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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CRIMINAL DIVISION

EXCERPT FROM CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 11, 2003

Before The Honorable Richard V. Margolius,
Circuit Court Judge.

1 (Excerpt from court proceedings December 11, 2003)

2 THE COURT: I do have to order you to be
3 back here December 19th. Are you going to be
4 around?

5 MS. DOE: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Okay. December 19th is a week
7 from tomorrow. Okay. Today is Thursday, the
8 11th. December 19th is Friday. On that day,
9 hopefully, you'll hear the news that they are
10 dropping the case against you. If you are not
11 here, that \$5000 bond will be forfeited, so
12 make sure you are here. Okay. Be back a week
13 from tomorrow. Note on court file the young
14 lady got oral notice.

15 How many police officers have been charged
16 by the State Attorney so far for what happened
17 out there during the FTAA --

18 ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY: -- none --

19 THE COURT: --none? Pretty sad
20 commentary. At least from what I saw. I
21 happened to have been out there -- I probably
22 would have been arrested myself if it had not
23 been for a police officer who recognized me.
24 Just standing there, watching. I saw no less
25 than twenty felonies committed by police

1 officers. I may have to recuse myself of the
2 cases -- but I couldn't recognize anybody
3 because everybody had riot gear on. Pretty
4 disgraceful. Pretty disgraceful what I saw
5 with my own eyes. And I have always supported
6 the police during my entire career -- changed
7 my position. That was a real eye-opener. A
8 disgrace for this community. I hope the State
9 has the good, common sense to deal with these
10 cases in the appropriate manner, with an eye on
11 justice.

12 Joseph Diamond, Page 3? And I'm saying
13 that right on the record, too.

14 ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY: Your Honor, on
15 Case F03032679, Joseph Diamond, the State is
16 announcing a no action.

17 THE COURT: Let me see the A Form. Where
18 are you from?

19 MR. DIAMOND: Coral Springs.

20 THE COURT: You're from down here? Why
21 does it have Staten Island? Is that where you
22 work --

23 MR. DIAMOND: I live there. I'm staying
24 with my parents right now.

25 THE COURT: All right. The case is over

1 for you. The prosecutor, fortunately for you,
2 in this case has just announced they are filing
3 no criminal charges against you, so they
4 dropped the case. You are free to go.
5 Goodbye.

6 How many cases did the Public Defender's
7 Office pick up --

8 ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER: Felonies?

9 THE COURT: -- yeah, as a result of the
10 FTAA --

11 ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER: -- felonies,
12 that I'm aware of, I believe are under ten --
13 and some -- I've spoken with pre-trial
14 attorneys, are going to be no-action.
15 Misdemeanors, I'm not sure.

16 THE COURT: Try to find out. I'd be
17 curious to know how many cases the Public
18 Defender got in total from that --

19 ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER: -- I know
20 arrests were just under 200.

21 THE COURT: I wonder what it cost the
22 taxpayers of the community for that whole
23 episode? I'd like to get a handle on that
24 figure, if possible. I wonder how much
25 overtime was paid for police officers? I know

1 one thing. There were police officers from
2 every agency -- I couldn't believe the sheer
3 numbers. I thought it was just going to be
4 like Miami Dade County police officers, the
5 City of Miami police officers, but there were
6 police officers from all the place -- Broward,
7 Florida Highway Patrol. I didn't see any FDLE
8 --

9 ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER: -- there were
10 federal officers --

11 THE COURT: -- everybody. It would have
12 been a good time for a real criminal to commit
13 a crime because there were no - you know, there
14 were no cops guarding the hen house.

15 Next. Leonard Copeland.
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Dated this 18th day of December, 2003.


DIANE NICOLL, Court Reporter