

DECLARATION OF JOSEPH R. WYATT

I, JOSEPH R. WYATT, do hereby declare as follows.

I am a resident of the State of Maryland. My date of birth is December 22, 1959. I am currently self-employed as a Political Consultant to the Association of Maryland Pilots. My business address is Governmental Advisors, 5808 York Road, Suite A, Baltimore, Maryland 21212. Telephone number (301) 323-0120.

On July 29, 1979, I joined the Baltimore Police Department as a Police Cadet. In December, 1980, I was sworn in as a Police Officer for the Baltimore Police Department and was so employed until June, 1990. In February, 1981, I subsequently completed six months of formal training at the Baltimore Police Academy. I graduated in August, 1981. I was assigned as a Patrol Officer in the Southeast District upon graduation.

In June, 1982, I was assigned to work undercover in the Southeast District Vice/Narcotics unit. I was told by one of the Vice/Narcotic unit supervisors that they had selected me to work undercover Vice activities because I could still pass as a teenager, even though I was in fact twenty-two years old.

At this time, the Vice unit had received numerous citizen complaints about young male prostitutes plying their trade on the streets and sidewalks around Patterson Park in

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the City of Baltimore. The citizens complained of this activity happening late at night. Patterson Park is a neighborhood park in the middle of a residential neighborhood. For about the first month of my assignment to Vice, I functioned as a back-up Officer to other Vice Officers working undercover.

On July 3, 1982, my unit was assigned to work an undercover Vice detail on the corner of Belnord and Eastern Avenues directly across the street from Patterson Park. The unit was composed of undercover Vice Officers Greg Thurston, Al Danna, Tom Uzarowski, Sergeant Tom Bull and myself. It was decided by the Vice unit that the undercover activity on this date would be to arrest customers of male prostitutes as opposed to arresting the male prostitutes themselves. I was assigned by Sgt. Bull to pose as a male prostitute and allow suspects to solicit me for illicit sex acts. This was the first time I was assigned to be the "bait". "Bait" is a police vice term used to denote the actual Officer who is in the position to be approached by suspects.

At about 2:00 A.M., I was standing alone on the southwest corner of Belnord and Eastern Avenues. I recall Officer Danna was standing a block away on the corner of Kenwood and Eastern Avenues. Officer Thurston was in a vehicle parked about one block away. I do not recall the exact locations of the other back-up Officers.

I observed a Volkswagen, driven by a white male,

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driving very slowly past my location. The Volkswagen pulled into the bus stop lane, adjacent to the curb, approximately 10 - 15 feet from where I was standing. The Volkswagen was traveling east on the south side of Eastern Avenue. The Volkswagen slowed even more and I observed the driver lean down towards the right front passenger window and stare at me. The vehicle continued eastbound. I then observed the vehicle turn south onto Kenwood Avenue, one block away. About one half minute later I observed that the same Volkswagen and driver were now stopped in the middle of Belnord Avenue, about fifteen feet south of the stop sign for Eastern Avenue. I realized that the Volkswagen had gone around the corner and returned to my location.

The driver of the Volkswagen looked directly at me. I was standing on the corner on the drivers side of the vehicle. The drivers window was rolled down. The driver motioned with his hand for me to come to the car. I walked to the car and stood about three feet from the driver. The driver immediately asked me if I wanted to go with him for a ride. I said no, and I asked him what he wanted. He said that he had a place in Bel Air and asked me if I wanted to go there with him. I told him I wasn't interested, turned and walked away. Five or ten seconds later I heard his car drive away.

About forty minutes later I observed the same

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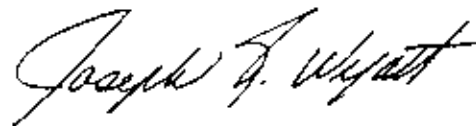
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Volkswagen and the same driver had returned. The car was stopped in the middle northbound lane of Belnord Avenue approximately ten - fifteen feet south of the stop sign at Eastern Avenue. I watched him out of the corner of my eye. About fifteen seconds later, the driver beeped the horn of the Volkswagen. I turned and walked to his car. As I approached, the driver constantly stared in my direction. I said to him, "What do you want?". He said, "I want you to go home with me." I then asked him, "What are you interested in?" He stated, "I want you to tie me up, put clothes pins on my nipples and make me suck your dick." ("Suck your dick" is the street vernacular for the act of copulating the penis of one person with the mouth of another. This constituted a violation of The Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 27, section 15 (e), To solicit lewdness.)

Because the driver had solicited me to commit an act of lewdness with him, I gave a prearranged signal to my back-up units that I was going to arrest him. I began to engage the suspect in conversation until my back-up units could arrive to assist me in physically taking him into custody. The suspect apparently saw Officer Danna running towards us and I saw his hand reach for the gear selector. I thought the suspect was going to drive off before I could arrest him. I immediately told him I was a Police Officer and, at the same time, thrust my right arm into the car and reached for the

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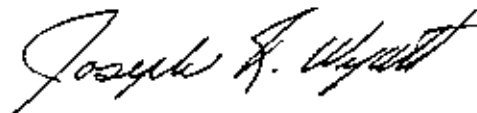


ignition key. The suspect immediately grabbed my right arm and forcibly pulled it towards his chest. This pinned me against the door jam. Somehow I was able to turn the engine off during this time. I repeatedly yelled that I was a Police Officer and that he was under arrest. However, the suspect continued to resist my arrest. Officer Danna arrived and also yelled that he was a Police Officer. I finally overpowered the suspect and freed my right arm from his grasp. Other back-up Officers began arriving at this time. We opened the car door and had to forcibly remove the suspect from the car. The suspect finally submitted to being arrested and handcuffed.

I then told the suspect I was arresting him for soliciting lewdness. I asked him if he wanted us to impound his car for safe keeping or to allow one of the Officers to legally park his car at the scene of the arrest. He decided to leave his car at the scene. I then asked him his name and address. After some hesitation he stated that his name was Michael Rokas and that he lived at 636 A Harborside Drive, Joppa, Maryland 21285. At some time during the arrest or booking process, I asked the suspect to spell his last name. He spelled it ROKAS. I just learned yesterday that his true name is ROKOS and not ROKAS. Because the suspect misspelled his name to me and later to the Booking Sergeant, all of the police reports and legal documents are filed incorrectly under the last name of ROKAS.

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The suspect was transported to the Southeast District Police Station by uniformed Officers driving a patrol wagon. I told the Booking Sergeant that the suspect was charged with one count of soliciting lewdness and one count of resisting arrest. Later that evening I was in my office when the Booking Sergeant phoned me and advised the man I had just arrested had identified himself as a Catholic Vicar. Being a lifelong Catholic and not knowing what a Vicar was I looked it up in the dictionary and found it defined as a Minister in the Episcopal Church. Because of my relative inexperience as an undercover Vice Officer I was shocked, to say the least, to learn that the suspect was a Minister in the Episcopal Church.

Although the arrest took place over eight years ago, I still vividly recall the incident. I recall the incident because this was my first undercover arrest and because of what the suspect, Michael Rokos, solicited me to do to him sexually and his subsequent resisting of my arrest of him.

On August 19, 1982, a trial was held in the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City before Judge Hilary D. Caplan. At the trial Mr. Rokos plead not guilty. The trial proceeded on an agreed statement of facts. Judge Caplan read the Statement of Charges that I wrote the night of the arrest and found Mr. Rokos guilty of count one, a criminal misdemeanor violation of soliciting lewdness. Judge Caplan dismissed count two, resisting arrest. Judge Caplan gave

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Mr. Rokos six months probation and made him make a donation of \$100 to the American Cancer Society.

About 4 years later I saw Mr. Rokos on a local television news program. As Mr. Rokos was being interviewed his full name was also displayed on the screen, however; I did not realize that it was spelled ROKOS instead of ROKAS. The television reporter described Rokos as an expert on satanic cults. I recall the television reporter indicating that local law enforcement had consulted with Mr. Rokos regarding his expertise in a malicious mischief incident in a grave yard. I was very surprised to learn that any police agency would use Rokos as an expert because of his previous Vice arrest and conviction. Over the past several years I have read many newspaper articles concerning Mr. Rokos' expertise on satanic cults, however, I still did not noticed that his name was spelled differently from the arrest report I wrote on the night I arrested him.

The following paragraph contains the appropriate sections concerning this incident from the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Article 27, section 15 states, "It shall be unlawful:

(e) To procure or to solicit or to offer to procure or solicit for the purpose of prostitution, lewdness, or assignation;....." Article 27, Section 16 states, "The term 'lewdness' shall be construed to mean any unnatural sexual practice." Article 27, section 554 states, "Unnatural or

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perverted practices: Every persons who shall be convicted of taking into his or her mouth the sexual organ of any other person or animal, or who shall be convicted of placing his or her sexual organ in the mouth of any person or animal, or who shall be convicted of committing any other unnatural or perverted sexual practice with any other person or animal shall be fined not more than \$1000.00, or be imprisoned in jail or in the house of correction or in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding ten years, or shall be both fined and imprisoned within the limits above prescribed in the discretion of the court.")

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.  
SIGNED THIS 25th DAY OF JULY, 1990 IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

  
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