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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
 CRIMINAL TRIAL DIVISION

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COMMONWEALTH : APRIL TERM, 1979
 : NO.809-UNAUTH USE AUTO
 : 810-THEFT, RSP
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 : MAY TERM, 1980
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 : 1024-THEFT, RSP
 : 1025-UNAUTH USE AUTO
 : - - -
 : AUGUST TERM, 1980
 : NO.2093-ATT ARSON PERS
 : ATT ARSON PROP
 : 2094-ATT CRIM MISCH
 : 2095-PIC GEN
 : PIC WEAPON
 : PROHIB OFF WEAPON
 : 2096-RISK CAT
 : 2097-CONSPIRACY

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EMANUEL M. CLIATT

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Room 615, City Hall
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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September 17, 1981

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BEFORE:

HONORABLE LEON KATZ, J.

Stanley L. Goldstein
 Official Court Reporter
 Court of Common Pleas
 Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

PRESENT:

LEONARD ROSS, ESQUIRE
Assistant District Attorney
For the Commonwealth

MYRON DEUTSCH, ESQUIRE
Court Appointed Counsel
For the Defendant

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as to one of those bills, and t
with regard to that case, will

The other two cases that remain,
that are open, are 7904-809 and 810, which
will be nol-prossed upon sentencing, and 8005,
1024 to 1025, which will be nol-prossed--

THE COURT: 80 what?

MR. ROSS: 8005, 1024 and 1025.
That will also be nol-prossed after Your
Honor sentences Mr. Cliatt.

Those two cases, Your Honor, both
involve the possession and use of stolen
automobiles. Those are the two cases that
the Commonwealth is going to nol-pros.

Mr. Cliatt will be pleading guilty
to the one bills that's remaining, number,
that's Bill 2097, Judge, August of 1980.

THE COURT: What's the charge?

MR. ROSS: Charging the defendant
with criminal conspiracy, where the object is
arson, risking catastrophe; overt act, did
possess an explosive device. Co-defendants
in the case are George Rose, George Tillary,
and Douglas Smith, and George Grant.

THE COURT: Are there any other cases other than the ones you mentioned that are open or pending against this defendant?

MR. ROSS: No. Is that right?

MR. DEUTSCH: No.

MR. ROSS: I believe.

MR. DEUTSCH: The only thing is--

MR. ROSS: Montgomery County.

THE COURT: I'm talking about Philadelphia.

MR. DEUTSCH: In Philadelphia, no, sir.

MR. ROSS: This is it, Judge.

MR. DEUTSCH: It involves an automobile.

THE COURT: Are you saying to me that if and when he pleads guilty to 2097, and the others are nol-prossed at the time of sentencing, then all of the cases pending against him are completed in Philadelphia County?

MR. ROSS: Yes, that's my understanding, Judge.

MR. DEUTSCH: That's right.

THE COURT: Any you're prepared for sentencing on the other matters today?

MR. DEUTSCH: If I may, Your Honor--
(Conference by defense counsel with defendant off the record.)

THE COURT: I don't want to have a piecemeal sentence because this case has been kicking around a long time.

MR. ROSS: I agree with Your Honor. I think the sentence should all be imposed on one day. The Commonwealth has no objection to however it's done. If Mr. Cliatt wants to plead guilty today and be sentenced on all of them, that's fine. If he wants to be continued, that's fine. Whatever Mr. Cliatt wants.

THE COURT: How about the matter that we discussed earlier, matters that are pending, without going into detail?

MR. ROSS: Without going into detail, Mr. Cliatt has continued his cooperation, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You feel confident that that cooperation will continue even after

raise that on appeal and say you should not have pled guilty because at the time you had a defense available to you, whether it was true or not, doesn't make any difference. So, that you could not raise on appeal the fact that you wanted to raise a defense. Do you understand that?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

MR. ROSS: Do you have any questions now, Mr. Cliatt, with regard to your guilty plea?

THE DEFENDANT: No.

MR. ROSS: Does Your Honor have any additional questions?

THE COURT: No.

MR. DEUTSCH: I have no questions.

THE COURT: Do you understand there are no promises?

MR. ROSS: I'm sorry.

THE COURT: Here, as there aren't in the other cases, as to what your sentence would be. You've been told there's a possibility of a maximum of five to ten years plus a fine. And although that's the maximum,

the name of Kenneth Washington. At that time the device did not explode.

It was subsequently taken by the Philadelphia bomb squad and subsequently exploded at the Police Academy in an area that they have designed specifically for the exploding of explosives that have been confiscated.

Some time in 1980 Mr. Cliatt came forward, after a number of statements that he gave to the police regarding other cases, he gave the police a statement indicating his involvement in the attempted bombing of the home that was owned by Kenneth Washington. In that he indicated that he made an agreement, if not oral, certainly a tacit agreement with George Tillary, who was a business associate, George Rose, who was a business associate, and Douglas Smith, who was a business associate of Mr. Cliatt's, and all of them were part of the same business conspiracy at the time to get even with Mr. Washington for certain wrongs that had been committed against Major Tillary.

In the statement Mr. Cliatt indicated to the police that he was instrumental in picking up certain explosives from an individual named George Grant. He was also present at the time the explosive device was placed at Mr. Washington's home, was there at the time, although he didn't participate other than being there. That when the explosive device did not go off, several gun shots were fired at it in an attempt to make it explode, which it didn't. And eventually they left the scene.

Mr. Cliatt has reiterated the statement he gave to the police at two separate preliminary hearings involving George Rose and Douglas Smith, who have been apprehended and their cases are pending before this Court with regard to the bombings.

That in brief summary, Your Honor, is the matter that Mr. Cliatt is pleading guilty to.

Mr. Cliatt, do you understand the facts as I've just basically summarized them to the Judge?

I pronounce sentence, and of course, I assume we all agree at this time that both defense counsel, the D.A., has examined the pre-sentence investigation, mental health evaluation, and unless I hear to the contrary I will assume that there are no corrections as far as the factual and history contained therein.

MR. DEUTSCH: I think there was just one correction that Mr. Cliatt is the father of three children. I noticed it said two children.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. DEUTSCH: And that's the only thing I saw.

THE COURT: Also the drug evaluation which I didn't mention.

MR. DEUTSCH: Yes, we have read it. That was provided before this hearing and we have read it.

THE COURT: I also want to put on the record that I have received from Leonard N. Ross, assistant district attorney of the homicide unit, a letter dated January 5th, 1981, and without being specific, for reasons

that I think we all concur, Mr. Ross has outlined a pattern of cooperation of a meaningful nature on the part of the defendant. And, that in response to my question, Mr. Ross has indicated that he's confident that that cooperation will continue. Is that correct, sir?

MR. ROSS: Yes, Your Honor. And if it doesn't there's, I'm confident--

THE COURT: For whatever reason you're confident, you are confident it will continue.

MR. ROSS: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Am I to understand from the defendant and/or counsel, that the defendant has been incarcerated for a period of three months on this case, or on one of these cases as a result of a bench warrant that I issued?

MR. DEUTSCH: That's correct. That's as a result of a bench warrant alone.

THE COURT: Whatever time I give him, he has approximately three months credit.

MR. ROSS: Judge, actually, to be

honest, he's probably got close to a year on these cases. What was basically happening, Judge, is just to be very quick about it, and it's hard to distinguish exactly what, he had so many cases open and so many detainers and bench warrants, that's something the prison may have to figure out. He was released for a period of time and then he wouldn't show up when he was supposed to and he would be arrested for a while--

THE COURT: We're not going to get involved in that mathematics. It's not germane to what the sentence is.

MR. ROSS: Whatever the sentence Your Honor gives, if you just add the words "To be given credit for whatever time he's served on these cases," and if that's a problem we can certainly straighten it out at a later date.

MR. DEUTSCH: I understand--I recognize the seriousness of the charges to which the defendant has pled guilty. And, I'm sure the district attorney shares that with me as does his counsel. I also recognize the

importance of the cooperation that he's extended.

THE COURT: Must keep in mind that although one cooperates with the Commonwealth, we cannot wash out the fact that he's been convicted of at least nine crimes, possibly more, including the crimes to which he pled guilty today, because as of the time of the pre-sentence investigation, as stated on the face sheet, he was convicted of seven crimes and he's pled guilty today to another one, so it's at least eight.

He's had two commitments. He's had one probation violation, without any juvenile record.

The recommendation of the pre-sentence investigator is incarceration. And, if it were not, if it were not for the cooperation extended to the Commonwealth, I would think that full justification that this defendant should receive a maximum sentence of seven and a half to fifteen years on the drug charge, namely 1067, manufacture, sale, and delivery of drugs. Not that I'm minimizing the other

charges, such as the conspiracy to fire bomb the house and the possession of the drugs.

However, I'm taking that into consideration because I think, in the field of law enforcement, that there are many times when we cannot prosecute career criminals or criminals who commit acts of violence without the cooperation of either co-defendants or others who have information. And that's, I think, what is present in this case.

MR. ROSS: Judge, might I just comment briefly on that one fact for the record, so Your Honor will have some--

THE COURT: Please do.

MR. ROSS: In these particular cases, Your Honor, none of those cases could have been brought to trial without Mr. Cliatt's statements. The two homicide matters, as well as the bombings, although we basically knew who was involved, Judge, we had no hard evidence to present to a Court until Mr. Cliatt made his statements. Everything that you said in general terms is specifically true in this particular case. Those five

cases or so that have been presented, and people have been arrested for, could not have happened without Mr. Cliatt's statements and cooperation.

THE COURT: I think that the defendant should be subject to the parole authorities.

What happened in the probation cases? Didn't he have three probations pending?

MR. DEUTSCH: As I understand it, Your Honor, we tried a case a number of years ago before Judge Kubacki and he's the one that put him on the probation. Although, there's been some arrests and detainers and back and forth, it's always been with Judge Kubacki. It was a five year probation and we got through about three and a half, almost four without too much trouble, and it was only in the last year of the probation that it began to break down from these other matters. The actual date of expiration was July 10th, 1981. If you take it into five annual years.

MR. ROSS: The other judge, Judge Caesar, was the Municipal Court case of which

Mr. Cliatt appealed and then Judge Kubacki had the exact same case. So, there's really is only one judge in terms of probation, and the only one that's active is Judge Kubacki. And I would say for the record, Judge Kubacki's indication was that probably, regardless of what Your Honor did, he would terminate his probation since you would have him under some kind of supervision, either your own personal supervision or state parole supervision if Your Honor were to sentence him.

THE COURT: Do you have anything to say, Mr. Cliatt, yourself?

MR DEUTSCH: Could we start, Your Honor, with my discussing that matter with you at side bar, and then--

THE COURT: What matter, sentencing matter?

MR. DEUTSCH: No, having to do originally when we talked about some cooperation, there was something I wanted to say off the record.

THE COURT: All right. .

(Conference in chambers off the

record.)

(The following is in open court:)

THE COURT: All right, Mr. Cliatt, for the reasons that I've stated, and upon analysis of the pre-sentence report, mental health evaluation, the drug evaluation, the letter from Mr. Ross that I alluded to dated January 5th, 1981, sentence of the Court is as follows--

MR. ROSS: Judge, excuse me for just one second, before you do that, the question that you asked Mr. Cliatt, whether he had anything to say remained unanswered.

THE COURT: Do you have anything to say, sir, before I sentence?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Please say it.

MR. DEUTSCH: He did want to address the Court.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

THE DEFENDANT: What I wanted to say was, that as far as my life, as far as my life of being involved in crime, you know, I think, not only think, I know that, you know,

I'm through with crime as far as I'm concerned because, you know, I'm not accepted amongst the hustlers and people in the street, doing the things that are wrong, because I have told and testified on these people. My type is not accepted amongst that type no more. I'm saying whatever you sentence me to today, Your Honor, like, you know, after this, you know, this is it.

THE COURT: What you're saying to me is you really don't have any choice because you're not going to be trusted, in a way. That's a hard way of walking the straight and narrow, but apparently that's, whatever reason it is, we should all be thankful that you're going to get out of the field of crime.

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: For your own sake, it would have been better if you never got in as deeply as you did. Nevertheless, is there anything else you want to say?

THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: On Bill 1067, which is the drug bill that I mentioned, wherein the

maximum is fifteen years, sentence of the Court is to undergo a period of incarceration of not less than eighteen months nor more than seven years.

On Bill 1329, which is the possession, where the maximum is one year, the sentence of the Court is six to twelve months to run concurrently with the bill imposed on 1067.

On Bill 2097, which is the conspiracy and fire bombing case, where the maximum is ten years, the sentence of the Court is to undergo a period of incarceration of not less than one nor more than five years. And that sentence is to run concurrently with the sentence imposed on 1067.

I will entertain a motion to nol-pros all other bills.

MR. ROSS: Judge, I will move to nol-pros all the remaining bills that are before you.

THE COURT: Motion is granted.
All other bills are nol-crossed.

Mr. Ross, would you advise him as to his rights to appeal any or all of the

sentences imposed today?

MR. ROSS: Mr. Cliatt, you have thirty days from today in which to appeal the sentences that have just been handed down on all these cases. Since you pled guilty, as I indicated, you're appellate rights are severely limited.

If you do not notify that you wish to appeal within thirty days, your right to appeal will be considered to be waived.

You have, however, ten days also for you to file a motion with this Court to modify the sentence that was imposed upon you, and you must do that prior to your perfecting your appeal or notice of appeal to the Superior Court.

If you cannot afford to have a lawyer to represent you, one will be appointed for you free of charge. Mr. Deutsch will notify the appellate court if you wish to appeal, if you want to do so, and then a lawyer will be appointed for you if you could not afford one and wanted one. Do you understand that?