

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE <b>9/15/76</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/24/76 - 8/27/76</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ALADENO T. FRATIANNI, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>LOWELL S. LAWRENCE</b>	TYPED BY <b>sfc</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: small;">                 Released under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (44 USC 2107 Note).                  Case#: NW 68486 Date: 12-02-2022             </div>

REFERENCE: Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 5/21/76. *Series 3*

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ADMINISTRATIVE

By letter dated 5/21/76, the Los Angeles Office indicated that inasmuch as FRATIANNI has been identified as the "Underboss" of the Los Angeles "Family" of the La Cosa Nostra, (LCN), whose jurisdiction covers Los Angeles and San Diego areas, it is felt his criminal activities will basically occur in those areas and even though his residence is in the San Francisco territory, his base of operations will be in Southern California. Los Angeles communication indicated that, UACB, Los Angeles would assume origin in this matter.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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The Los Angeles communication indicated that FRATIANNO was extremely active in criminal activities in Southern California and associated with hoodlum figures including MICHAEL RIZZI, JACK LO CICERO, HAROLD MELTZER, AL PONTICELLI, MARTY ALLEN, MICKEY FINE and LOUIS TOM DRAGNA. The Los Angeles communication further indicated that FRATIANNO daily meets with the above individuals and is in touch with numerous pornographic operators.

*Salvatore Amarena*  
FRATIANNO was also the Subject of a case captioned, "~~SALVATORE AMARENA~~, aka, ET AL, SF File 183-114". In this investigation, during June through 8/15/76, San Francisco informant SF 8677-PC furnished considerable information obtained in contacts with AMARENA, FRATIANNO and others who frequent Sal's Pizza, 287 Ellis Street, San Francisco. Included in associates who were meeting with FRATIANNO were MIKE RIZZATELLI, aka Mike Rizzi from Los Angeles, and BENNY BARRISH and San Francisco Teamster official RUDY THAM. According to SF 8677-PC, she overheard FRATIANNO discussing such activities as shylocking, pornography and fencing.

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The former SF 2501-C-TE who was discontinued as a Top Echelon (TE) informant of the San Francisco Office during August of 1975 inasmuch as he was named as a Subject of Title III coverage conducted by the Los Angeles Division in matter captioned, "ALADENO T. FRATIANNO, aka, ET AL, LA File 183-103, Bufile 183-345, and SF File 183-81", has continued to contact San Francisco Agent of contact approximately every two weeks. Information voluntarily furnished has been accepted from this former TE without comment. This source has indicated that FRATIANNO has continued to maintain contact with [redacted]

[redacted] and also [redacted]  
Subjects of Title III coverage. Those included were [redacted]

JFK Law 10(a)1

FRATIANNO has told informant that although the investigation of the FGJ in Los Angeles appears to be aimed against him, none of these people can involve him in any activity other than being in contact with these people.

JFK Law 10(a)2

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Former SF 2501-C-TE has also indicated he is in regular contact with FRATIÄNNO and SAL AMARENA at Sal's Pizza and indicated that he believes some information is coming out of Sal's Pizza Place, possibly from SAL, that is being furnished to law enforcement agencies inasmuch as some information as to his itinerary that resulted in police surveillance was information only available to SAL and people who frequented Sal's Pizza. ✓

In view of the RICO investigations being conducted both in Los Angeles and San Francisco concerning Subject, information developed in these investigations is being furnished to the Bureau under those captions and will not be included within this report other than to show associations and travel.

#### INFORMANTS

Numerous informants continue to provide considerable information regarding Subject's activities. The information set forth in this report that is furnished by informants is being submitted under multiple T symbols and is suitably paraphrased to protect the identity of these sources.

The following informants furnished information set forth in details:

<u>T-Symbol Assigned</u>	<u>Identity of Source</u>
SF T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-9	Former SF 2501-C-TE
SF T-6, T-8	SF 3203-C-TE
SF T-7	SD 1064-C-TE

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

As the Los Angeles Office is the Office of Origin in this matter but source resides in the San Francisco territory, Los Angeles should provide San Francisco with pertinent information concerning Subject's activities and the status of the FGJ in which  is a Subject.

SAN DIEGO

JFK Law 10(a)2

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

In view of the close association between San Diego source SD 1064-C-TE and FRATIANNO, San Diego will continue to provide pertinent information provided by SD 1064-C-TE to San Francisco as to FRATIANNO's activities.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Will continue to follow FRATIANNO's activities through contacts with San Francisco informants, the former SF 2501-C-TE, SF 3203-C-TE and SF 8677-PC, all of whom are acquainted with FRATIANNO and furnish considerable information concerning his activities.

San Francisco will also furnish pertinent information and status of RICO investigation in San Francisco to the Bureau and Los Angeles under the caption of the RICO investigation captioned, "SALVATORE AMARENA, SF File 183-114".

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

## Report of:

## Date:

LOWELL S. LAWRENCE  
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## Office:

SAN FRANCISCO

## Field Office File #:

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## Bureau File #:

92-3899

## Title:

ALADENO T. FRATIANNO

## Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

ALADENO T. FRATIANNO, more commonly known as JIMMY FRATIANNO, continues to reside in Half Moon Bay, California. Activities, associates and travel of FRATIANNO set forth.

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DETAILS:

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

BACKGROUNDA. Residence

ALADENO T. FRATIANNO, more commonly known as JIMMY FRATIANNO, continues to reside at 400 California Street, Half Moon Bay, California. This is a single family resort cottage owned by DENNIS MC DONALD, an attorney who is a close associate of FRATIANNO who resides in Hayward, California and has his office in Hayward, California.

Telephone number 728-7652 is telephone number located at the residence of FRATIANNO at 400 California Street in Half Moon Bay.

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B. Employment

FRATIANNO is presently an unemployed member of Teamster Local #70 of Oakland, California.

C. Marital Status

FRATIANNO is currently residing with his bride of approximately a year ago, the former JEAN BODUL, who has been a known girl friend of FRATIANNO for several years.

D. Motor Vehicles

During surveillances conducted in the San Francisco Division, JIMMY FRATIANNO has recently been observed driving a late model Cadillac hardtop bearing California license 676 NJS. This vehicle is registered to Thomas Cadillac Leasing Company, Los Angeles, California.

E. Travel and Associates

By communication dated May 21, 1976, the Los Angeles Division advised that ALADENO T. FRATIANNO is the current Underboss of La Cosa Nostra (LCN) of the Los Angeles "Family". FRATIANNO is extremely active in criminal activities in the Southern California area and is associated with numerous hoodlum figures including MICHAEL RIZZI, JACK LO CICERO, HAROLD MELTZER, ALEX PONTICELLI, MARTY ALLEN, MICKEY FINE and LOUIS TOM DRAGNA.

During May, 1976, SF T-1 advised that he was in recent contact with JIMMY FRATIANNO and FRATIANNO indicated that he continues to frequent the pizza restaurant called Sal's Pizza located 287 Ellis Street, San Francisco, which is owned and operated by SAL AMARENA.

During June, 1976, SF T-2 advised that in a recent contact with FRATIANNO, FRATIANNO indicated that he had met with FRANK BOMPENSIERO and LOUIS TOM DRAGNA (previously identified as Los Angeles LCN "Capo" and "Boss", respectively). FRATIANNO told informant that he met these two at Murietta Hot Springs Spa in Southern California.

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During June, 1976, SF T-3 advised that while in Las Vegas he encountered JIMMY FRATIANNI who indicated that he was there to contact YALE COHEN who was one of the bosses of the Hacienda Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Informant indicated that from FRATIANNI he determined that the purpose of this contact with COHEN was an attempt to save the job of a relative of FRATIANNI's who was a pit boss at the Hacienda and who has recently been let go with the change in ownership at the Hacienda when the LEFTY ROSENTHAL group left.

During June, 1976, SF T-4 advised that during a recent contact with FRATIANNI, FRATIANNI discussed being in contact with RAY GIARRUSSO. FRATIANNI told informant that GIARRUSSO in conversation advised that he learned that DEL MULLINS, a former business partner with GIARRUSSO, sold his twin engine Beachcraft airplane to JOE VANDERA and his partner, TIM LAMERS, who are the owners of Mom's Apple Grove, which has stores located in Sausalito and San Francisco, California. GIARRUSSO told FRATIANNI that VANDERA and his partner are still utilizing this airplane to bring in large quantities of marijuana from Mexico.

During May, 1976, SF T-5 advised that he recently encountered JIMMY FRATIANNI who disclosed that he had just returned from a trip to Chicago, Illinois where he contacted ALLEN DORFMAN associated with the Southwest Teamsters Pension Fund in an attempt to obtain a Teamster loan for a legitimate consignment clothing business to be set up in San Francisco by FRATIANNI backed by San Francisco Teamster Boss, RUDY THAM. FRATIANNI indicated that while in Chicago he encountered MORRIE SHENKER who he, FRATIANNI, believed was in Chicago also to see DORFMAN on an unrelated matter.

During May, 1976, SF T-6, who was frequently visiting at Sal's Pizza and had been in contact with LARRY NISSENHOFF and SAM CONTI, partners in numerous nude encounters in San Francisco, advised that he had also seen JIMMY FRATIANNI in Sal's Pizza and believes that FRATIANNI and AMARENA are interested in cultivating their contacts in pornographic business.

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During June, 1976, SF T-7 advised that in a recent contact with TONY SPILOTRO, Chicago LCN member who now resides in Las Vegas, SPILOTRO discussed a recent visit by JIMMY FRATIANNI and MIKE RIZZATELLI, also known as Mike Rizzi (recently identified as a Los Angeles LCN member), to Las Vegas during the national Teamsters convention held in Las Vegas. SF T-7 advised that FRATIANNI and RIZZI were accompanied in Las Vegas by IRVING "SLICK" SHAPIRO, a former Cleveland hoodlum contractor who is now working in Las Vegas as a low level casino executive.

SF T-7 indicated that he believes that FRATIANNI and RIZZI were trying to promote a loan for SHAPIRO to construct a commercial operation. SF T-7 also advised that he believes that FRATIANNI is attempting to promote a dental insurance package for RUDY THAM's Teamster Local in San Francisco.

During June, 1976, Sergeant DAVID KELLOGG of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), Intelligence Unit, furnished information obtained by his unit concerning travel activities of FRATIANNI: KELLOGG advised that FRATIANNI traveled to Los Angeles on Friday, June 11, 1976 and was picked up at Los Angeles International Airport by MIKE RIZZATELLI. KELLOGG indicated that their investigation reflected that RIZZATELLI and FRATIANNI met with MICKEY FINEBERG, a well known individual in the field of pornography.

KELLOGG further advised that RIZZATELLI and FRATIANNI traveled to the Beverly Hilton Hotel and at Trader Vic's met with JOHN ROSELLI, (ROSELLI has been identified as LCN member from Chicago "Family"). KELLOGG continued that following the meeting with ROSELLI, FRATIANNI and RIZZATELLI traveled to the home of HOWARD COOK, 1533 Rising Glen Road.

Sergeant KELLOGG had advised that on June 13, 1976, FRATIANNI again met with ROSELLI and following the meeting was picked up by RIZZATELLI and both were met by JACK LO CICERO and all three traveled to RIZZATELLI's home.

Sergeant KELLOGG continued that information was provided to them by Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Intelligence Unit, reflecting that FRATIANNI departed Los Angeles for Las Vegas, Nevada on June 14, 1976 in a private aircraft



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registered to PHILIP MAITA, San Mateo, California. (PHIL MAITA is owner and operator of Easy Street Bar in San Mateo, California and is known to be involved in pornographic operations.) KELLOGG indicated that LAPD, Intelligence Unit, advised that passengers believed to accompany FRATIANNO were RIZZATELLI and possibly FRANK BOMPENSIERO. In Las Vegas, FRATIANNO and RIZZATELLI stayed at the Tropicana Hotel for approximately two days. Los Angeles report indicated that there were a Teamsters' convention and pornographers' convention being held in Las Vegas at that time.

During June, 1976, SF T-8 advised that JIMMY FRATIANNO and PHIL MAITA will be traveling to New York in approximately one week. Source indicated that the purpose of the trip is an attempt to sign up performers for appearances at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.

SF T-8 subsequently advised that FRATIANNO and MAITA would leave San Francisco on approximately June 29, and proceed to Cleveland, Ohio to meet a friend of FRATIANNO's and then travel to New York for the purpose of meeting with the entertainers.

During August, 1976, SF T-9 advised that in recent contact with JIMMY FRATIANNO, FRATIANNO indicated he had been in contact with WALTER SEIFERT of Los Angeles. FRATIANNO told informant that SEIFERT discussed the current Federal Grand Jury that is being conducted in Los Angeles involving himself, FRATIANNO, SEIFERT and VIC WERBER.