

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

) ss. AFFIDAVIT

JOHN TAMBURELLO, being first duly sworn according to law deposes and states as follows:

1. I had a charge against me of Criminal Non-Support that was obtained by the case worker from CESA by not telling the Grand Jury that my oldest daughter was over 18 and lived with me and that there was a signed agreement between the parties concerning alimony and my other daughter Christina.

2. That the prosecutor, FRANK GASPAR promised me and my attorneys, Todd Arminini and Stanley Tolliver, to dismiss the case at many, many pre-trials because of the above facts but on every occasion he changed his mind.

3. However, that when FRANK GASPAR found out that I was an Officer of C.A.M.E.O., He coerced a statement out of me concerning the JEFFERY KEITH case, promising to drop the case against me.

4. I never read the statement because they had already kept me there for over 4 1/2 hours so I just signed it and got out of there because I was late for an appointment which I ended up losing a lot of money on because I missed it. It was recently brought to my attention that things I said for my statement were twisted and things that they said were put down as if I had said them. This would be consistent with the lying that the prosecutors office did in my case. I made a statement and FRANK GASPAR lied and still did not dismiss. I was told that He just didn't like me. I went to trial and was found NOT GUILTY. His arrogance and dishonesty cost me thousands of dollars I do not have, pain and suffering by me, my children, my friends and family and the tax payers of Cuyahoga County lost thousands of dollars.

5. That I had nothing to do with JEFFERY KEITH or His case except as fellow members and Officers of C.A.M.E.O. I do not know Jeff Keith on a personal level so I have no negative comments to say about Him. Maybe that is why MR. GASPAR did not like me and prosecuted me anyway.

6. I therefore respectfully recant that statement because most of what is in it, I did not say and it was coerced under duress and false pretenses in the first place. The prosecutors office abuses its power by lying, twisting, cheating and stealing in order to convict someone whether they are innocent or not. I will not be a part of their dishonesty.

**FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT**

*John A. Tamburello*  
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Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1996.

*Valerie A. Barrett*  
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Notary Public

VALERIE A. BARRETT  
Notary Public for the State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires March 22, 1998  
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The following is the statement of John A. Tamburrello, W/M, DOB: 08-30-51  
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I was first vice president for a political organization called Cameo which stands for Cleveland American Middle East Organization for several years. Peter Sadie was the president and due to my divorce I stepped down for a couple of years. I came back to the executive board in 1993 as Sergeant at Arms. Mr. Eddie Farage was our president and soon after a person started coming to our membership meetings. This persons name was Jeffery Keith. He was introduced to us by a Ray George and a Jeffery Kassouff. Personally speaking I did not associate with either of these gentlemen due to things that I heard that they were involved in. Therefore, I never really associated with Jeffery Keith. Mr. Keith very quickly was throwing money around to the organization and seemed to buy his way onto the executive board. From that point on we both sat on the same executive board of Cameo. With that kind of money he bought his way to first vice president. Over the next couple of years he got very close with our president, Mr. Farage. He gave the organization big dollars, I don't know how much. He just seemed to be very power hungry. The only conversations that I ever had with him was when he ask me for a thousand dollars to help a candidate that he was trying to get elected. I just laughed and told him that I didn't have any money due to losing everything in my divorce. The only other time that I talked to him was when he approached me and asked me if I wanted to try to bid on the health insurance for the City of Parma. I of course said yes. But, I did not know what connection he had with the City of Parma.

Soon after that it became clear that Jeff Keith was romantically involved with our presidents daughter Beth Ann Farage. This lasted several months and during that time he got closer to our president Mr. Farage. Then Mr. Keith was seen with a young girl who I later found out was a high school sixteen year old at a public function and Beth broke the relationship off. From what I was told Keith physically abused Beth and threatened her. After what he had confided about with her she was very scared. Our president asked him for his resignation from Cameo and he announced it at our next membership meeting. That was sometime last year late winter or early spring. Of course we as an executive board were asking questions. No one seemed to want to talk about what had happened. Sam Quassem was appointed as our first vice president in Keith's place. I then found out the facts behind his forced resignation. Which were that he had confided in Eddie and Beth Farage that he had burned ex-girlfriends homes and cars when they refuted his romantic endeavors and the fact that he had physically abused Beth.



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A couple of months went by and apparently Mr. Keith was indicted for these arsons, I knew that Eddie Farage and his daughter Beth were to testify against him about things that he had admitted to them about the arsons. I did not think that I had anything to do with the entire situation since I didn't associate with him and truly knew only what was told to me. In May of 1995 Jeff Keith called me on the phone, which was the first time that he has ever called me. He ask me if I was still in the insurance business and ask if he could come and talk to me about it. I knew that if I couldn't help him that I could at least refer him and get paid a referral fee so I allowed him to come over. After he walked in my door, he sat down and never once brought up insurance. He proceed to pull out a three page medical report of the medical history of our president Eddie Farage. Pointing out on the report that Eddie Farage had spent time in a sanatorium and tried to make me believe that it was a typographical error saying that he really spent the time in a sanitarium. He then asked me to testify on his behalf against Eddie Farage and Beth Farage stating that they were crazy. When I asked why would I do that he knew of my domestic relations problems with my ex and her family. He knew that they were off the wall and terroristic in nature and he was trying to convince me that Eddie Farage and Beth Farage were like my ex and then he made a statement that all Arab's are crazy. I tried to tell him that I did not blame the entire Arab world for one bad family that I got involved with and that Mr. Farage was like a father to me. He then proceeded to pressure me and got very intimidating trying to make me believe that Eddie was the bad guy and Beth was the bad guy and that all Arabs were bad guys, and that he was the last of the good guys. I told him that would be lying and what he was asking me to do was to purger myself in court. He proceeded to again bring up everything that my ex and her family had done to me and tried to connect the two. He also wanted me to talk to the other non-Arab board members and convince them to do the same. He also ask me to try to set up a meeting with me and Pete Sadie who was my best friend and happens to be Commander Joe Sadie's brother. Just to get him out of my home I told him that I would think about it and let him know the next day. The next day he came to my apartment with another man. I did not answer the door. He kept banging on the door but I had turned off the TV and that lasted about a half of an hour. He then called several times leaving messages on my answering machine saying that he thought we had an appointment. I just never answered the phone over the next few days. Because of caller-id I was able to recognize when he called and I never answered the phone. The next thing I heard he had been arrested and was in Cuyahoga County Jail.

Two weeks ago I read in the paper the story about what Keith was trying to do from Cuyahoga County Jail. I called Pete Sadie to talk to him about it since one of his target was his brother Joe. Pete informed me that Eddie Farage was another of the targets but not mentioned in the article. I made the statement to Pete that they need to put this sleeze bag away for ever and that he was a dangerous man with all of his money. Pete then reminded me that I could help do that and said that my above statement was very parturient in building a strong case against Keith. Pete suggested I do something about it.



- Q. What trial did Jeffery Keith want you to testify at?
- A. The arson case against him.
- Q. Why do you think that Keith wanted you to lie about Ed Farage?
- A. I think that he was desperate, grasping at straws, and hoping that I would feel animosity towards Eddie due to what my ex and her family have done to me. The bottom line to discredit Eddie Farage and Beth as witnesses.
- Q. From your experience in the insurance field, do you believe the medical documents of Ed Farage that were shown to you by Jeffery Keith were authentic?
- A. Yes, they were authentic but what I questioned is how did he legally get them because the only way somebody can get a persons medical records is with their signed authorization. In other words Mr. Farage would have had to sign an authorization granting Mr. Keith access to his medical records. I don't think Mr. Farage did that.
- Q. Did Jeffery Keith ever mention what kind of an attorney he was?
- A. Yes, he did. I ask him one day when he first became a member of Cameo. He told me he represented rock groups.
- Q. Do you care to add anything further to your statement at this time?
- A. No

Q. After having read this statement, is it the truth?

A. yes SIGNED John A. Tamburrello

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TAKEN BY

James Brady #1796  
Pamela Fortenbaugh #407  
Det. Pamela Fortenbaugh #407

Statement taken at the Justice Center

TIME: 18:10 HRS.