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On June 23, 1992, officers from the Metropolitan Toronto Police Intelligence Services learned that persons were attempting to hire a contract killer. The officers also learned the identity of the intended victim of the contract killer. This victim was placed in protective custody and provided with a 24 hour police guard. The officers learned that once this contract was completed to the satisfaction of the persons hiring the killer, these persons had more work for the killer.

A plan was devised to convince these persons that the first victim had been murdered by a contract killer. Investigating officers received the assistance of a professional make up artist who was able to make the first intended victim look as if he had been executed. Once the victim was made up, a polaroid picture was taken of the apparently deceased victim with his killer holding his remains.

On July 14, 1992 an undercover officer from Metropolitan Toronto Police Intelligence Services met with the employers of the contract killer. The officer was in possession of personal items belonging to the first intended victim and the polaroid picture of the officer and the apparently deceased victim.

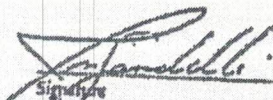
The officer was able to convince his employers that he had fulfilled the contract, so he was paid for the first killing and given a down payment for a second contract. The officer was also provided with the identity of the second intended victim.

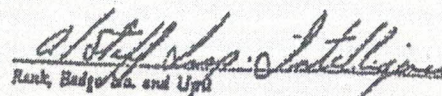
On July 14, 1992 at approximately 4:50 PM, the following persons were arrested:

GASSYT, Peter (59 yrs)
82 Oakridge Drive
Scarborough, Ontario

MARKOWITZ, Arnold (51 yrs)
8 Claredon Avenue
Toronto, Ontario

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Rank, Badge No. and Unit

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BERNSTEIN, Stanley Dr. (50 yrs)
60 Post Road
Don Mills, Ontario

Charges:

Conspiracy to Commit Murder (X4) - GASSYT and MARKOWITZ Jointly
Counsel to Commit Murder (X3) - GASSYT and MARKOWITZ Jointly
Conspiracy to Commit Murder (X1) - BERNSTEIN, GASSYT and MARKOWITZ Jointly
Possession of Stolen Property Over (X1) - BERNSTEIN

Further investigations uncovered a large amount of apparently stolen jewellery (gold and diamonds). Among the stolen items were a large number of Rolex watches which had been stolen en route from Switzerland to the Bahama Islands. Other jewellery, (gold and diamonds) appear to have been obtained from home and jewellery store entries. A large portion of the jewellery recovered appears to be the contents of numerous personal jewellery boxes. The estimated value of the items seized could be in excess of two million dollars. Investigating officers are attempting to identify the rightful owners of these stolen items. Metropolitan Toronto Police will be asking the assistance of the public in an attempt to identify the owners of the stolen items.

The arrested parties are currently incarcerated awaiting bail hearings. The investigation is continuing into this matter.

Investigation and arrests made by officers from the Metropolitan Toronto Police Intelligence Services and the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit.

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