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to John Alite regarding your threatening email of August 4th

4 Attachments, 666 KB

Mr. Alite,

I consider your (attached) rambling, false and defamatory email to me (received on August 4th with the subject matter "Jerk off") to constitute a threat.

In that email you not only falsely accused me of being a "Heroin addict who was chased from his work n (sic) television," "Arrogant (sic) spineless who chases crumbs after a dog" a "passive aggressive threat to a women," a "lap dog," a "boy toy" and one who tried to "sleep with reporters (sic) from the Daily Mail," but you challenged me to meet you in Little Italy," as if, during a face-to-face confrontation you could take your cyber-bullying to another level.

As such, I reached out to the lead Justice Department prosecutor in U.S. vs. John A. Gotti, (the 2009 trial during which you testified). My call to his office was referred to the FBI and on Friday I had a lengthy conversation with an SSA and a Special Agent in Los Angeles after lodging a formal complaint against you.

They immediately investigated, and while federal prosecutors have since determined that the email did not rise to the level of a prosecutable crime, they assured me that the Bureau is continuing to monitor the matter.

Further, I sent a detailed email today to the Duty Officer of the U.S. Department of Probation in Camden which has jurisdiction over your Supervised Release. In it I raised probative questions as to whether or

not you are violating the conditions of your five (5) year probation.

I've been in touch the clerks for your your sentencing Judge Susan Bucklew in the U.S. District Court for The Middle District of Florida (Tampa Division) because I believe that she may have been misled by federal prosecutors as to the quality of your alleged "substantial assistance." It was her belief that your cooperation sent made "Members" of the Mafia to prison that resulted in Judge Bucklew severing 20 months from you initial 120 month prison sentence.

Finally, on this email I'm copying Beth Silfin, V.P. and Associate General Counsel at HarperCollins (HCP) which published "Gotti's Rules," as well as Michael Morrison, President and Publisher at HCP, both of whom know me, my reputation for honesty, my work ethic and my level of care, since I authored four detailed investigative books for HarperCollins on counter terrorism and organized crime between 2003 and 2013.

### **YOUR REGULAR TRIPS OUT OF NJ AND MEETINGS WITH EX-MAFIOSO**

After the publication of "Gotti's Rules" I only marginally followed you as you've visited multiple states to promote the book, including New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Florida and Ohio.

But after your appearance at a July 24th, 2015 fundraiser for the Epilepsy Foundation in Cleveland I was surprised to read in the coverage of the event by Theresa Neuhoff, that you had admitted to more than "40 murders."

At least that's what she wrote in her initial story on July 30th, then abruptly changed it to "40 shootings" when I emailed her to ask if she had a video or transcript of the event.

<http://www.news-herald.com/opinion/20150730/neuhoff-former-mafia-members-explain-why-the-life-should-not-be-glamorized>

In that same piece she also wrote that you said you'd "spent 20 years

in prison” when we know you only did six and change.

It was my polite email traffic with Ms. Neuhoff that triggered your “Jerk off” email, but apart from its baseless allegations, your taunt in that screed that I should meet you in Little Italy was additional evidence that you leave New Jersey with impunity.

That caused me to spend some time researching your involvement in U.S. vs. Ronald Trucchio, the Tampa indictment that led to your conditional release.

Query whether, per the strict terms of your parole you are getting permission from your probation officer each time you leave The Garden State?

Also, the many pictures you’ve published (on Facebook and Instagram) showing you with convicted Bonnano family wise guy James “Jimmy Gap” Calandra and Gambino Associate Pasquale Pasty Andriano, who pled guilty to the brutal murder of John Gebert, are prima facie evidence that you are violating the prohibition against meeting with organized crime figures — one of the bedrock conditions of your Supervised Release.

### **WHY SHOULD ANYONE CARE ABOUT THIS?**

Why John? Because, whether or not we believe your rantings against Gotti Jr. or your self-confessed murder stats, you were a hyper-violent criminal who pled guilty to your involvement in two homicides, four murder conspiracies, at least eight shootings and two attempted shootings, not to mention a series of armed home invasions in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida.

Despite that background Gotti’s Jr.’s fourth federal prosecution ended in a mistrial even though you were the government’s “star” witness.

See veteran AP reporter Tom Hays coverage which noted that you’d “bombed on the witness stand.”

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/12/01/gotti-mistrial-junior-got\\_n\\_375769.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/12/01/gotti-mistrial-junior-got_n_375769.html)

"The whole jury agreed (Alite) was the least credible," said one juror who refused to give his name. The jurors identities were withheld by the court for their protection, a common practice in mob cases.

### **BOASTING ABOUT HOW YOU TORTURED A MAN**

One of the low points for the Feds at trial came when on both direct and cross examination you boasted about the time you found an electrician you'd hired, in your bed at your home in NJ and proceeded to "pipe" him, strip him naked, force him into a freezing pond on your property, shoot at him and then tie him up naked in your unheated garage in the middle of winter while you casually went to dinner. Naturally you testified that "Gotti Jr" made you do it.

That's that kind of behavior one would expect from ISIS or The Taliban, not a low level Mafia associate.

But as I noted in my Foreword to Gotti Jr.'s biography "Shadow of My Father," even Jerry Capeci, who excoriated the Gottis over the years in his Gangland column, seemed taken aback by the story.

[http://peterlance.com/Shadow\\_Final\\_Foreword\\_1\\_19\\_15.pdf](http://peterlance.com/Shadow_Final_Foreword_1_19_15.pdf)

"A few days later on cross examination," he wrote, "defense lawyer Charles Carnesi raised the incident in an effort to stress how wildly Alite 'reacted' on his own because he felt he had been made a fool of. That's when Alite suddenly recalled that before he 'hurt the guy' he drove to Queens and 'got permission' from 'John Gotti Junior.' The convenient interjection of Gotti's name in a story that had been told in excruciating detail the first time around must have served as a bright red warning flag to jurors about the government's top witness."

### **YOUR BRIEF CAREER AS A TESTIFYING WITNESS**

In light of that and the fact that after “Gotti Jr. IV” the Feds never again used you as a testifying witness, I found it curious when, in March, while promoting “Gotti’s Rules” on a NJ cable program, George Anastasia (author of the book) told host Steve Adubato that he believed you because he’d read “all the transcripts” in that trial and the previous prosecution of Gambino hit man Charles Carneglia during which you testified.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVbUR8mmiqA&feature=em-sub-digest-vrecs>

In the Carneglia trial, the principal count on which you gave sworn testimony (the murder of Albert Gelb) also resulted in a hung jury. So doing the math, you did nothing to convict “Members” of organized crime as two separate AUSA’s told Judge Bucklew, leading to your early release.

I’m talking about “made guys,” not associates like you or your crew who took pleas after they learned that you'd flipped.

During that same interview you stated that you “told the government I may have been involved in almost up to 14-15 homicides.” So which was it John? The two that you pled to? Or a dozen more? And if you confessed to an additional 12 why didn’t they charge you and use those hits as leverage in your plea deal?

Even host Steve Adubato, listening to you, felt compelled to ask Anastasia why he believed you. Indeed, as a veteran journalist myself with extensive knowledge of organized crime and federal prosecutions I had to ask myself whether Anastasia was reading the same transcripts I was.

### **FURTHER SPINNING THE GOTTI JR. AS INFORMANT CLAIM**

In that same NJ program you and Anastasia supported the false allegation that Gotti Jr. was a “cooperator” (in street parlance “a rat”) based on one 45 minute proffer session in 2005 during which he gave

the Feds false information and never resulted in any agreement for him to become a CW as you did.

On February 6th, 2015 you took the “proffer session” claim to a new level of absurdity, going so far as to claim that Gotti Jr. was a “confidential informant,” akin to Whitey Bulger or the murderous Gregory Scarpa Sr.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24Y4NHDbYE4>

### **WHERE’S THE GRAPHIC EVIDENCE?**

Apart from casting yourself as Gotti Jr.’s Sammy “The Bull,” one of the most revealing discoveries in “Gotti’s Rules” is how, despite claiming that late in his Mafia career Gotti Jr. personally ordered you to “do hits,” the only pictures you have of the two of you together are from your early 20’s, long before, as Gotti Jr. insists he “chased you” out of New York.



How was it John, if you were his “baby sitter” and killed people on his direct orders years later, that during the trial, the Feds never produced a single surveillance photo, video or audio recording of the two of you together — despite the fact that Gotti Jr. was under almost constant FBI surveillance for years.

## **THE SON OF SAM ISSUE**

In multiple emails I detailed for HCP why I thought publishing “Gotti’s Rules” was a mistake. Apart from your low-level status and credibility problems there was the “Son of Sam” law which had caused blowback for HarperCollins when they published “Underboss,” Peter Maas’s account of Sammy “The Bull.”

<http://observer.com/1998/01/sammy-the-bull-gravano-isnt-squealing-all-the-way-to-the-bank/>

Even though on your best day as a wannabe “wiseguy” you couldn’t come close to the level of access Gravano had, “Gotti’s Rules” could have consequences if the families of your murder victims decided they wanted to make a move on the royalties.

Sure you only pled to two murders and Gravano admitted to 19, but given your recent bragging, who knows what the legal implications are for you?

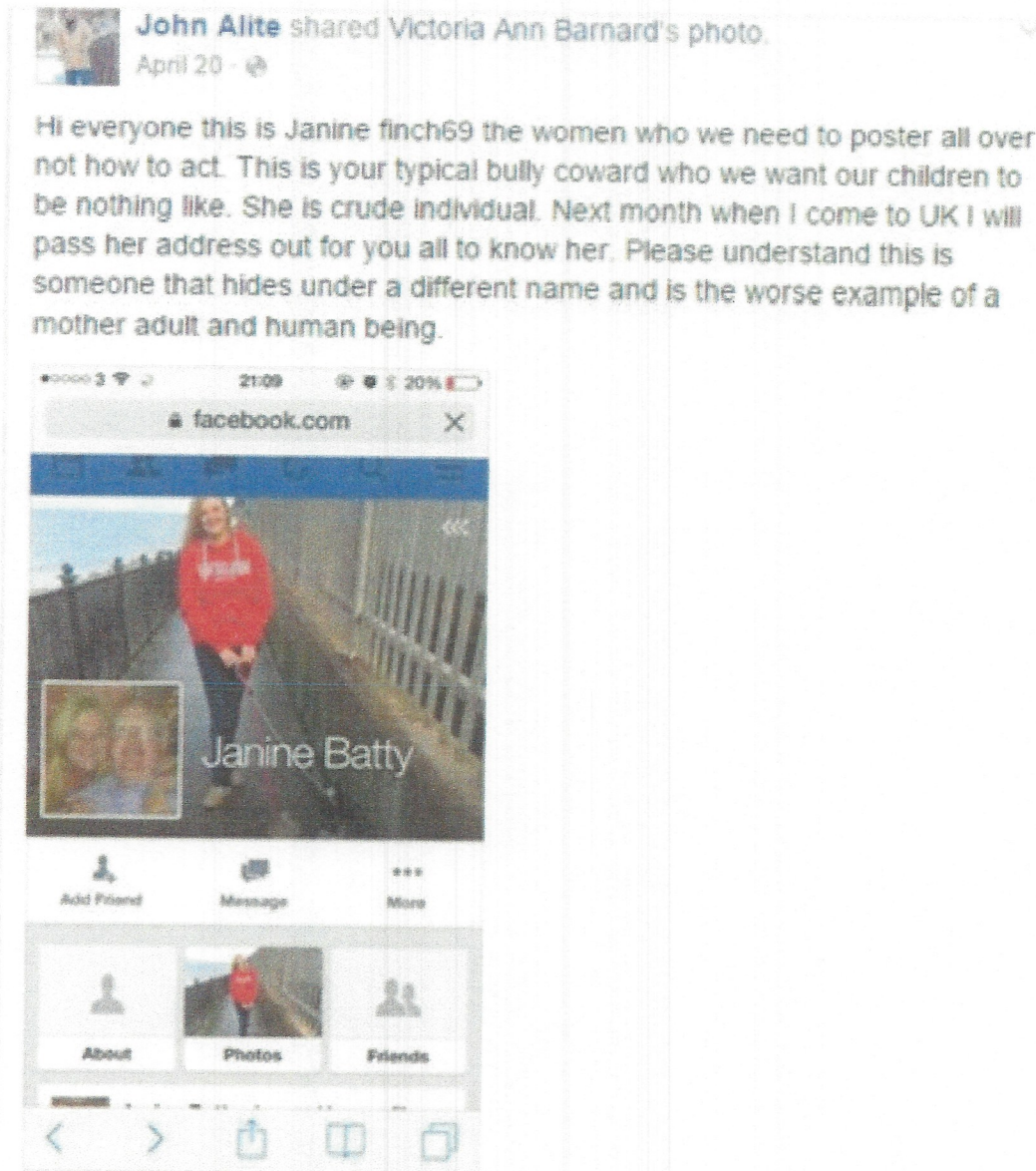
In any case, whether or not you’re a fabricator who seems to make up stuff at will, any convicted felon who would admit under oath to the kind of sociopathic behavior you did in detailing your torture of that poor electrician ought to be considered dangerous. Your propensity to strike out at anyone who criticizes you also makes you the kind of unknown quantity the U.S. Department of Probation should keep on a short leash.

## **YOUR THREAT TO THE WOMAN IN THE UK**

As I noted today in my letter to the Duty Office in Camden, on April 20th, apparently in retaliation for criticism of you by a British woman named Janine Finch, you posted a picture of her showing Mrs. Finch and her husband with this comment:

"Hi everyone (sic) This is Janine finch69 the women who we need to poster all over how not to act. This is your typical bully coward who we want our children to be nothing like. She is (sic) crude individual. Next month when I

come to the UK I will pass her address out for you all to know her. Please understand this is someone that hides under a different name and is the worse (sic) example of a mother adult and human being."



What kind of man, who has recast himself as a "motivational speaker" to help children avoid lives of crime would resort to that kind of trans-Atlantic cyber-bullying? Having covered dozens of criminals in a 40+ year career John and having a pretty good sense of a narcissistic sociopath when I see one, it's that kind of threat that caused me to



send your "Jerk off" email to the Feds, encouraging them to rein you in.

So consider yourself on notice:

If you make any further attempts to threaten or intimidate me or anyone else for that matter and if you publish any of the aforementioned false and defamatory remarks about me, I will take the appropriate civil action, I will immediately inform the FBI, DOJ and the Camden office of the DOP and I will urge Judge Bucklew to review the terms of your release.

Peter Lance

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P.S. In the jpg of your email below I highlighted some of your most outrageous allegation in bold.



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