

# MOB-BUSTER OUT



**THOMAS DADES**  
B'klyn consulting over.

## DeVecchio case sleuth quits DA

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An ex-cop who helped crack two bombshell cases for the Brooklyn DA has quit working as an investigator for the office, sources said yesterday.

Thomas Dades, 45, a dapper former detective who has worked as a part-time consultant for the DA since 2004, abruptly called it quits amid a difficult week for the team prosecuting former FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio — a case he helped make.

"I got nothing to say," Dades told The Post yesterday. A "For Sale" sign on his lawn indicated that the former detective was planning to pull up stakes soon.

Dades was the toast of law enforcement only a year ago, hailed not only for cracking the "mob cops" case against two corrupt former NYPD detectives, but for playing a leading role in bringing the case against DeVecchio.

Last December, Dades was threatened by a group of six people outside his Staten Island home — and one of the men was knocked to the ground. He refused medical attention and died the next day. A grand jury exoner-



**TANGLED:** Dades was accused of romancing "Little Linda" Schiro (2nd left). The daughter of capo Gregory Scarpa Sr. (left) and Linda Schiro (right) is seen at her brother's wedding.

ated the investigator and issued no indictments.

Dades appeared frustrated last week following his testimony in a pretrial hearing for a DeVecchio co-defendant.

A lawyer accused him of carrying on an affair with "Little" Linda Schiro — the daughter that a witness, Linda Schiro had by her mob-capo lover, Gregory Scarpa Sr.

The question about an affair was stricken from the record by the judge, so Dades never had to answer.

But Dades still faced other tough questions from lawyer Jo-

seph Giamrita over an error-laden affidavit he had signed.

The hearing was to determine whether authorities sat on evidence for a decade before moving to arrest the co-defendant, John Sinagra, who is accused of killing a suspected informer.

DeVecchio, who is alleged to have given the tip that led to the hit, goes on trial in the fall for that killing and three others.

The Brooklyn DA's office noted that Dades' position as a consultant made a formal resignation meaningless.

"There's nothing for him to resign from," said a spokesman.

The Dades departure is the latest embarrassing development for DA Charles Hynes, who has endured a string of blunders by his office over the past four months.

In March, a bureaucratic miscommunication prevented a judge from learning that a rape suspect on bail had been accused of threatening his victim. That defendant was later charged with killing her.

The month before, a female detective was fired after she admitted falling for a jailed witness — and planning to artificially inseminate herself with his semen.

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