

MOB HIT CASE IS IN PERIL

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A 12-year-old prosecution file that suddenly surfaced late last month is threatening to sink the Brooklyn DA's case against alleged mob hit man John Sinagra, a co-defendant in the bombshell Lindley DeVecchio FBI corruption case.

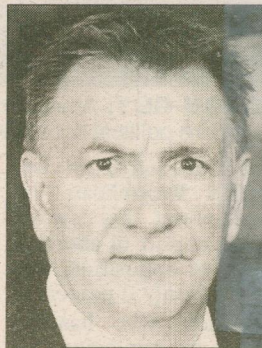
Sinagra, 39, is slated to go on trial in June for the May 1990 murder of 18-year-old Patrick Porco. DeVecchio, 67, is alleged to have abused his position as an FBI agent by outing Porco as a possible informer, setting the stage for the teen's violent death.

Three months ago, Thomas Dades, a decorated city detective now working in the DA's office, went on record defending the 15-year delay in bringing Porco's accused killer to justice. He said a key informant had thrown him off Sinagra's trail in 1995 by fingering a dead man.

The informant "did not mention defendant John Sinagra to me," Dades wrote. "To my knowledge, [he] did not mention the defendant to any other law-enforcement official."

But on April 20, District Attorney Charles Hynes' office sheepishly came forward with a new document, which they said was "discovered" the night before. Authored by one of the office's own investigators, it indicates that the informant did in fact give up Sinagra during a debriefing in 1995.

"Sinagra stated to this source that he shot Porko [sic] in the mouth, through his teeth," the document reads.



DeVECCHIO

Alleged FBI mob mole.

Sinagra's lawyer, Joseph Giaramita, said, "Obviously, it's a document that helps me greatly."

"The whole thing just doesn't make sense."

The glaring inconsistency is yet another stain on the reputation of Dades, who came within a single grand juror's vote of getting indicted on manslaughter charges in March for an altercation outside his Staten Island home.

According to prosecutors, Dades was reinterviewed after the document surfaced and maintained "that this information never came to him from any source whatsoever until 2005."

If accurate, the document could give Giaramita the evidence he needs to show that authorities sat on the Sinagra lead for a decade — which could lead to the case being dismissed under due-diligence guidelines.

"We'll have to see how it plays out," said DeVecchio lawyer Mark Bede-row. "But it is certainly a curious disclosure to say the least."

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