

AFFIDAVIT

I, Oliver J. Curtis, of Dedham, in the County of Norfolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of legal age and competent to testify, do on oath depose and say as follows:

That I am Deputy Sheriff of said Norfolk County and have been for the past 28 years; that the principal duty that I have to perform as such Deputy Sheriff is that of Deputy Master of the Jail and House of Correction; that on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1925, I was engaged in the performance of said duties and was at the Dedham Jail and House of Correction from 6 A.M. until 6 P.M.; that some time in the afternoon of said day an inmate of said institution by the name of Edward Miller, alias Reagan, came to me with the request that Celestine F. Madeiros be allowed to take the financial report of the Sacco-Vanzetti Defence Committee, stating that Sacco said that he might have it; that I delivered to said Edward Miller, alias Reagan, the said pamphlet, which is hereto annexed and marked "Exhibit A" and I saw him go with the said pamphlet in his hand toward the east wing of the Jail and saw him go down stairs into the pit, so-called, where cell Number 5 is located, in which cell Celestine F. Madeiros was at the time confined; that after a lapse of thirty or forty minutes, the same prisoner, namely, Edward Miller, alias Reagan, returned with said pamphlet, "Exhibit A", together with a written statement, a copy of which is hereto annexed and marked "Exhibit B", said statement being contained in an addressed envelope a copy of which is hereto annexed and marked "Exhibit C"; that at this time the said Celestine F. Madeiros had been an inmate of the Dedham Jail since the eighth day of November, A. D. 1924; that so far as I have any knowledge this was the first time he had made any statement, oral or written, with reference to the Sacco-Vanzetti case.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

May 24, 1926.

Then personally appeared the above-named Oliver J. Curtis and made oath that the above affidavit by him subscribed is true,

Before me,

Notary Public.

"Exhibit A"

" Nov. 16, 1925.

Dedham

Mass.

43 Village Av.

Dear Editor

I hear by confess to being in the shoe company
crime at south Braintree on April 15 1920 and that Sacco
and Vanzetti was not there

(Signed)

Celestino F. Madeiros "

"Exhibit B"

"
C. F. Madeiros
43 Village Av.
Dedham, Mass.

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Lacco-Vanzetti Case

Sacco-Vanzetti-Affidavit of Oliver J. Curtis

