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FD-302 (Rev. 11-27-83)

Case No. 100-111111-1000

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Latent Impressions:  Yes  No

Fingerprints:  Yes  No

Crime Scene Photos:  Yes  No

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If Closing Case "No Results," Check Appropriate Box and State Justification in Detail:

C-1: Incomplete Material  C-2: Inaccurate Facts  C-3: No Evidence/Can't ID  C-4: Uncooperative Informant  C-5: "Leads" Exhausted

Investigation: Recovered Improvised Explosive Device Found  
f/o Apt 1A -644 West 185th Street, NYC, NY

Subject: INTERVIEW: NELSON DeCOSTA/OCCUPANT OF SUBJECT APARTMENT

1. On Tuesday, August 14, 1990 at approximately 1215 hours Det. Taylor and I were present at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. At this time the following interview was conducted in the Neurological Center/Psychiatric Ward.

NELSON DeCOSTA M/H/36 dob: 7-19-54 -644 West 185th Street, apt 1A

Mr. DeCOSTA has been a patient in the hospital since July 28, 1990 when he was admitted for psychiatric evaluation. During this interview Mr. DeCOSTA appeared calm and related the following in a lucid manner.

DeCOSTA explained that he had entered the hospital voluntarily seeking an evaluation of his mental status. The subsequent results of such an evaluation would, supposedly have a bearing on the continuance of the financial assistance he was receiving.

DeCOSTA further explained that he was told, by his mother, that on or about July 16, 1990 two men came to her apartment (at 685 West 187th Street, Manhattan) asking for him. The two men claimed to be police officers wanting to question him regarding an unstated matter. They asked for him by the name of NELSON DeCOSTA. He said that he is not generally known as DeCOSTA. Mainly family members know him by the name of DeCOSTA. He stated that most people know him

Case:  ACTIVE  CLOSED

Date Reviewed/Closed: 2/1/92

If Active, Date of Next Review: 2/13/92

Reporting Officer: Detective [Signature]

Signature: [Signature] Rank: Detective

Supervisor: [Signature] Rank: [ ]

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Investigation: Acquired IED found 2/0 apt 12A-644 West 185th Street

Subject: INTERVIEW: NELSON DeCOSTA/OCCUPANT OF SUBJECT APARTMENT

as NELSON MENDES (MENDES is his stepfather's surname). Nonetheless, Mrs. MENDES, DeCOSTA's mother, did not admit the men into her apartment. She became suspicious when they referred to him by the name of DeCOSTA and suspected they were not police officers. DeCOSTA recounted that the day after the incident (7-17-90) two men came to his mother's apartment. He was not sure whether they were the same two from the day before. He said that they gained access by using the ruse of delivering flowers to his sister Myra. It was at this time that his mother, Josephine and his sister, Myra, were both shot. Hearing of this incident DeCOSTA said he rushed to his mother's apartment. Upon his arrival at the scene he encountered his brother-in-law DOMINIC FRANZA. FRANZA is the estranged husband of MYRA MENDES-FRANZA (DeCOSTA's sister). DeCOSTA admitted to psychophysically attacking FRANZA in front of numerous bystanders and accusing him of being responsible for the shootings. DeCOSTA felt that this might have provoked FRANZA to have the subject device placed in front of his door as a form of retaliation for having embarrassed him (with the verbal and physical attack). DeCOSTA did not think that FRANZA would have actually placed the device down himself but would more that likely have someone else do it.

2. Case remains ACTIVE.

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**DETAILS:**

Investigation: Recovered Pipe Bomb Found f/o Apt 1A -644 West 185th Street

Subject: INTERVIEW: MYRA FRANZA (SISTER OF NELSON DeCOSTA)

1. On Monday, August 27, 1990 at approximately 1200 hours, Det. Taylor and I were present at the General Post Office Building at 149th Str and the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. At this time the following interview was conducted:

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MYRA FRANZA -F/B/26 dob: 2-18-64 (address known to this Department). Mrs. FRANZA, who is employed by the Post Office is the sister of NELSON DeCOSTA, the complainant in this investigation. She is also the estranged wife of DOMINIC FRANZA. It has been previously explained that on 7-17-90 Mrs. FRANZA and her mother, JOSEPHINE MENDEZ, were both victims of an Assault (shooting). Two suspects are being sought in an investigation being conducted by the 34 Precinct Detective Squad. Mrs. FRANZA, however, suspects that her husband is the instigator of the assault on her and her mother. Her brother, NELSON DeCOSTA, is of the same opinion. He and his sister suspect that DOMINIC FRANZA is also responsible for having the pipe bomb found on 8-11-90 placed in front of his (NELSON'S) apartment door.

2. Mrs. FRANZA stated that her husband has a strong interest in guns. She described as a "gun-buff." She said that he belongs to a gun club located in the Olinville section of the Bronx. Mrs. FRANZA said that her husband had the capability of making his own ammunition. She said that he would collect empty shell casings (at the gun club shooting range) and fill them with gun powder. According to Mrs. FRANZA her husband would obtain other components (primers, powder, etc.) from a gun supply shop somewhere in Mt. Vernon. She

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Subject: INTERVIEW: ROSA FRANCA

could not remember the name or location of the shop.

3. Mrs. FRANCA did not know if her husband possessed any type of (pipe) threader. She further stated that she has never seen her husband's pipes but believed he might have access to certain materials and equipment because of the field of work he is in. She explained that he is employed as an Electrical Engineer with Local #3. Local #3 is the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union (IBEW), located at 155-11 Jewel Avenue, Flushing, NY. Mr. FRANCA is currently receiving workers compensation because of an injury (broken leg) sustained in an accident at a work site (9-5-69).

4. Mrs. FRANCA was very cooperative and stated she would make herself available for any further questioning.

5. Case remains ACTIVE.

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Reporting Officer's Name, Signature, and Rank	Name Printed	File Agency No	Investigator's Signature	CC # (if any)
Det. <i>Rafael A. Valdez</i> NYS	VALDEZ	869534	<i>Det. Rafael A. Valdez</i>	117

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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF NEW YORK

February 6, 1991

From: Detective Zulma Raymond, Arson And Explosion Squad  
To: Commanding Officer, Manhattan Career Criminal Investigation Unit  
SUBJECT: REQUEST DETECTIVES QUESTION SUBJECT(S) CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING  
ARSON AND EXPLOSION INVESTIGATION

1. An explosive device (pipe bomb) was found on Saturday August 11, 1990 at 0800 hours under the following circumstances:

- A) Location: Mario Gonzalez (superintendent) of 664 West 185th Street found a pipe bomb in front of apartment 1A of the above location.
- B) Type of Location: Multiple Dwelling
- C) Method: Pipe Bomb found inside white sock and placed in /o above mentioned apartment.
- D) Damage: No Damage / No Injuries.
- E) Description: Device described as 1 1/2"x6" galvanized pipe with end caps and a pyrotechnic fuse. The fuse had not been ignited.
- F) Occupant(s): Nelson Decosta (Mendez)/M/W/ 36yrs/ D.O.B. 07-19-54 resides in apt 1A.
- G) Associates: <sup>1738</sup> Dominic Franza (brother in law) of Nelson Decosta Mendez physically attack Mr Decosta (Mendez) when Mr Decosta (Mendez)'s sister (Myra Mendez-Franza) who is the estrange wife of Mr Franza and her mother (Mrs Mendez) were both shot (34 Squad 1877 Det. Gorgio) on 7/17/90 by person(s) unknown. Mr Decosta (Mendez) believes the pipe bomb was placed on his door as a form of retaliation by Mr Franza.

2. Any information acquired, contact Detective Zulma Raymond (212- 374-7673) of the Arson and Explosion Squad.

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