

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION

In the Matter of the Search of

THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT  
14 Meadowood Drive, Oakbrook, IllinoisAPPLICATION  
FOR SEARCH WARRANT

[UNDER SEAL]

CASE NUMBER:

I, Courtenae Trautmann, being duly sworn depose and say: I am  
an Agent with the FBI and have reason to believe that on the person of or X on the  
property or premises known as

See Attachment A

in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division,  
there is now concealed a certain person or property, namely

See Attachment B

which is evidence, contraband, and instrumentalities concerning a violation of Title 18  
United States Code, Sections 894, 922(g)(1), 1503, 1955, and 1956.

The facts to support a finding of Probable Cause are as follows:

See attached Affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: X Yes    No

Courtenae Trautmann  
COURTENAЕ TRAUTMANN  
SPECIAL AGENT  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

March 23, 2010

at Chicago, Illinois

J. B. Zagel  
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES B. ZAGEL

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
                                  )   SS  
COUNTY OF COOK     )

**AFFIDAVIT OF COURTENAE TRAUTMANN**

I, COURTENAE TRAUTMANN, having been duly sworn, do hereby state as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and have been so employed for 12 years. I am presently assigned to the Organized Crime Group within the Chicago FBI. In connection with my official FBI duties, I have investigated, among others, cases involving collection and conspiracy to collect extensions of credit by extortionate means, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 894; possession of firearms by convicted felons, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1); obstruction of the due administration of justice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503; operation of an illegal gambling business, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1955; and money laundering, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956 (the "subject offenses").
2. Over the previous 12 years I have also been involved in searches of residences, businesses, and vehicles, various types of electronic surveillance, and in the debriefing of defendants, witnesses, informants and others who have knowledge of criminal activities.

3. This affidavit is submitted in support of an application for a warrant to search and seize (1) the below-described microcassettes and recording devices, loaded firearms, as well as notes, ledgers, and other paperwork, all found inside a hidden compartment in the basement, as well as a microcassette recorder, inserted microcassette, and tape (labeled "2/27/98 Save for Frank – Letter Re: Ron Jarrett")<sup>1</sup> located in the middle drawer of the desk on the first floor office located at 14 Meadowood Drive, Oakbrook, Illinois (hereinafter the "Calabrese Residence"), *see* Attachment A, and (2) deeds and other documents evidencing transfers of property located inside one bankers' box and one plastic bin found in the Calabrese Residence's garage, which are believed to be evidence of the subject offenses; or contraband, fruits of crime; or other items illegally possessed; or property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime.
4. The information contained in this affidavit is not, however, an exhaustive account of everything I know about this case. Rather, it contains only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause for the requested warrant.

#### **PROBABLE CAUSE**

5. On or about April 21, 2005, defendant Frank Calabrese, Sr. ("Calabrese Sr.") and other members and associates of the criminal enterprise commonly known as the "Chicago Outfit," including Anthony "Twan" Doyle, were charged in a multi-count, indictment (the investigation and trial was commonly known as "Operation Family

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<sup>1</sup> Agents are presently investigating the unsolved 2000 homicide of Ronald Jarrett.

Secrets”). Count One of the indictment alleged a 40-year conspiracy to engage in the affairs of a racketeering enterprise, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 1962(d). (02 CR 1050, Zagel, J.).

6. On or about March 8, 2007, a third superseding indictment was returned. Count One of the Third Superseding Indictment charged defendants with engaging in a conspiracy to commit various acts of racketeering, including loansharking, obstruction of justice, gambling, extortion, and murder, on behalf of the Chicago Outfit. Calabrese Sr. in Count Four was additionally charged with extorting “street tax” from Chicagoland restaurant chain “Connie’s Pizza” (and its owner Jim Stolfe), and in Count Five was charged with conducting an illegal sports bookmaking business.
7. During the trial, co-conspirators Frank Calabrese, Jr. (Calabrese Sr.’s son) and Nicholas Calabrese (Calabrese Sr.’s brother) testified that Calabrese Sr. regularly used hidden compartments and “stash areas” inside houses to hide the proceeds of illegal activities, as well as notes, ledgers, weapons, and other instrumentalities of his crimes.
8. On September 10, 2007, the jury returned a verdict of guilty against Calabrese Sr. on all counts. On September 27, 2007, the jury additionally returned a Special Verdict, holding Calabrese Sr. responsible for the following Outfit homicides: the August 1970 murder of Michael Albergo; the July 2, 1980, murder of Charlotte Dauber; the July 2, 1980, murder of William Dauber; the June 24, 1981, murder of Michael

Cagnoni; the July 23, 1983, murder of Richard D. Ortiz; the July 23, 1983, murder of Arthur Morawski; and the September 14, 1986, murder of John Fecarotta.

9. On January 28, 2009, U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel held Calabrese Sr.'s sentencing hearing, and found Calabrese Sr. responsible for the following additional Outfit murders: the June 24, 1976, murder of Paul Haggerty; the March 15, 1977, murder of Henry Cosentino; the January 16, 1978, murder of John Mendell; the January 31, 1978, murder of Donald Renno; the January 31, 1978, murder of Vincent Moretti; and the December 30, 1980, murder of William Petrocelli.
10. Judge Zagel that same day sentenced Calabrese Sr. to life imprisonment. Judge Zagel also entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture against Calabrese Sr., holding Calabrese Sr. jointly and severally liable for \$20,258,556 in unlawfully-acquired proceeds, and granted the government's motion for the imposition of an additional \$7,450,686 in restitution to the estates of the murder victims.
11. On March 15, 2010, Judge Zagel authorized the United States Marshal's Service to serve Notices of Levy against various real and personal property in Illinois and elsewhere, including the property and garage located at 14 Meadowood Drive, Oakbrook, Illinois (hereinafter the "Calabrese Residence").<sup>2</sup>
12. The Court-issued Writ of Execution permitted the U.S. Marshal's Service to, *inter alia*, enter the premises, use reasonable force to search for the judgment debtor's (to

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<sup>2</sup> This property was purchased on January 23, 1984 by Diane Cimino (Calabrese Sr.'s wife). The warranty deed was recorded on January 25, 1984.

wit, Calabrese Sr.'s) personal property and investigate any locations within the subject premises, including safes, compartments or any partitioned section or storage area that may reasonably contain any items of value, and to take possession of such personal property to satisfy the outstanding debt pursuant to the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act, 28 USC 3203 and 3102(d).

13. In the morning hours of March 23, 2010, the U.S. Marshal's Service, assisted by personnel from the FBI (collectively, the "federal agents") approached the Calabrese Residence.
14. Diane Calabrese was present at the Calabrese Residence and voluntarily granted entry to the federal agents.
15. Prior to commencing the search, Diane Calabrese advised federal agents that she was not aware of any firearms, cash or other things of value being kept or stored in the Calabrese Residence.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, the only other adult living at the residence, namely Calabrese Sr.'s son, similarly denied knowing of any firearms or things of value being kept or stored in the residence.<sup>4</sup> Agents thereafter began the search.
16. In the course of performing the search, federal agents found a large family portrait hanging on the basement wall. Agents removed the portrait and noticed several screws in the wood paneling behind the portrait. After removing the screws, federal

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<sup>3</sup> Investigation revealed that Diane Calabrese routinely paid for her two children's private education using cashier's checks even though she has no known legitimate source of income.

<sup>4</sup> Calabrese Sr. had been incarcerated since his 1997 sentencing for racketeering. (95 CR 443).

agents discovered a hidden compartment, *see* Attachment A, containing, among other items, the following:

- Approximately seven loaded firearms, all of which were wrapped in items of clothing or towels (*see, e.g.,* Attachment B-1)<sup>5</sup>
- Approximately 1,000 pieces of jewelry still located inside display boxes and jewelry bags, including various loose diamonds and jewelry containing retail store tags.
- Approximately 15 manila envelopes containing, *inter alia*, bundles of \$500 and \$1,000 bills, totaling approximately \$728,481. (*See, e.g.,* Attachments C1, C2, and C3).
- Approximately five recording devices, suction-cup devices used to “tap” into telephone conversations, between 10-15 apparently used microcassettes containing numerical entries on their face, and some apparently unused microcassettes. (*See, e.g.,* Attachments D1 and D2). One of the apparently used microcassettes has the last name of a convicted Outfit member handwritten on it.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> An initial examination of the firearms revealed no obvious fingerprints. It is your Affiant’s belief that the handguns had been used in criminal activity, and thereafter had been wrapped in this manner to prevent persons handling them from leaving their fingerprints on them. Given that the occupants of the Calabrese Residence denied knowing of the firearms, and in light of Calabrese Sr.’s history of using firearms for criminal activities, it is your affiant’s belief that the firearms were used in crimes, or were intended to be used in crimes or are otherwise illegally possessed.

<sup>6</sup> It is your Affiant’s belief, based on the secret location of the tapes, the surreptitious recording equipment found with the tapes, and the fact that one of the tapes has the name of a known criminal confederate handwritten on it, that Calabrese Sr. made and kept these tapes of what your

- Various handwritten notes and ledgers which include references to, among other things, “workers” and “pals,” as well as various addresses and numerical entries. (*See, e.g.*, Attachment E). The entries include references to “Twan,” which your affiant believes is a reference to convicted Family Secrets co-defendant Anthony “Twan” Doyle.<sup>7</sup>

17. Agents furthermore recovered approximately \$26,000 in bundled cash from inside a locked bedroom desk drawer located in Diane Calabrese’s bedroom. (*See* Attachment F).
18. In the Calabrese Residence’s garage agents found one banker’s box and a plastic storage bin containing miscellaneous deeds and other paperwork relating to the transfer of property from and/or to Calabrese Sr., his wife, and others.<sup>8</sup> (*See* Attachments A and G).
19. Agents from the middle desk drawer of the first-floor office recovered a microcassette recorder, inserted microcassette, and tape (labeled “2/27/98 Save for Frank – Letter Re: Ron Jarrett”). *See* Attachments A.

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Affiant believes are criminal conversations between himself and his criminal confederates that will reveal evidence of the subject offenses.

<sup>7</sup> It is your Affiant’s belief, based on the secret location of this paperwork, some of the identities of the individuals included on the lists and ledgers, and the fact that Calabrese Sr. in the past has used some of the same code names and notations to keep track of extortion and gambling moneys owed, that this paperwork relates to criminal activity.

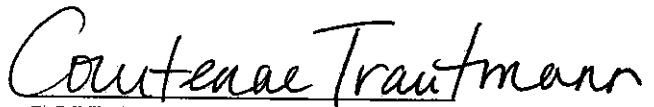
<sup>8</sup> It is your Affiant’s belief that this documentation is evidence of prior transfers of property, which bears on whether Calabrese Sr. and his wife have attempted to launder illegal assets, and to obstruct law enforcement and the Court’s attempts to collect on the restitution and forfeiture awards.



**ITEMS TO BE SEIZED AND/OR SEARCHED<sup>9</sup>**

20. The contents of any and all microcassettes and recording devices, as well as the firearms and the log books, ledgers, and other paperwork recovered from the above-described hidden basement compartment of the Calabrese Residence, as well as from the bankers box and storage bin located inside the Calabrese Residence's garage, and the contents of the microcassette recorder, inserted microcassette, and tape (labeled "2/27/98 Save for Frank – Letter Re: Ron Jarrett") recovered from the middle drawer of the first-floor office. *See Attachment A.*

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

  
COURTENA E TRAUTMANN  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

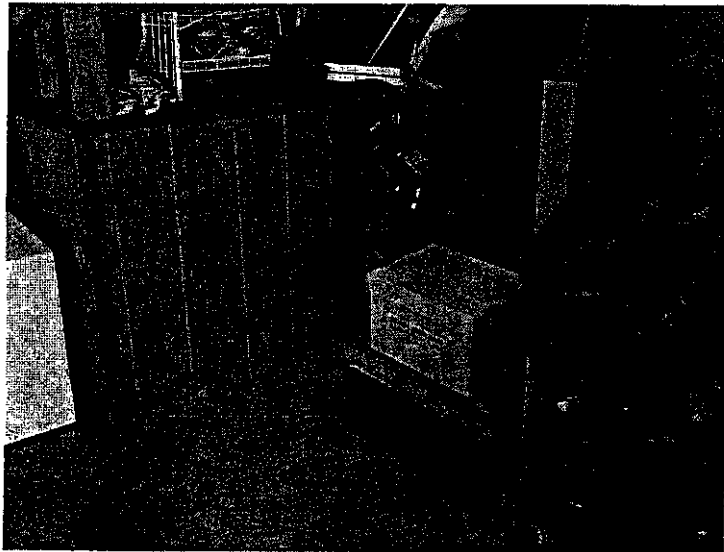
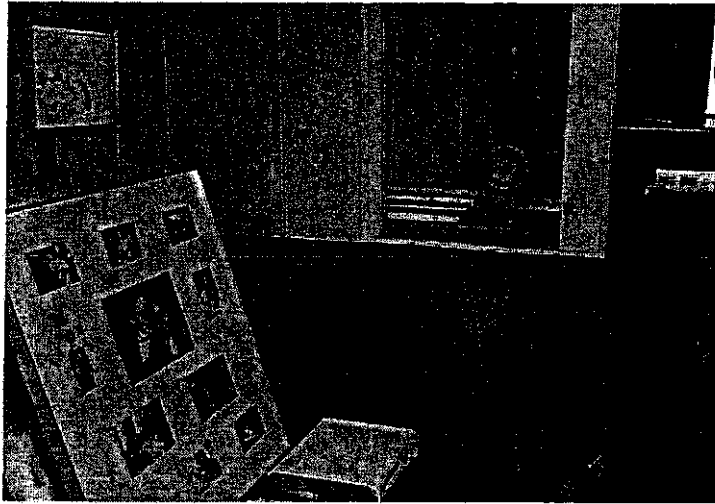
Sworn to before me this 23rd day of March 2010.

  
JAMES B. ZAGEL  
United States District Judge

<sup>9</sup> The jewelry and money were seized pursuant to the Writ of Execution.

## ATTACHMENT A

(1) Items (microcassettes, firearms, and paperwork) secreted inside hidden compartment in the basement (see picture below), (2) the microcassette recorder, inserted microcassette tape, and tape (labeled "2/27/98 Save for Frank – Letter Re: Ron Jarrett") recovered from the middle drawer of the first-floor office, and (3) banker's box and plastic bin (and contents therein) in garage located at 14 Meadowood Drive, Oakbrook, Illinois (see second picture below).



## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **ITEMS TO BE SEIZED**

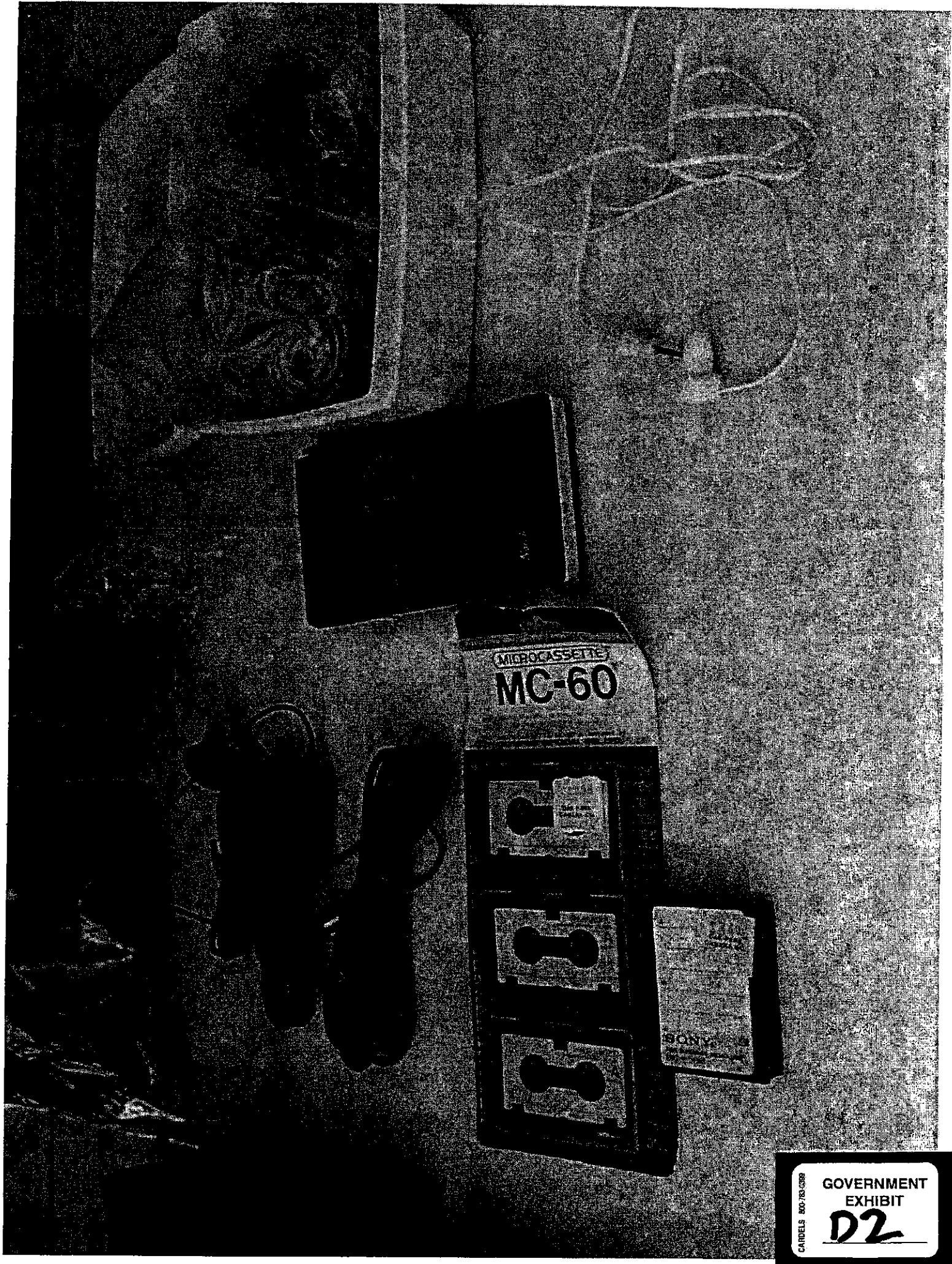
The contents of any and all cassettes and recording devices, as well as the firearms and the log books, ledgers, and other paperwork recovered from the above-described hidden basement compartment of the Calabrese Residence and the middle drawer of the first-floor desk, as well as from the banker's box and plastic bin located in the Calabrese Residence's garage.

1. NAME OF THE PARTY  
2. ADDRESS  
3. CITY  
4. STATE  
5. ZIP CODE  
6. PHONE NUMBER  
7. FAX NUMBER  
8. E-MAIL ADDRESS  
9. WEBSITE  
10. OTHER INFORMATION

11. SIGNATURE  
12. DATE

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