

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Nos. 5545 and 5546.

Criminal Session

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

v.

NICOLA SACCO and BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI

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AFFIDAVIT OF ALBERT L. CARPENTER.

My name is Albert L. Carpenter. I reside in Boston. I am a salesman for the Boston Consolidated Gas Company in their wholesale department, selling gas ranges.

I first had to do with the Sacco-Vanzetti case on March 14, 1922. Mr. Moore, whom I had previously known in Seattle, telegraphed me at Chicago, where I then was, and asked me to help him in certain investigations which he was then making.

Some time before this Mr. Moore had been to the Federal Prison at Atlanta for the purpose of interviewing two prisoners then there named Jacob Luban and Frank Martini, whom Mr. Moore suspected were involved in the South Braintree crime. I am informed by records and believe that at that time Joseph Morelli was also a prisoner at Atlanta serving a sentence imposed upon him by the United States District Court of Rhode Island for stealing or receiving goods stolen from freight cars in interstate commerce; and that one Emil Moller, a Dane, was also serving a term there for house-breaking committed in the District of Columbia. I have no personal knowledge of the interviews that took place between Mr. Moore and Luban and Martini at Atlanta. My knowledge on that subject is derived from statements subsequently made to me by Mr. Moore himself, and by statements made to me by Moller. The purpose of this affidavit is to state what Moller subsequently told me occurred at Atlanta



after Mr. Moore's visit. Before making this statement I will say that Moller some time after June 8, 1924, was deported from the United States by the immigration authorities and is not now in the United States. My information and belief is that he is in Canada. I know that about eight months after his deportation he was in Boston because I was in Boston and he telephoned me and stated that he had come down from Canada, where he was then living. He said that he intended to return to Canada at once. The purpose of his calling me up was to find out where Mr. Moore was. I told him the fact, namely, that Mr. Moore was then in New York.

My other conversation with Moller was in the jail at Washington, D. C., on Friday morning, November 9, 1923. I went to Washington to interview Moller in consequence of a letter sent by him under date of November 1, 1923, to the Boston Bar Association, and referred to Mr. Moore.

The substance of what Moller told me was as follows: That Luban, Martini, and Morelli were at that time prison pals; that Moller had a typewriter in prison which he used in the interest of Luban, Morelli, and Martini; that Luban had from time to time been employed by the William J. Burns Detective Agency, as, for instance, in the Becker case in New York, and that he had influence with Mr. Burns, and that Morelli and Martini had assurances from Luban that he would use his influence with Burns in their favor in the way of parole or other benefits; that immediately after Mr. Moore left Atlanta, Luban, Martini, and Morelli, in conversation with Moller, arranged that they should all swear to an alibi for Morelli, Martini, and Luban on April 15, 1920, to the effect that on that day they were all at the American Lodging House on Forty-sixth Street, New York, which was then being run by the wife of Luban, and that they were playing poker; that they were all afraid that evidence would be



uncovered connecting them with the Sacco-Vanzetti case. Moller's language to me, of which I took notes, was as follows:

"That I was to testify that on the night particularly of April fifteenth I was playing poker with Paul Martini and Jake Luban and Joe Morelli, and myself. That the game lasted the entire night. That prior to that time and after I had been living at the American Lodging House, Forty-sixth Street, which was then being run by the wife of Luban. I had agreed to testify to this alibi as had Morelli. Morelli is now a prisoner in the Mountville Prison, in West Virginia. His number is 2347. His home address is 25 Marietta Street, Providence, Rhode Island."

Moller told me that these three men had been acquainted before they were in Atlanta, and he also told me that although the talk about the alibi seemed to be partly for the benefit of Luban and Martini, it was, in his opinion, really for the benefit of Joe Morelli, who did not wish Moller to suspect his own connection with the South Braintree crime. Moller did not tell me what ground he had for this statement.

Moller was released from Atlanta February 23, 1923, and from jail in Washington shortly after I saw him. After he was released from the Washington jail he came on to Boston and I saw him again, and he again repeated to me the above statements, and also made many statements not material to the present matter. In the telephone conversation that I subsequently had with him, to which I have referred, he told me that after he was released from jail in Washington he had been about a month in Providence in the interest of Joe Morelli, trying to get people interested in obtaining a parole for Joe, and that his activities had been discovered and a deportation order issued against him, and that that was the occasion of his being finally deported. I have also seen letters written by Moller at this time on the letter head of the Narragansett Hotel, Weybosset and Dorrance Streets, Providence, R. I.

Albert L. Banzett



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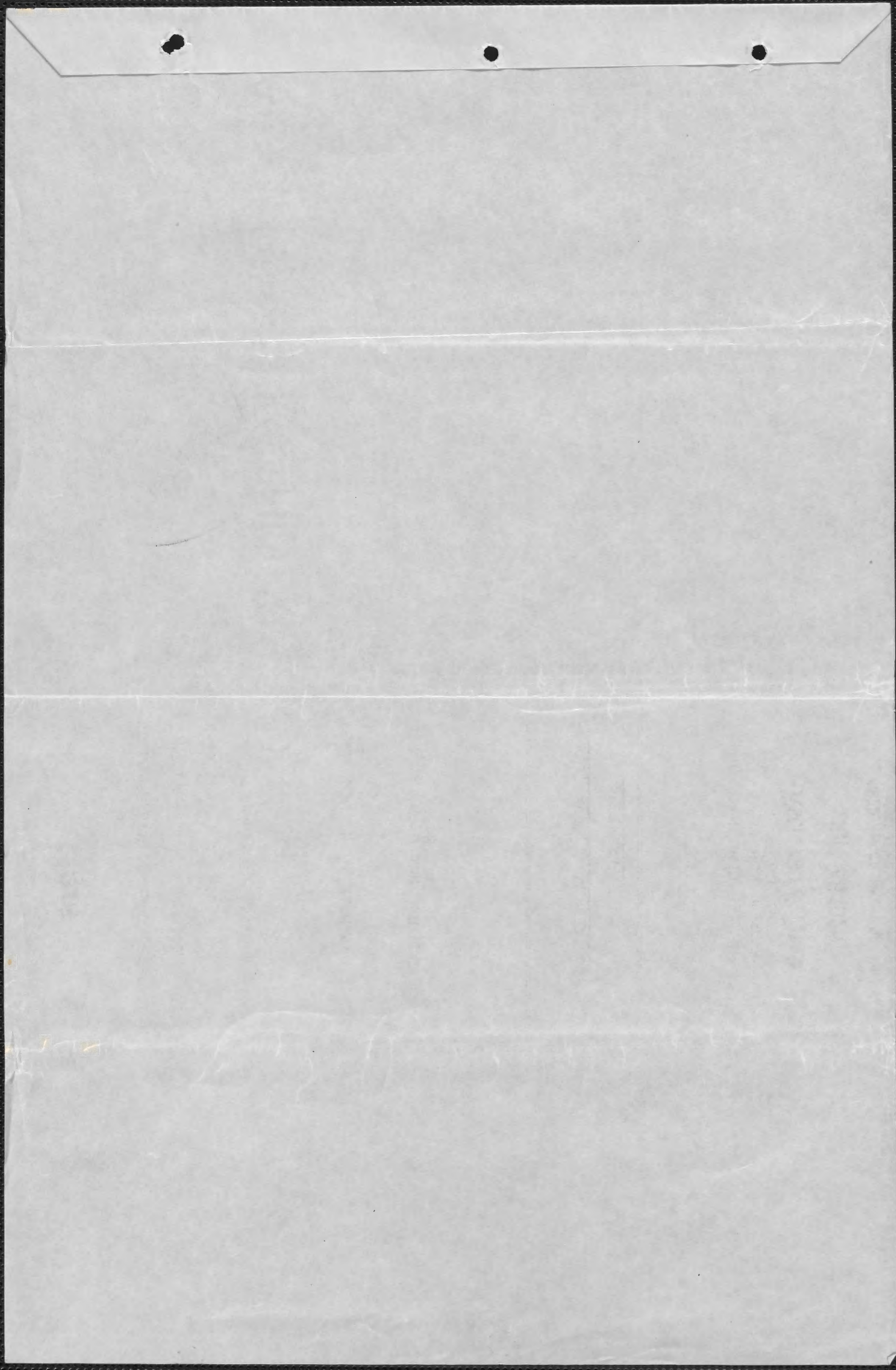
Boston, June 25, 1926

Then personally appeared the above named Albert L. Carpenter and made oath that the foregoing statement subscribed by him is true. Before me,



George E. Hears  
~~Justice of the Peace,~~  
Notary Public  
My Com. Expires Jan 20, 1933.





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