



Franzese's Wife Sentenced

By Shirley E. Perlman

The wife of reputed crime family member John (Sonny) Franzese was sentenced yesterday to 5 years' probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$150 in connection with a credit-card fraud case.

Christina Franzese, 54, of Roslyn, pleaded guilty in May to second-degree attempted criminal possession of a forged instrument before County Court Judge Richard Delin.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Treglia said that before imposing sentence yesterday, Delin, noting that Christina Franzese had no prior record, said he would not treat her differently from any other defendant because she is the wife of Sonny Franzese.

The credit-card fraud was discovered during a separate investigation into the activities of 13 individuals who law enforcement officials said were involved with "a pattern of criminal enterprises." Officials did not connect Christina Franzese to those activities, which included an attempted contract killing, narcotics sales

and insurance fraud.

Christina Franzese's husband and son, Michael, are reputed to be members of the Colombo crime family. The son is serving a 10-year prison term on a federal racketeering charge.

Christina Franzese initially was charged with using counterfeit credit cards allegedly supplied by John Vanasco of East Meadow to obtain about \$1,500 from Visa International. Vanasco was the subject of an investigation by the district attorney's office.

Vanasco provided Christina Franzese with a phony credit card that was used at her former boutique, Lian-dra's in Port Washington, for the purpose of making a fraudulent purchase of items, Treglia said. "Visa would then credit her account with the purchase amount even though there was no merchandise sold."

Christina Franzese attempted to put through almost \$1,500 in charges, but was able only to get \$500 authorized, police said.

Guilty of Murder

A Suffolk jury found a Queens man guilty of second-degree murder and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon in connection with a 1987 shooting in Huntington Station.

Ricky Law, 29, of 173-04 93rd Ave., Jamaica, was found guilty of fatally shooting Juan Melendez, 24, of 9 Pine Tree Rd., Huntington Station, on Dec. 3, 1987.

After a three-week trial, the jury returned the verdict at about 4:15 p.m. yesterday. Jurors had been deliberating since late Wednesday afternoon, Assistant District Attorney Andrea Lannack said.

Lannack said the shooting occurred at the intersection of East Third Street and Fairgrounds Avenue after an argument that apparently involved Law's girlfriend. Lannack said Law pulled out a gun and shot Melendez through the heart.

Law's defense was that it was a case of mistaken identity, Lannack added. However, the prosecution presented an eyewitness who was at the scene of the shooting and picked Law out of a lineup, she said.

Law has been in custody since he was arrested on Dec. 15, 1987. Suffolk County Court Judge Rudolph L. Mazzei has scheduled sentencing for Aug. 8.

Pedestrian Fatality

A 58-year-old Huntington man was hit by a car and killed late Thursday as he walked along Woodbury Road in Huntington, police said.

Roger X. Hanley, of 144 Carl Ave., was walking south on Woodbury Road, near Carly Avenue, when he was struck from behind by a 1986 Toyota Camry driven by Dorothy Brett, 65, of 7 Dee Court, Plainview, police said.

Hanley was taken by the Huntington Community Rescue Squad to Huntington Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 10:14 p.m., police said.

Brett was not charged in connection with the accident but her car was impounded for a safety inspection, police said. Second Squad detectives are asking anyone with information about the crash to call 351-4452.

Domino's Robbery

Two men wearing stocking masks and armed with handguns made off with an undetermined amount of cash in a robbery at Domino's Pizza in Carle Place, Nassau County police said.

The two men, police said, entered the facility, 79 Westbury Ave., just after Pat Laz-zaro, the district manager, had closed at 2:10 a.m. yesterday. The men forced their way into the building and also robbed two victims of their wallets and pistol-whipped them.

The two victims were robbed of about \$300 total and were treated for lacerations about the face at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola. They were released after treatment, police said.

According to police, the men also took an undetermined amount of cash from a safe inside the building. No further injuries were reported. The Third Squad is investigating.

Beaches Closed

Biltmore Beach in Massapequa and Manorhaven Beach in Manorhaven will remain closed this weekend due to high counts of fecal bacteria, county health officials said.

Pool bathing and all other activities will be open at those beaches.

Bathing water quality at the other beaches in Nassau range from good to excellent, although some may experience a rise in bacteria levels for several days after a rainfall, health officials said. —Stuart Vincent

Cable Issue: Divided Over a House

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uses. West of the site is a county park and northwest is a residential neighborhood.

Ellen Markowski, executive assistant to Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington, said the Power Authority's plans will undermine efforts to revitalize the Hempstead Harbor waterfront.

"This station would only add to the existing degradation," she said. "But for some reason, Westchester's aesthetic concerns are being addressed and ours are not. It's unfair and discriminatory."

A few concessions from both sides have emerged after eight months of discussions, and the negotiations are continuing.

Power Authority officials have offered to paint the

equipment any color the community chooses.

Locals, however, are not sold on the paint job either. "It's ludicrous to think that painting this equipment a pretty pastel purple will lessen the aesthetic assault on the community," Markowski said.

For their part, Markowski and Bergin say they'd settle for a walled enclosure, rather than a roofed structure around the equipment. But so far, the Power Authority has not agreed to that.

DiNapoli said he believes the agency is bending over backward to accommodate Westchester concerns, since the cable is going through that community without bringing any obvious benefit. That community has been up in arms about various facets of the project for years.

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the two as he would any other drug dealer not linked to the name Gotti.

After the sentencing, the two defendants were taken to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, where they have been confined since June 27. On that date, Bartels revoked their bails and ordered them jailed as posing a danger to the community.

Yesterday, Bartels told attorneys he would allow the two to remain at the center pending the filing of appeal briefs with the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Restraining Order for Copter Firm

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outside that limit.

FAA officials said Waterfront has a permit to operate a commercial helicopter service and need not apply directly to the agency for permission to land on the barge.

Suffolk County, which regulates land-to-land ferry services, apparently has no provision governing the operation of offshore air services.

And Coast Guard officials, who boarded the barge this week, said the vessel meets all of their regulations.

That leaves the Town of Brookhaven, which owns

the bay bottom between Long Island and Fire Island.

Douglas Garcia, Waterfront's director of marketing, said as long as his barge does not establish a permanent mooring, the town has no claim on his activities.

But Deputy Brookhaven Supervisor Peter Scully said yesterday that the bay bottom is technically zoned residential and that the firm may have violated town zoning ordinances by operating a commercial vessel there.

"The supervisor and the town board are hard pressed to understand the logic of a company applying for a wetlands permit and then beginning to operate without having the permit in hand," Scully said.

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Cuba Drug Scandal

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with black-market deals, and planned "to build a mansion with fine woods from the Angolan jungles."

Ochoa and the other 13 were charged with embezzlement and with helping Colombia's notorious Medellin drug cartel to smuggle six tons of cocaine into the United States. They were said to have accepted some \$3.4 million in bribes.

The actual drug trafficking operations were attributed during the trial to de la Guardia and his subordinates in the top-secret Department MC of Cuban intelligence.

LOTTERY WINNERS

NEW YORK: Yesterday's Number: 652. Win Four: 2337. Keno: 1, 4, 9, 16, 20, 22, 26, 33, 46, 52, 54, 56, 61, 63, 64, 66, 71, 73, 74, 76.

CONNECTICUT: Lotto: 6; 15; 19; 25; 27; 40.

DELAWARE: Play 4: 3254.

MASSACHUSETTS: Wednesday Megabucks: 12; 16; 19; 21; 32; 36.

NEW JERSEY: Pick 6 Lotto: 21; 30; 32; 34; 38; 44. Bonus: 09845.

PENNSYLVANIA: Big 4 Lottery: 6850.

RHODE ISLAND: Grand Lot Game: 613; 6296; 74786; 541856.