

Affidavit ~~in Support of Warrant~~
Exhibit #1
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

APRIL , 1983

I, Andrew C. Palombo, having been duly sworn,
depose and say:

1. I am a Trooper with the Massachusetts State Police Department currently, and at all times relevant to the events described in this affidavit, assigned to plainclothes duty at Logan International Airport in East Boston. I have been a State Trooper for the past eleven years and four months, and in the course of my duties I have participated in numerous investigations, including investigations into narcotics trafficking, breaking and entering, larceny, receiving stolen goods, robbery and murder. I am familiar with many procedures criminals use in attempts to avoid detection.
2. On August 12, 1979, law enforcement authorities observed the body of one Marie Iannuzzi, in the rear of a business establishment then known as "Conley and Daggett," a retail shellfish store on Route 107 in Saugus. An autopsy revealed that the cause of her death was strangulation by ligature.
3. On November 28, 1981, one Joan L. Webster of Glenridge, New Jersey, a graduate student at Harvard University, disappeared after arriving at Logan International Airport on an Eastern Airlines flight and awaiting her luggage at the baggage carousel in the Eastern Airlines terminal.
4. On January 5, 1983, Assistant District Attorney, Timothy M. Burke, received a letter from Robert L. Bond, an inmate at Charles Street Jail, Boston. In the letter Bond said he had information about the murder of Marie Iannuzzi and the disappearance of Joan Webster. District Attorney Burke told me of the

letter. Burke arranged to have Bond meet with him and representatives of the State Police, including myself, at the Suffolk County Courthouse.

5. On or about January 14, 1983, the meeting took place at the courthouse. At that meeting Bond said in substance that one Leonard Paradiso, who was then also an inmate at Charles Street Jail, had told him, Bond, at the jail, that he, Paradiso, had killed Marie Iannuzzi and was responsible for the disappearance of Joan Webster. Bond said that Paradiso told him that he, Paradiso, had taken Ms. Webster from the airport to his boat at Pier 7 on Northern Avenue, South Boston, had sexual intercourse with her, had beaten her with a whiskey bottle, and had taken her body "way out" and dumped it in the ocean, and had thereafter brought his boat back and "sabotaged" [sank] it.
6. During the conversation, Bond disclosed that he had written out many of the details Paradiso had told him about the Iannuzzi murder and the Webster disappearance. At my request and within a week of the meeting, Bond provided the State Police with the notes he, Bond, had made of his conversations with Paradiso about the Iannuzzi murder and the Webster disappearance. A copy of Bond's notes is attached hereto as appendix A and is incorporated herein by reference.
7. During the investigation, Bond disclosed that Paradiso had told him that he, Paradiso, had injured his hand while beating Ms. Webster with a whiskey bottle. Included in the written notes made by Bond of his conversations with Paradiso (Appendix A, p.4) is a reference to the fact that Paradiso had told Bond that "he hurt his hand that night in the boat and that he [Paradiso] told his girl that a 50 mm. shell blew up in his hand." Bond's account also noted that Paradiso had said that his, Paradiso's, family and his girl's family "are saying that they saw me with a bandage on my hand during that time."

Bond reported that Paradiso had further said to him that his [Paradiso's] girl "has that 50 mm. shell in her house now." (Appendix A, p.4).

8. Also included in the account is the notation that Paradiso had said, "'My girl's mother and father will say that I was at their house all day having dinner with them,'" or "'I can also say I was up in Maine because I was working up there during that time. I rent a hotel room by the month up there. The records will show that I was up there then.'" (Appendix A, p.2).
9. On or about January 17, 1983, I, Staff Sergeant Tammarrro of the State Police, and Sergeant Hudson of the Boston Police Department, attached to the investigations unit of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, met with Bond, at which time we went over Bond's notes (Appendix A) in detail. In part, Bond stated in substance that Paradiso had, between December 6 and 29, 1982, told him, Bond, that he, Paradiso, intended to use the 50 mm. shell in defense of any charge(s). that might be brought against him in connection with the Webster case. Bond related that Paradiso had also said that he, Paradiso, intended using his girlfriend, Candy, and a second woman friend (whose name was unknown to Bond) to establish an alibi in both the Webster and Iannuzzi cases. Bond related, further, that Paradiso had told him that he, Paradiso, had wanted his attorneys to get a "death-bed" statement from the second girlfriend, who he said was then "right next door" (to Charles Street Jail) recovering from a heart ailment.
10. I knew, from my check of Charles Street Jail records, that Elaine Covino was a frequent visitor of Paradiso's at Charles Street Jail, and previously at Walpole and Norfolk State prisons. The Massachusetts General Hospital is adjacent to the Charles Street Jail. A check by Assistant District Attorney Burke with the keeper of the records at Massachusetts General Hospital revealed that

Elaine Covino had been a patient at Massachusetts General Hospital in the latter part of 1982 for a heart problem.

11. On April 5, 1983, I went to the Ellsworth, Maine area, and in conjunction with an officer of the Maine State Police, checked the hotels in the area. As a result of that investigation I determined that Leonard Paradiso had been a frequent guest at the Colonial Hotel in Ellsworth over a three year period from 1978 to 1981, that included among them had been a one week period from November 10 through November 17, 1981. I could find no record of Paradiso's having been registered at the Colonial Hotel or any other hotel in the area after November 17, 1981.
12. On or about April 7, 1983, Trooper Charles Eastman of the Massachusetts State Police interviewed Elaine Covino at her home, 40 Avalon Street, Revere, Massachusetts. A copy of the interview is attached hereto as Appendix B and incorporated herein by reference. She told Trooper Eastman in substance, that she had been in Massachusetts General Hospital, for treatment for heart problems, and that Paradiso had spoken to her on or about November 28, 1981, requesting advice on how to treat an injury to his hand. Covino also told Trooper Eastman that she told Paradiso to go to the Lynn Hospital for treatment of his hand, and that he did. (Appendix B, pp. 1 and 2.)
13. Through my conversations with Bond and through his written notes (Appendix A), Bond related to me details preceding, surrounding and following, the murder of Marie Iannuzzi, which Paradiso told Bond. These details were extremely exact, had not been publicly reported and were therefore not publicly known, and could only have been known by the murderer.
14. On January 21, 1983, Bond voluntarily took two separate polygraphs, one to determine whether he was telling the truth when he said that the information

he told to us about the Iannuzzi murder, had been told to him by Paradiso, the other to determine whether he was telling the truth when he said that the information he told us about the Webster case had been told to him by Paradiso. The results of both polygraphs are attached hereto, are marked respectively Appendix C and Appendix D, and are incorporated herein by reference. In each instance, the test indicated that Bond was telling the truth.

15. Between the months of May of 1982 and July of 1982, I had, on many occasions observed the house at 212 Crescent Avenue, Revere, Massachusetts, Candace Weyant's registered address. During these observations, I had occasion to see both Paradiso and Ms. Weyant enter and leave this house, both separately and together and at random hours throughout the day and night. I also, during this period of time, observed parked in front, or near this address, several and various motor vehicles registered to both Paradiso and Weyant. Also on July 6, 1982, I arrested Paradiso at 212 Crescent Avenue, Revere, at which time he advised me he lived there.
16. Based upon the foregoing reliable information and upon my personal knowledge as hereinbefore stated, there is probable cause to believe that Paradiso and Ms. Weyant have in their possession and have secreted articles of an evidentiary nature for the sole purpose of fabricating an alibi and therefore suborning perjury towards the ongoing investigation of the November 28, 1981 disappearance of Joan Webster. The property hereinafter described is being concealed and may be found in the house at 212 Crescent Avenue, Revere, Massachusetts, or in the garage or other appurtenances thereto. Three photographs of the house are attached hereto in an envelope marked Appendix E. The photographs are labeled "212 Crescent Avenue", "left side", "right side", and "center view" respectively.

17. The property for which I seek the issuance of a search warrant is the following:

one 50 mm. shell,
one 50 mm. shell casing,
one 50 mm. shell projectile,
one 50 mm. shell projectile plug.

Wherefore, I respectfully request that the court issue a warrant and order of seizure, authorizing the search of the house at 212 Crescent Avenue, Revere, and any appurtenance thereto, including the garage, and directing that if such property or evidence or any part thereof be found, that it be seized and brought before the court; together with such other and further relief that the court may deem proper.

Andrew C. Palombo

Then personally appeared the above named Andrew C. Palombo and made oath that the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed is true.

Before me this
1983.

day of April,

Justice or Special Justice,
Clerk or Assistant Clerk
of the Court.

This affidavit consists of six pages; attached are five Appendices.