The "Bedard" referred to in this statement is Fred Bedard, alias Celestino Madieros.

Charlestown State Prison,
Tuesday, May 25, 1926. 12:35 Noon.

In the presence of
Assistant-District Attorney Kelly
Lieutenant-Detective Michael Flemming.

STATEMENTS:- Lieutenant-Detective Flemming introduced Assistant District Attorney Kelly to one James F. Weeks in an office to the left of the rotunda of the State Prison at Charlestown.

Conversation by Assistant District Attorney Kelly.

Mr. Thomson says that he had a talk with Maderious and you. I would like to have you tell me just what you said to Mr. Thomson relative to anything that he asked you.

Weeks. I told him a few things Maderious told me about the case.

Mr. Kelly. Which case?

Weeks. Sacco & Vanzetti. Maderious told me that he was in that case; he told me that Sacco was not in the stick-up at Braintree.

Mr. Kelly. When did he tell you that.

Weeks. He told me before going to Randolph; the stick-up in Oak Street.

Mr. Flemming. How long have you lived in Randolph?

Weeks. Six months, I guess.

Mr. Flemming. So it was while you lived in Randolph that he drove by and,

Weeks. No, he said that he had shot a fellow at Seekonk and came up for a; to stay away for a while. I was working at the time and he told me.

Mr. Flemming. How long have you known Maderious?

Weeks. I met him in 1924.

Mr. Flemming. You did not know him in 1920?

Weeks. No.

Mr. Flemming. Now when he told you about the stick-up in Braintree, did he tell you any of the circumstances connected with it.

Weeks. No.

Mr. Flemming. Did he tell you how much money he secured?

Weeks. No.

Mr. Flemming. Did he tell you that he fired shots or that someone fired shots?

Weeks. Yes, he said he had a gun and shot a man.

Mr. Flemming. Did he tell you that he fired or the man he shot had a gun and fired?

Weeks No.

Mr. Flemming. Did he say that he killed any man?

Weeks. No.

Mr. Flemming. Did he say he shot anyone?

Weeks. No, he did not say.
Later on he named a couple of fellows.

Mr. Flemming. What names.

Weeks. Joe Morrell at Providence; he had a fight at the Blue Bird Inn.

Mr. Flemming. Did he name anybody else?

Weeks. Biffer Barone.

Mr. Flemming. Did he tell Biffer Barone?

Weeks. No, but I was present.

Mr. Flemming. Now he said something about a couple of men in the job with him;- did he tell you who the other men were.

Weeks. No.

Mr. Flemming. Did he say this fellow and another fellow?

Weeks. No, he just said'that gang out there doubled-crossed me on that stick-up.'

Mr. Flemming. He did not say at that time that it was the Braintree stick-up?

Weeks. He did not tell me what time that stick-up was. He told me many times that it was the one that Sacco was in on. He said he should not be on it because he got plenty of money.

Mr. Flemming. Did you think from what he was telling you that he was trying to make himself a real bad man?

Weeks. He was real bad in that last shooting was he not?

Mr. Flemming. How do you feel about your trial, coming here instead of the chair?

Weeks. I feel that I would have gotten better than second second degree if I stood trial, but on the other hand by pleading guilty to second degree I would get out of here in eight or ten years.

Mr. Flemming. Do you know anything about Fred Katzman? I tell you in the presence of the District Attorney that Mr. Katzman is the best criminal criminal lawyer in Massachusetts. He was going mighty light. He would not have done anything for Bedard unless he had the price. He sat down in the presence of Mr. Kelly and myself and pleaded for his client to be given manslaughter. They, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Ranney and Mr. Kelly said no, second degree or go to bat. I am referring to Bedard now who was sitting in the car.

Weeks. Well, I did not do the shooting.

Mr. Flemming. Look at the carbarn case, only one did the shooting.

Now, all the time we used to ride up to see you here you told us nothing about this. If a man is innocent I want to get him out of it. Joe and I are the first fellows you should have told.

You don't know whether you believe Maderious.

Weeks. I don't know.

By Mr. Kelly. How long were you with Bedard?

Weeks. I was only with Bedard a short while. I knew of Bedard in 1916 when I was riding a jitney, but I became intimate with him after meeting Maderious.

Mr. Kelly. Maderious was about sixteen years of age in 1916.

Weeks. I knew of Bedard when he had the Elm Garage in 1916; I did not know Maderious.

Mr. Kelly. When did Maderious talk to you about this; was it the time you spoke of taking the Wrentham Bank?

Weeks. No,

Mr. Kelly. How long before?

Weeks. Before he came up to the Bank; three months previous to that.

Mr. Kelly. Did you know Bedard at that time?

Weeks. Not well, he happened to be over the Blue Bird Inn then.

Mr. Kelly. Did he tell you the name of the woman?

Weeks. No, I saw in the paper that he was connected with it and then he told me.

Mr. Kelly. How long did he stay at that house in Randolph?

Weeks. Part of September and first of October.

By Mr. Flemming. What year.

Weeks. 1924. He was there up to the time of the Wrentham Bank murder. Practically all the time. Between Pawtucket and my house.

Mr. Kelly. You told Mr. Thomson practically what you told us?

Weeks. He took a few questions down like that and went away.

By Mr. Flemmmng. Did you tell anybody at anytime that Maderious had told you that he was in that hold-up in Braintree.

Weeks. He spoke of it in the presence of others. He spoke about it before Steve Barrister.

Mr. Flemming. Do you remember that at any time the statements were made that he was drunk or in a stupor.

Weeks. He never drank much liquor.

Mr. Kelly. Did he tell you about the gunfight with a fellow resulting from a girl at the time he told this story?

Weeks. No he told me before that.

Mr. Kelly. Had he had any gunfight with anyone up to that time?

Weeks. No.

Mr. Kelly. Was the time the girl he said he shot, before that time?

Weeks. No he did not tell me about that until we were at Dedham.

Mr. Kelly. Did he tell you about any other shootings.

Weeks. Yes, he told me about a number of hold-ups, a stick-up some short time ago, he did not know where it was.

Mr. Kelly. Did he at one time tell you all this stuff or did it come to you one story now and one again later.

Weeks. No, he just mentioned this other one outside the Braintree job; the shooting of the woman and a hold-up now and then. He said there was a hold-up in New Bedford after the Wrentham affair. That is the only

three I know anything about that he told me. I think he told me while out in Bedard's car.

Mr. Kelly. He left your house at Randolph in Bedard's car? How long was that before he was arrested?

Weeks. Soon after the Wrentham affair some two or three days.

Mr. Kelly. This hold-up was sometime between the time he left your house and the time he was arrested.

Weeks Yes.

Mr. Kelly. Do you know where these Morrells are?

Weeks. I think Joe is in Atlanta doing twelve years and twenty thousand fine.

Mr. Kelly. Was that three or four years ago?

Weeks. Yes, I think it was.

Mr. Kelly. Did he have a record at that time?

Weeks. Yes.

Mr. Flemming. Did Maderious know these fellows.

Weeks. He told me that he did.

Mr. Kelly. Did Morrell go to Atlanta from Rhode Island?

Weeks. Yes.

Mr. Flemming. Was there a Mike Morrell?

Weeks. A Frank Morell. The name I knew him by; Joe and the gang consisted of Joe; Buttsy; Patsey and a fellow called Gyp the Blood, he was sent away too when Joe was.

Mr. Flemming. What gang was that?

Weeks. The Morrell Gang.

Mr. Flemming. Was there two Morrell brothers?

Weeks. Three Morrell Brothers. Biffer Barone also went to Atlanta, but he was out after the Blue Bird affair.

Mr. Flemming. You don't know what Gyp the Blood's names are?

Weeks. No Sir.

Mr. Flemming. He was a Providence fellow?

Weeks. Yes.

Mr. Flemming. Would the Inspectors in Providence know him?

Weeks. Most likely they would.