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SALVATORE AMARENA, AKA SAL AMARENA, SAMMY PAXTON; ALADENA
T. FRATIANNO, AKA JIMMY "THE WEASEL" FRATIANNO; BENNY BARRISH;
MICHAEL RUDY THAM, AKA RUDY THAM; RICO; OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

ON MAY 20, 1976, THOMAS E. KOTOSKE, SAN FRANCISCO STRIKE FORCE (SFSF) ADVISED THAT FOR SOME MONTHS ATF, SAN FRANCISCO, HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING SUBJECT AMARENA, OWNER AND OPERATOR SAL'S PIZZA PARLOR, AND WELL-KNOWN SAN FRANCISCO HOODLUM, BASED ON INFORMATION HE WAS DEALING IN STOLEN GUNS. INVESTIGATION MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AND DURING EARLY APRIL, 1976, ATF INTRODUCED A SOURCE, SHARON EILEEN WHITCOMB, WFA, DOB FEBRUARY 15, 1955, UNDER COVER NAME PATRICIA SUMMERS, INTO THE INVESTIGATION. SUMMERS ORIGINALLY FROM SEATTLE WASHINGTON, AND HAS BEEN TRUSTED AND RELIABLE SOURCE FOR ATF. SHE RECENTLY SOLD AN INTEREST IN SEATTLE MESSAGE PARLOR, THEREFORE, ATF USED THIS FACT AS PART OF A COVER STORY, I.E., SHE IS RECEIVING MONTHLY PAYMENTS DUE TO THE SALE, AND THAT SHE HAS CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS SEATTLE HOODLUM FIGURES. DURING EARLY APRIL, 1976, SOURCE MADE CONTACT WITH AMARENA AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY HIRED AS A WAITRESS. SHE HAS SLOWLY GAINED CONFIDENCE AND TRUST OF AMARENA AS WELL AS MANY OF

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HIS ASSOCIATES. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS SHE HAS BEEN HANDLING
THE BOOKKEEPING FOR THE BUSINESS.

DUE TO LACK OF MANPOWER AND BASED ON INFORMATION BEING
FURNISHED BY SOURCE ON DAILY BASIS RE ACTIVITIES OF CONTACTS
OF AMARENA, ATF ENLISTED ASSISTANCE OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE
DEPARTMENT (SFPD) - INTELLIGENCE UNIT. SINCE MID-APRIL, 1976,
THEY HAVE ASSIGNED FULLTIME TWO INSPECTORS FROM THE INTELLIGENCE
UNIT, PLUS SIX OFFICERS, ONE FEMALE, TO HANDLE PHOTOGRAPHIC
AND PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES, SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK, FROM A
TOWER LOCATED NEAR SAL'S PIZZA PARLOR.

AMARENA HAS DISCLOSED TO SOURCE THAT HE PREVIOUSLY
WORKED FOR SANTO TRAFFICANTE IN FLORIDA AND "OWES ALLEGIANCE
TO HIM", THAT HE OPERATED TWO NIGHTCLUBS IN CUBA SOME YEARS
AGO BUT WAS FORCED OUT BY FIDEL CASTRO. HE SUBSEQUENTLY
OPERATED A NIGHTCLUB IN NEW ORLEANS ^{LA.} WHERE HE CLAIMS HE HAD
CONTACT WITH CARLOS MARCELLO. ATF HAS VERIFIED AMARENA'S
CLAIM RE OPERATION OF NIGHTCLUBS IN CUBA AND NEW ORLEANS.
HE ALSO DISCLOSED TO SOURCE AND IT IS VERIFIED BY SURVEILLANCE
THAT HE IS CLOSE CONTACT AND CONFIDENT OF VARIOUS ORGANIZED

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CRIME FIGURES; NAMELY, ALADENA FRATIANNO, CURRENT UNDERBOSS LOS
ANGELES LCN "FAMILY" AND RESIDENT SAN FRANCISCO AREA; MIKE
RIZZATELLI, LCN MEMBER, LOS ANGELES FAMILY, AND BENNY BARRISH,
WELL-KNOWN SAN FRANCISCO HOODLUM. HE IS ALSO CLOSE ASSOCIATE
OF RUDY THAM, SAN FRANCISCO TEAMSTER OFFICIAL.

SUBJECT AMARENA, BUFILE 92-7148, HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY VARIOUS FIELD OFFICES, PRINCIPLE OFFICES
TAMPA AND NEW ORLEANS. BUREAU INVESTIGATION HAS IN THE PAST
ESTABLISHED THAT HE WAS SUSPECTED LCN MEMBER AND ASSOCIATE OF
SANTO TRAFFICANTE AND HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS HAVING CONTACTS AND
CONNECTIONS WITH VARIOUS UNDERWORLD FIGURES. HE OWNED AND
OPERATED THE BLACK MAGIC BAR AND LOUNGE, NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA, DURING EARLY 1960S. HE HAS EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD
INCLUDING ARRESTS FOR ARMED ROBBERY, THEFT, BATTERY, AND
GAMBLING, FBI # 167 160 B. SINCE LATE 1974, HE HAS BEEN
RESIDING SAN FRANCISCO AREA AND OPERATED ^{UPL.} SAL'S PIZZA PARLOR.
SAN FRANCISCO SOURCES HAVE REGULARLY REPORTED ON HIS ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING FACT HE APPEARS TO BE "FRONT MAN" FOR FRATIANNO.

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BRIEFLY, SOURCE'S INFORMATION, VERIFIED BY SURVEILLANCES,

IS AS FOLLOWS:

SAL'S PIZZA PARLOR IS A "WATERHOLE" FOR ABOVE LCN FIGURES AND HOODLUMS NAMED ABOVE AS WELL AS MANY BURGLARS, PIMPS, AND PROSTITUTES. DURING RECENT WEEKS, SOURCE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY AMARENA AND HIS ASSOCIATES AND ON OCCASION HAS BEEN PRIVY TO CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS. SHE HAS OVERHEARD FRATIANNO AND BARRISH DISCUSS FACT THEY HAVE SHYLOCK MONEY ON THE STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO. FRATIANNO AND RIZZATELLI HAVE DISCUSSED MUSCLING IN ON PORNOGRAPHY BUSINESS IN SAN FRANCISCO. FRATIANNO IS IN SAL'S PIZZA PARLOR ON A DAILY BASIS WHEN IN TOWN AND APPEARS TO CONFIDE AND DISCUSS HIS INVOLVEMENT IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WITH AMARENA.

FRATIANNO AND AMARENA RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE SHIPMENT OF \$100,000 WORTH OF STOLEN FURS TO AUSTRALIA, DURING JUNE, 1976 INDICATING FURS WILL COME OUT OF NEW YORK CITY. SOURCE WAS INTRODUCED TO TWO VISITING AUSTRALIANS, GEORGE COUNTIS, AKA DUKE AND SIR PETER BABLES, REPORTED HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION WORKERS, AUSTRALIA, WHO MET WITH FRATIANNO AND THAM. SHE

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OVERHEARD THESE INDIVIDUALS DISCUSS PROPOSED SHIPMENT OF MEAT FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED STATES AND FROM COMMENTS BELIEVES IT WOULD BE STOLEN.

ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, AMARENA HAS CLOSED RESTAURANT DURING THE AFTERNOON AND ORDERED EMPLOYEES OUT, THEREAFTER, HE MET WITH OTHER HOODLUMS IN THE RESTAURANT INCLUDING FRATIANNO, BARRISH AND THAM.

AMARENA IS A FENCE AND SOURCE HAS OBSERVED HIM HANDLE JEWELRY, CAMERAS AND MANY OTHER ITEMS. ON MAY 11, 1976, SOURCE PERSONALLY OBSERVED AMARENA MAIL A LARGE PACKAGE CONTAINING \$2,000 WORTH OF STOLEN CAMERAS TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

SFPD HAS PHOTOS AND FISUR LOGS BY DAY VERIFYING ABOVE MEETS. SOURCE HAS KNOWLEDGE RE TRAVEL OF FRATIANNO AND OTHERS WHICH HAS ENABLED SFPD TO NOTIFY OTHER INTELLIGENCE UNITS IN CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, AND NEW YORK, WHO HAVE COVERED MEETS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO SUBJECTS AND MOB FIGURES IN THOSE AREAS.

ON MAY 17, 1976, ATF OFFICIALS APPRISED KOTOSKE THAT THEY COULD NO LONGER JUSTIFY OPERATING AND PAYING SOURCE

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ABOUT \$910 PER MONTH SINCE NO VIOLATIONS UNDER JURISDICTION ATF DEVELOPED. AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES ATF, SFPD - INTELLIGENCE UNIT, AND KOTOSKE, IT WAS AGREED THAT INVESTIGATION SHOULD CONTINUE AS INTELLIGENCE AND EVIDENCE OBTAINED TO DATE CLEARLY INDICATES SUBJECTS ARE INVOLVED IN VARIOUS FEDERAL AND STATE VIOLATIONS. ATF CONTACTED SOURCE AND SHE IS AGREEABLE TO CONTINUE IN CURRENT CAPACITY UNDER DIRECTION ANOTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE HAS REVIEWED ATF SOURCE REPORTS, SFPD PHOTOS AND FISUR LOGS. DATA DEVELOPED TO DATE, CLEARLY INDICATES SOURCE IS INVALUABLE AND IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING INFORMATION AND COVERAGE OF THIS HOODLUM ELEMENT. MATERIAL IS OF EXTREME INTELLIGENCE VALUE, AND AS NOTED, OFFERS EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR PROSECUTION OF SUBJECTS ON FEDERAL CHARGES.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE HAS MET WITH SOURCE AND SHE IMPRESSES AS AN INTELLIGENT, MATURE INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN BE CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE WOULD TESTIFY IN FEDERAL OR STATE COURT IF SAME BECAME NECESSARY AT A LATER DATE.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE DESIRES TO UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATION AS CAPTIONED UTILIZING SOURCE. SFPD - INTELLIGENCE UNIT EXTREMELY DESIROUS OF CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS OFFICE. AT THIS TIME IT WOULD APPEAR THAT BASED ON SOURCE'S CONTINUING INFORMATION, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OBTAINING TITLE III COVERAGE AT SAL'S PIZZA PARLOR.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

APPROVE UTILIZING SOURCE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS UP TO

\$910 PER MONTH (APARTMENT \$235; UTILITIES \$70; CAR RENTAL \$95; PARKING \$30; FOR INFORMATION AND EXPENSES INCURRED \$480)

FOR A THREE MONTH PERIOD. AT THAT TIME AN EVALUATION WILL BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS ARE WARRANTED. IT IS QUITE CONCEIVABLE THAT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE MAY BE DEVELOPED BEFORE THAT TIME AND RESULT IN INDICTMENTS AND ARRESTS OF SUBJECTS.
END.