

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/26/00

Hector Bonilla, date of birth November 16, 1968, 495 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado, telephone number 303-875-6930, was contacted at his place of employment, Action Pawn, 3120 South Parker Road, Aurora, Colorado, telephone number 303-750-9900. Bonilla was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. Bonilla provided the following information:

An individual who identified himself to Bonilla as Eric Mitchell, showed up at Bonilla's residence at 495 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado, on the evening of October 24, 2000. Mitchell advised he was a friend of Steve Gartin and asked to speak to Bonilla about a "couple of things." Mitchell stated that Gartin's Yamaha trail bike was missing, and asked if Bonilla knew of its whereabouts. Mitchell stated to Bonilla that there was also an "issue of \$10,000.00 that you know about."

Mitchell also stated to Bonilla that he wanted him (Bonilla) to know that "things don't have to be as bad as they are. No one has to get hurt as long as the proper apologies are made to people."

Mitchell then began speaking in what Bonilla described as a "philosophic" manner regarding how he would have to eventually face God for his actions, and that "sometimes you have to step on ants." Bonilla interpreted this statement as being a threat. Bonilla informed Mitchell that he would see what he could do for him and Mitchell then left the premises.

Bonilla could not see what vehicle Mitchell was driving, but noticed a white truck parked down Quebec street in a no parking zone.

Bonilla was shown a photographic line-up by the interviewing agents, consisting of six white males with facial hair. Bonilla was asked to look at the photographs to determine if he recognized any of the pictured individuals as the one who spoke to him at his residence on October 23, 2000.

Investigation on 10/26/00 at Parker, Colorado

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by SA Curtis J. Maleri
SA Mark Holtslaw

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ARABELLA T. BONILLA DOB 04/27/1937, home address 5063 West Radcliff Avenue, Denver, Colorado, 80236, 303-904-8520, was advised the identity of the interviewing investigator and the purpose of the interview. BONILLA provided the following information.

BONILLA advised she and her two sons, CARLOS BONILLA and HECTOR BONILLA have received threats from the captioned subjects who demanded the BONILLA family pay them \$10,000.00, or the captioned subjects would file liens on all of their real property and threatened to cause bodily harm to the sons if they were not paid.

ARABELLA explained CARLOS met CHARLES HARRY CLEMENTS at a gun show and became friends, CLEMENTS asked CARLOS if a friend of his, STEVEN DOUGLAS GARTIN could stay with him for a short period of time. CARLOS agreed and GARTIN moved into the warehouse he was living in. CARLOS began receiving limited training from GARTIN on self defense tactics. GARTIN asked CARLOS if they could start holding self defense tactics and various martial art's classes in his warehouse. CARLOS asked his mother who said she would have to have her attorney draw up the papers. GARTIN's negative response to CARLOS about the attorney's involvement initially caused a riff to develop between the BONILLA family members. She explained once she learned from her sons about the above described threats made by the captioned subjects she went to her attorney for assistance.

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HECTOR BONILLA DOB 11/16/1968, home address 495 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado, 303-399-6170, business address 3120 South Parker road, Aurora, Colorado, 303-750-9900, was advised the identity of the interviewing investigator and the purpose of the interview. BONILLA provided the following information.

BONILLA advised in the winter of 1999, he requested a meeting with GARTIN to discuss the rumors he had heard about GARTIN preparing to file liens on their properties. HECTOR stated GARTAIN agreed to meet with him and he met GARTIN and CLEMENTS at the PERKINS RESTAURANT located at 4115 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado. They told him it is easy to make us go away either allow us to continue to do our business at the 38th avenue property or give us \$10,000 and we won't do anything. They said if they did not comply with their demands they would ruin their lives, they would file liens on all of their properties and they would be living in jeopardy.

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GLEN R. ANSTINE P.C. office address 4704 Harlan Street, Wheatridge, Colorado, 303-477-1777, was advised the identity of the interviewing investigator and the purpose of the interview. ANSTINE provided the following information.

ANSTINE is the attorney for ARABELLA T. BONILLA. He advised he is attempting to have the spurious liens removed from the real properties belonging to the BONILLA family. ANSTINE faxed this investigator a copy of a lien which has been filed in the JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK and RECORDERS OFFICE against real property owned by ARABELLA located in JEFFERSON COUNTY. ANSTINE stated there is no bearing for the lien and he is attempting to get them removed because ARABELLA is attempting to sell some of her properties and with the spurious liens attached the properties are unmarketable.

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ARABELLA T. BONILLA, DOB 04/27/37, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and investigator and that the purpose of the interview was to discuss her contacts with STEVEN DOUGLAS GARTIN and his associates. BONILLA was interviewed at her residence in Denver, Colorado. BONILLA provided the following information:

BONILLA had been victimized over the past year by GARTIN and some of his associates. GARTIN had filed fictitious liens against her property as a harassment tactic to force her to pay him \$10,000. GARTIN believed BONILLA owed him the money, in lost revenues, because she refused to let him use one of her properties to run a martial arts studio.

BONILLA had been suspicious of GARTIN from the first time she met him. Something about him and his motives did not seem right.

BONILLA's son, CARLOS BONILLA-TAFOYA (CARLOS), was presently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute in Englewood, Colorado, on a Marijuana possession charge. BONILLA believed her son was addicted to Marijuana. CARLOS had met a CHAS CLEMENTS at a local gun show. CLEMENTS was a close associate of GARTIN's. CLEMENTS later asked CARLOS if a friend of his (GARTIN) could stay at one of the family properties. CARLOS later allowed GARTIN to stay, free of charge, in a small converted apartment on the second floor located at 2456 West 38th in Denver. GARTIN did not fill out any paperwork or rental agreement for the property.

GARTIN later asked CARLOS if he could use the entire first floor of the property he was staying at to convert it into a martial arts studio. CARLOS informed GARTIN he would check with his mother. When BONILLA later contacted her attorney concerning the matter, she was advised the liability and insurance would be too great to convert the property from residential to commercial use. When CARLOS informed GARTIN of BONILLA's decision not to let him use the property, he became hostile and threatened CARLOS. GARTIN threatened to make their lives miserable, to harass them with law suits, and to harm them physically.

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BONILLA later discovered a large number of telephone charges on the phone located where GARTIN was staying at. BONILLA became angry and confronted CARLOS, who advised he believed GARTIN had made the calls. BONILLA subsequently disconnected the telephone and evicted GARTIN from the apartment.

Both of BONILLA's sons were afraid of GARTIN and his associates. BONILLA's sons were also afraid these individuals would retaliate against them if they did not cooperate with GARTIN.

On 05/13/00, while BONILLA was still living at one of her properties in Littleton, Colorado, she received a visit during the evening hours from a slender white male, late 30s, with a blond crew cut. The individual, who looked military, inquired whether she was ARABELLA BONILLA. BONILLA refused to identify herself and noticed four other individuals inside a small dark-colored compact car, apparently waiting for the man. The individual advised he had something for BONILLA and when she refused to open her screen door, he left a manilla-colored envelope on her flower stand outside the door.

BONILLA provided the interviewing agents with the manilla envelope, which was subsequently placed into evidence.

BONILLA was aware GARTIN had a Web site on the Internet and that he had made threats against law enforcement on this site.