20-24.

A. Summary of Lombardo’s Double Jeopardy Argument

Lombardo alleges that two prosecutions in the early 1980s bar various PSIR sentencing enhancements because the sentences in those cases were “enhanced” because of his “role in the Outfit.” *See* Doc. #1026 at 4-5 (arguing punishment for Outfit-related activities in the instant case is barred because “Lombardo has been twice punished based on his relevant conduct”).

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1981 “Pendorf Prosecution”

On May 22, 1981, a Grand Jury in Chicago charged Lombardo and five co-defendants in an eleven-count indictment; the indictment alleged that the co-defendants between 1978 and 1979 conspired to bribe then-Senator Howard W. Cannon and committed a number of related offenses in furtherance of this conspiracy, such as violations of the Travel Act (Count Two) and the wire fraud statute (Counts Four through Eleven). *See* Government Exhibit A (*United States v. Allen M. Dorfman, et al.*, 81 CR 269 (Marshall, J.)); *see also* PSIR at lines 528-547; *United States v. Williams*, 737 F.2d 594 (7th Cir. 1984) (twenty-eight page opinion affirming convictions without single reference to Outfit). Lombardo was convicted following a trial, and on March 31, 1983, Judge Prentice Marshall sentenced him to 15 years incarceration. *See* PSIR at lines 528-547.

Lombardo rests his double-jeopardy sentencing argument on the claim that his sentence in the 1981 case was “enhanced because of his relationship with and status in the Chicago Outfit,” Doc. #1026 at 2-3 (citing Judge Marshall’s finding that Lombardo has “been an active functionary in that organization as it exists in Chicago”). Lombardo, without specific citation to the record, broadly claims his “relationship to the Outfit . . . was indisputably the basis for Judge Marshall’s imposition of an enhanced sentence.” *Id.* at 4.

1983 “Strawman Prosecution”

On September 30, 1983, Lombardo and his fourteen co-defendants were indicted by a Grand Jury in the Western District of Missouri. *See* Government Exhibit B (*United States v. Deluna, et al.*, 83-00124-01/15-CR-W-8, (Stevens, J.)); *see also* *United States v. Cerone*, 830 F.2d 938 (8th Cir. 1987) (affirming convictions and mentioning membership in organized crime

as facilitating conspirators' control over Teamsters). The indictment in eight counts charged Lombardo and his co-defendants with between 1974 and 1983 having conspired to engage in illegal gaming and related activities through various casinos, including the Stardust and the Fremont. *Id.*; *see also* PSIR at lines 548-64.

On April 1, 1986, following a jury trial, Lombardo was sentenced to 16 years in prison (to run concurrently with the Pendorf sentence). *See* PSIR at lines 548-64. According to Lombardo, the “government argued in aggravation [during the Strawman sentencing] that the Eboli/Shenker tapes showed Lombardo’s status in the Chicago Outfit.”

Lombardo contends he was “[i]n both cases . . . convicted of conspiracy, which together cover the time period from 1973 to 1983.” Doc. #1026 at 1. Lombardo reasons that, because during both sentencings the Chicago Outfit was mentioned as an aggravating factor, his being sentenced for “overlapping” pre-1983 Outfit-related activities here violates the Double Jeopardy Clause of the United States Constitution. *See id.* at 1-5 (“Lombardo’s relationship to the Outfit . . . was indisputably the basis for Judge Marshall’s imposition of an enhanced sentence”; “The government argued in aggravation that the Eboli/Shenker tapes showed Lombardo’s status in the Chicago Outfit.”).

B. Analysis

The fatal defect in Lombardo’s theory is that Lombardo was never *prosecuted* for – yet alone ever *sentenced* on the basis of – his criminal involvement in Outfit-related illegal gambling, the massage parlor extortions, the attempted extortion of Morris Shenker, and the street tax collection from William “Red” Wemette. *See generally United States v. Morgano*, 39 F.3d 1358, 1367-68 (7th Cir. 1994) (holding that, where defendants could be convicted for both

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Moreover, there is no evidence that Lombardo ever withdrew from the conspiracy he joined in the 1970's, and that did not end until 2007.² *See generally United States v. Hargrove*,

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