

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK: CRIMINAL TERM: PART 32

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

-against-

DOMENIC FRANZA,

Defendant.

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Indict. No.
Decision

111 Centre Street
New York, New York 10013

October 19, 1988

B E F O R E:

HONORABLE PAUL P.E. BOOKSON
Justice

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Lisa Kramsky, CSR, RPR
Official Court Reporter

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2 Defendant stands convicted of three
3 counts of Attempted Murder and one count of
4 Criminal Possession of a Dangerous Weapon in
5 the First Degree for which he is serving a
6 sentence of twenty-eight to eighty-four
7 years.

8 Defendant has appealed his conviction
9 to the Appellate Division, First Department
10 where it is pending. Defendant now moves
11 pursuant to C.P.L. 440.10 to set aside this
12 judgment, making a litany of claims which
13 more or less track the statutory language.
14 This motion is made pro se, yet, I have
15 assigned defendant's appellate counsel to
16 assist him with this 440.10 motion. The
17 People oppose both a hearing and the ultimate
18 relief defendant seeks.

19 This Court is wholly familiar with the
20 trial and the evidence presented, as well as
21 the comportment of counsel on both sides of
22 the aisle.

23 Defendant's claims for a hearing or a
24 new trial are based largely on completely
25 unsubstantiated charges of fraud and.

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2 collusion leveled against the D.A. and
3 defense counsel, alleging fabricated, altered
4 and withheld evidence resulting in his
5 conviction. Attendant to this are claims of
6 ineffective assistance of counsel. In
7 addition, defendant asserts through a
8 byzantine re-analysis of the People's
9 evidence at trial that he could not logically
10 be guilty.

11 Defendant's motion is denied in all
12 respects. Firstly, C.P.L. 440.10 (2)(b)
13 mandates denial when, "The judgment is, at
14 the time of the motion, appealable or pending
15 an appeal, and sufficient facts appear on the
16 record ... to permit adequate review thereof
17 upon such appeal ..."

18 As defendant's case is on direct appeal
19 and no grounds exist to necessitate a hearing
20 to enlarge the record, the motion is denied.
21 The Court also notes that a review of the
22 record at trial indicates that all of
23 defendant's specified claims are without
24 merit. Defendant's claims of a conspiracy
25 between counsel to convict him are nothing

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1 but self-serving, wishful thinking. In fact,
2 both the Prosecutor and defense counsel did
3 exemplary work at trial. Finally, the
4 evidence of defendant's guilt was over-
5 whelming. Motion is denied in all respects.
6 So ordered.
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