

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Nos. 5545 and 5546.

Criminal Session.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

v.

NICOLA SACCO and BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI

AFFIDAVIT OF NICOLA SACCO

My name is Nicola Sacco and I am at present and have been for many months confined in the Dedham Jail at Dedham, Massachusetts. I am one of the two defendants in the above entitled case, having been convicted of murder in connection with the payroll robbery which, I understand on information and belief, occurred on April 15, 1920, in South Braintree, Massachusetts. I had no part in the South Braintree robbery and murder, was not present when it occurred and learned of it only after it had taken place.

Sometime prior to November 18, 1925, while I was confined at the Dedham Jail awaiting the result of a Bill of Exceptions filed in my behalf, a man by the name of Celestino Madeiros was also confined at the Dedham Jail, on an indictment for or conviction of murder in connection with an attempted bank robbery at Wrentham, Massachusetts in 1924. I had never known or seen Madeiros before he was confined at the Dedham Jail and my acquaintance with him in the jail was casual like my acquaintance with other prisoners. On several occasions, a short time prior to November 18, 1925, in the bathroom of the jail, Madeiros said to me

"Nick, I know who did the South Braintree job."

I thought that Madeiros was just kidding me and so I said nothing. At this time Madeiros, was, as I understand on information and belief, awaiting the outcome of a Bill of Exceptions filed in his behalf after a conviction for murder in connection with the Wrentham bank robbery.

One evening, on or before November 18, 1925, a man whose name I understand was Miller and who seemed to act as a messenger around the jail, handed to me, in my cell, a copy of a magazine which I believe was "Hearst's International". As he gave me the magazine he told me that it was from Celestino Madeiros and that I should look inside. On opening the magazine I found a slip of paper which read as follows:

"I hear by confess to being in the south Braintree shoe company crime and Sacco and Vanzetti was not in said crime."

(Signed) Celestino F. Madeiros

I have been furnished with a photostatic copy of the slip which I found in the magazine and I am annexing this copy to my affidavit, calling it Exhibit A.

It is my recollection that immediately upon receiving this confession I requested the jail authorities to send word to Mr. Amleto Fabbri, a member of my defense committee, to come to see me. Mr. Fabbri did come to see me the following day, as I recall, and I gave him the Madeiros confession and asked him to deliver it immediately to Mr. William G. Thompson, my attorney.

The foregoing statements are true of my personal knowledge, except such as are stated to be made upon information and belief, and those I have been informed are true and I believe them to be true.

Nicola Sacco

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Boston, May 22, 1926

Then personally appeared the above named Nicola Sacco and made oath that the foregoing statement subscribed by him is true. Before me:

Hubert B. Thurman
Justice of the Peace

by Commissioner Espinoza March 21, 1930.

I have been very busy in the past few days and have not had time to write you. I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will get better soon. I am writing you now because I have not had time to write you before. I am very busy now. I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will get better soon. I am writing you now because I have not had time to write you before. I am very busy now.

GENERAL BOND
MADE IN U.S.A.

EXHIBIT A

I bear by confess to being in
the south Braintree shoe
company crime and Sacco
and Vanzetti was not in
said crime
Celestino F. Medeiros

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