

(G)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

By Truman Burke

Date November 15, 1973

FILE: ANGELO CARCACI
Pennsylvania State Police

On November 15, 1973, a source advised that he was close to the investigation involving JOSEPH CARCACI. He advised that during 1972 and continuing through April 1973, there was a federal charge of bankruptcy lodged against the HOUSE OF INTERIOR DECOR in which an individual by the name of EDWARD DEAN used more than 60 different names of individuals and companies to defraud creditors to the tune of \$1/2 million.

The following individuals were charged and, in April 1973, were convicted in federal court:

EDWARD DEAN - Pleaded guilty and received a 3-year sentence, along with 5 years probation and a fine. *WRONG*
Dean was represented by JAMES MORAN, Philadelphia.

LENORE FRIEDRICH - Girl friend of Dean. Pleaded guilty and received 6-months, along with 3 years probation.

JOHN NUGENT - Pleaded guilty and received probation.

JAMES CORTELUCCI - Pleaded guilty and received probation.

Joseph Carcaci and an individual by the name of ROSSI (whose first name is not known at this time) were tried in federal court and acquitted.

The investigation showed that on December 15, 1972, Dean was arrested by the F.B.I. agents. At that time approximately \$125,000 ^{of} ~~and~~ various types of merchandise were recovered.

It is alleged that Joseph Carcaci was deeply involved in the movement and concealment of the merchandise which had been obtained through fraudulent means in this bankruptcy. On one occasion, Joseph Carcaci had a rented truck loaded with this merchandise and it broke down on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. While

Angelo Carcaci - 2
November 15, 1973

attempting to get the truck repaired, Pennsylvania State Police had it towed in and Angelo Carcaci went over to get the truck released, along with the merchandise.

Sometime, either during the investigation or after Joseph Carcaci was charged, Angelo Carcaci went to the head of the FBI office in Philadelphia and tried to intervene in saying that the FBI case agent was harassing his brother, Joseph. For some time, Angelo Carcaci's meeting with the SAC created many problems for the case agent, which he has subsequently overcome. The exact date of Angelo Carcaci's meeting with the FBI is not known.

Joseph Carcaci was a State Parole Officer in Norristown, Pennsylvania. After being acquitted, he has returned to that position. It is not really known at this time if he was ever suspended.

The critical evidence pertaining to Joseph Carcaci in the bankruptcy trial was in the position of John Nugent during the trial. Approximately twenty minutes before Nugent was to testify against Joseph Carcaci, someone approached Nugent's wife and stated "If he testifies, your children could wind up in a box." When this information came to light, it created a big stir in the courtroom, however, it soon died down or it could not be proven and the trial went on. Nugent did testify, but denied or did not recall any of the previous critical data that he was known to possess against Joseph Carcaci. For that reason, Carcaci was acquitted.

According to source, there is in excess of \$300,000 in merchandise involved in this scheme still unaccounted for.

91
219

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

JTB

By Truman Burke

Date December 10, 1973

FILE: ANGELO CARCACI
Pennsylvania State Police

On December 10, 1973, records of the U. S. Attorney's office, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, show that the bankruptcy case involving JOSEPH CARCACI is filed as follows:

House of Interior Decor
BU File 49-2114
U. S. Attorney's File 72-4062

The actual file was out and its contents could not be reviewed, however, U. S. Attorney RICHARD GALLI handled the case.

My sources advised that the U. S. Attorney's records show that there are numerous cases involving EDWARD DEIN and others to include mail fraud, interstate transportation of stolen property. U. S. District Judge CHARLES WEINER heard the case with a jury.

As the trial progressed, the jury was asked to leave the room, during which time one of the defendants would enter a plea of guilty and the jury would return. This procedure went on until four defendants entered pleas of guilty. (These defendants are mentioned in my previous memorandum.)

After the fourth defendant entered the plea of guilty, they immediately proceeded with jury trial for the remaining two defendants in this bankruptcy case which included JOSEPH CARCACI.

During this time, U. S. District Judge Weiner advised that because of what happened previously, the jury would be prejudicial and it was, therefore, moved that the two remaining defendants be tried without jury. These two defendants were subsequently acquitted.

According to my sources, there was good evidence which they felt a jury would render a verdict of guilty against Carcaci and the other defendant, however, Weiner heard and judged the case alone.

ANGELO CARCACI - 2
December 10, 1973

The Bureau is reopening the bankruptcy case in view of the latest developments in our investigation concerning C. S. CARCACI, Interior Decorator.

According to my source, the case is very much involved. Many names and aliases were used, however, most of the merchandise was fraudulently obtained from E. J. Korvette and J. C. Penney. Much of the merchandise was paid for either by phony or stolen credit cards and this brought in the postal inspectors.

Edward Dein was charged on numerous counts and actually entered a guilty plea to all counts, however, he received one jail sentence on one charge and all other sentences on the other counts were judged to run concurrently.