

## AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL CVIJANOVICH

Daniel E. Cvijanovich, being duly sworn, states and deposes as follows:

1. On May 30, 2007, I was released from the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, MN pursuant to the completion of a 12 month federal prison sentence for vandalism and written threats against the FBI. I anticipated riding back to Fargo, ND with my parents, and then checking into the Centre halfway house.

2. Instead, I was placed under arrest by Secret Service agent John Kelly. Kelly and another agent, agent Schulenberg, then transported me to the federal courthouse in Minneapolis. Schulenberg drove, while Kelly sat next to me in back. Kelly talked almost non-stop for the entire ride. I said nothing but only listened. Kelly made statements about my parents that seemed manipulative and designed to elicit an emotional reaction. He made grandiose statements about how important I was to the government, describing me as a “domestic terrorist.” He made it clear that he wanted me to confess to attempted murder of President Bush, and he said that he would continue to re-arrest me on “bullshit charges” every time my current prison sentence was expired, until I agreed to do so. He characterized this as “nickel and diming” me. He suggested that if I plead guilty to attempted assassination, I would receive only a 10 year sentence; that I would be “calling the shots” in prison; that publishers and film-makers would be eager to offer me a deal. More than once, he used the phrase “this sells itself” to describe his bizarre demand that I confess to something that never happened. “This sells itself” reminded me of a line by a cop in the movie *Heat*. I wondered whether Kelly had watched the same movies I had. The whole experience felt surreal.


3. Kelly made a number of threats during the van ride which never materialized. He threatened to ensure that I work at McDonald’s forever; to ensure that I wear a GPS monitoring

device forever; to ensure that I never have a family. He repeated his strange promise that a confession to attempted assassination would garner only 10 years in prison. I later found out that such a charge would be “off the charts” of the sentencing guidelines, calling for a life sentence. I believed at the time, and I believe today, that the promise of 10 years was based on conversations I had had with the county jail cellmate who later lied that I was talking about attacking Bush when I got out. I had indicated to my cellmate that I could tolerate a ten year prison sentence, but with anything longer I would prefer the death penalty.

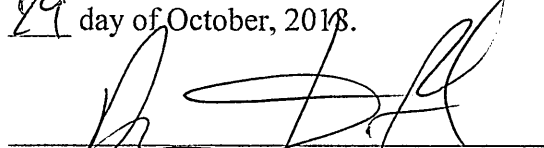
4. In September of 2010, I watched the movie *The Town*, starring Ben Affleck. There is a scene in which Affleck’s character is interrogated by an FBI agent played by Jon Hamm. I was struck by how closely this scene resembled my experience in the van with Agent Kelly. In both cases, bluster and grandiosity and intimidation were used to mask a lack of evidence, a lack of any real power to prosecute.

5. I have written two novels which draw extensively upon my experiences with the Secret Service and with the legal systems of the United States and the state of North Dakota. To date, I have not written much about my interactions with the Secret Service from May of 2007 onward. I intend to do so in the future. I intend to write a thorough and penetrating piece of non-fiction about how the Secret Service operates. It is a fascinating and mostly untold story.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

  
Daniel E. Cvijanovich

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
29 day of October, 2018.

  
Notary Public

