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Nassau Jury Acquits 3 Franzese Confederates

Mineola—In a case that originally involved the stepson of imprisoned crime figure John (Sonny) Franzese and six other men, a Nassau County Court jury found three of the remaining defendants yesterday not guilty of attempted grand larceny through extortion.

The stepson, Michael Franzese, 23, and the others were charged in January, 1974, with conspiracy and extortion in an alleged attempt to obtain \$1,500 from Anthony Morano, young Franzese's partner in the MBE Auto Leasing firm of 140 Cherry Valley Ave., West Hempstead.

On Monday, after a three-week trial, Judge Henderson W. Morrison dropped the charges against Franzese, of 42 Shrub Hollow Rd., Roslyn, despite the objections of the Nassau district attorney's office. The district attorney's office did not object when at the same time Morrison also dropped charges against two other defendants, Jerome Zimmerman, 42, of 275 Clear Meadow Dr., East Meadow, and Peter M. Frappolo, 46, of 350 Ocean Ave., Massapequa.

The three defendants acquitted yesterday by the jury—after 10 hours' deliberation—were: Albert F. Straus, 31, of 57 Spruce Ave., Floral Park; Oscar L. Teitelbaum, 30, of Ozone Park, Queens; and John R. Verrastro, 35, of Belle-rose, Queens.

The case against the seventh defendant, Robert P. Verrastro, 30, of Queens Village, Queens, was severed for separate action on April 3 when he suffered an apparent heart attack during jury selection.

Theft at Plant Charged

Mineola—A former plant manager of a Glen Cove firm was arrested yesterday for allegedly stealing about \$110,000 from the company over a four-year period by authorizing phony invoices.

Leonard H. Silverstein, 39, of 127 Plaisted Ave., Hauppauge, waived pre-trial examination on the grand larceny charge yesterday before Nassau District Court Judge L. Greenstein and was released in his own custody pending an appearance in county court.

Silverstein, who authorities said is now a self-employed ice cream vendor who also has his own engineering consulting business, was manager of Pall Biomedical Products Division of Pall Corp. in Sea Cliff from 1971 to March, 1975. The thefts were discovered and reported to the Nassau district attorney's office last month.

According to a spokesman for District Attorney Denis Dillon, Silverstein had been authorized for a time to submit purchase orders for items costing less than \$500 without obtaining verification from other company officers. Silverstein allegedly had submitted 80 such invoices for phony equipment purchases with payment due to Bell Associates, the name of Silverstein's consulting business.

Sidney Krakauer, division president, said yesterday that persons processing these invoices apparently were not aware that Silverstein's authority to submit unverified purchase orders had ended some time before they were submitted. Krakauer said the alleged thefts were not detected sooner because the amount was "small compared to our total purchases."

Schools Cutting Staffs

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cluding what we could expect from state aid," which he expects to be the same or less than last year, Neidich said. "The decision and the responsibility was mine alone."

The anticipated salaries of the dismissed staff, according to Neidich, will cut \$750,000 from the new school budget, which has not yet been formulated. "By cutting staff we have neutralized the costs of items that we have no control over," he said. "The budget increase will reflect only what comes out of wage negotiations."

Martin Cullinan, president of the Levittown Teachers Association, said that the union recognizes the district's problems of declining enrollment (a rate of 800 fewer students a year over the last five years), and the plight of the already overburdened taxpayer. But, he said, the superintendent's announcement on staff cuts constituted a scare tactic in salary negotiations because the teachers' contract expires at the end of June. Cullinan said that a normal attrition rate among teachers in the district should mean that at least 10 to 15 teachers will be rehired before the next school year starts.

Neidich said that, as far as he knew, only two teachers in the district are up for retirement. "Cullinan is hoping for a kind of miracle," Neidich said. I can tell you that the dismissal notices have gone out and the master teaching schedule does not include these people. I don't think that those who got slips think it's a ploy."

Whatever the forecast, there will be a battle of statistics in district after district during the next few weeks over just how many teachers will be fired. The final results may not be known until fall.

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DATED: Friday, May 2, 1975
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ROBERT J. SCARAMUCCIA
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Dept. of Purchasing
COUNTY OF NASSAU NEW YORK
Olympic Factors, Plaintiff, vs-

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Riteway Products Corp., Jerry Feldman and Richard Petrillo, Defendants.
By virtue of an execution issued upon a judgment rendered in the New York State Supreme Court, County of New York, a transcript of said judgment having been filed in the Nassau County Clerk's Office on the 3rd day of January, 1975, in the above entitled action, in favor of said plaintiff, and against said defendants, and on the 10th day of February, 1975, to me directed and delivered, I hereby give notice that on the 2nd day of June, 1975, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon in Room 201 of the Nassau County Office Building, County Seat Drive, at Garden City (Mineola Post Office), Town of Hempstead, I shall expose for sale as the law directs, all the right, title and interest, which the defendant, Jerry Feldman, had on the 3rd day of January, 1975, or at anytime thereafter, of, in and to the following described property:
Premises being known as No. 2884 Clubhouse Road, Merrick, N.Y., lying and being in Section 62, Block 216, Lot 109 on the Land and Tax Map of the County of Nassau, and being the same premises as conveyed to Jerry Feldman and Phyllis Feldman by S.B.J. Homes, Inc. by deed dated February 3, 1966, and recorded in Liber 7479 of conveyances at Page 175 on February 9, 1966, in the Nassau County Clerk's office, Mineola, N.Y.
Dated at Mineola, New York, March 31, 1975
MICHAEL P. SENIUK, Sheriff
Nassau County, New York
Sherwood Gordon Esq., Attorney for Plaintiff, 11 East 44th Street, New York, New York