

Donald Trump: Reported Witness

Several years after Ron's conviction, a new key witness came forth stating he knew who had ordered Triano killed; why; and who built the bomb. The reason the witness gave for having waited so long to speak up was fear for his life. He had quite a story, which he explained on record:

From the late 1980s to the mid 1990s, the witness was a long-time aide to **a man named** Neil McNeice. McNeice was an heir to a mining fortune and a known drug addict who, when high on heroin and cocaine, was reportedly both paranoid and ruthless. Throughout the month prior to Gary Triano's murder, Triano, the witness, Neil McNeice, and **Donald Trump** were seen together in various locations and times in Tucson.

Donald Trump was in Tucson during this time seeking an investor to fund a bailout of his pending financial disaster—he was on the road to bankruptcy. He came at the invitation of Gary Triano, who had convinced him that Neil McNeice was a serious prospective investor who could help Trump. The following are quotes—on record—from this witness from several interviews with investigators that clearly show how a motive developed for McNeice wanting Triano dead, as well as McNeice's intent to kill him. The problems began when Triano injected himself at some point to get some funding of his own....

- *"...[Triano] was clearly just a con man and, but what happened was, is Donald Trump came to Tucson and...was down and out on his luck."*
- *"[Trump] was in dire need of cash where his real estate empire was, he was gonna have to declare bankruptcy."*
- *"And Donald...needed...I think it was \$26 million dollars to get out of all his financial woes."*
- *"[Trump] knew Triano...and he was going through Triano to get to Neil [McNeice]."*
- *"Gary Triano exploited the situation. Out of the blue Gary [Triano] pitched...McNeice for \$80,000 cash."*
- *"Gary [Triano] needed \$80,000 cash. And Gary had a ring that was spectacular. It was Pam [Phillips] Triano's wedding ring and it had a diamond on it that I've never seen before."*
- *"And, [Triano] was touting that it was worth between \$200,000 and \$250,000, and [Triano] was willing to put this ring up as collateral."*
- *"And this [proposition] was very intriguing to Neil [McNeice], but he didn't trust Gary Triano one bit."*
- *"And that's when...Gary turned the tables...on Donald [Trump] because he expected Donald to back him and he said, 'what do you think, Donald, don't you think this is a good deal, 80 thousand dollars and a quarter million dollar diamond ring as collateral, even...if I don't pay it back, he's guaranteed to get far more than \$80,000 for the ring.'"*
- *"And I remember Trump was uncomfortable, but he went to bat for Gary and he said, 'well, you know, this was, this is a good deal and, and if this deal was offered to me I wouldn't pass on it.'"*
- *"And he [Trump] gave a pretty good...pitch except at the end he...told Neil, and I don't think Gary Triano heard him, he said, but you should have the ring checked by your own jeweler."*

- *"Anyways, we end up at a jeweler....I think it was Frederick Fisher Jewelers, but Gary knew the jeweler. I mean...they were close. Gary and the jeweler...had a relationship."*
- *"And the jeweler did look at the ring and he said...this is a genuine ring and he put something in writing that it was worth...close to a quarter million dollars...."*
- *And then Neil [McNeice] agreed to do the deal and he just had to get the \$80,000 cash, which took about a day."*
- *"...[Neil McNeice] did give Gary Triano the money in exchange for the ring."*
- *"I warned Neil that...who is to say this is the same ring."*
- *"We grabbed the ring and shot over to a jeweler on Speedway."*
- *"The [jeweler] went in and looked at it and he came back and said this is a cubic zirconium worth about \$7,000....."*
- *"And the shit hit the fan and Neil went crazy. And, of course, he immediately started trying to locate Gary Triano."*
- *"But all we knew is we had, he had a cubic zirconium and, and Neil went off the deep end. And I had seen this before. Neil was very violent. When he was on his drugs he was, he wanted to kill people and all he talked about was killing Gary Triano. It never ended. 'I'm gonna kill that bastard, he's a dead man, I'm gonna kill...' [Neil] went off the deep end."*
- *"At this point Neil was uncontrollable. Trump realized it. Trump realized he had wasted a month in Tucson. I had already warned Trump he, he wasn't gonna get any money out of Neil. [Neil] didn't have the money. And Trump was pretty distraught that this was a total waste."*
- *"Donald Trump was like just so frustrated. I felt so bad for Donald Trump...he got used so bad [by McNeice]."*
- *"[Trump] spent a fortune courting Neil. That's the whole purpose of Donald Trump was in Tucson. He came to Tucson. He spent a month here. He lived at La Paloma for a month."*
- *"It cost [Trump] a fortune."*
- *"[Trump] got nothing in the end."*
- *"Trump packed up and left."*