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False confession in bomb threat earns man \$75,000 from Syracuse jury



By Jim O'Hara, The Post-Standard

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Syracuse, NY - A Mattydale man was awarded \$75,000 in damages Tuesday by a Syracuse jury for being coerced into giving a false confession in a school bomb-threat case from 2005.

The state Supreme Court jury deliberated about two hours before concluding the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office acted with malice in bringing criminal charges against Joseph Masterpol, then a 16-year-old Cicero-North Syracuse High School student, in January 2005.

Lawyer Kevin Kuehner said the six jurors sided with Masterpol in concluding that former Detective Robert Owens coerced a false confession from Masterpol by improperly promising the teenager he could go home and face no criminal consequences if he would admit his guilt during a two-hour interrogation.

Masterpol was arrested and charged with a felony count of first-degree falsely reporting an incident after confessing to the bomb-threat incident that occurred at the C-NS High School Dec. 23, 2004.

The charge was dropped in November 2005 after authorities identified another student's fingerprint on the bomb-threat note that had been attributed to Masterpol.

Kuehner said the case came down to a credibility question: Masterpol claimed Owens promised he could go if he confessed, but Owens -- now retired from the department -- denied making any such promise.

Making such a promise is not allowed by law, Kuehner said. Detectives have a lot of leeway in what tactics they can use in interrogating a suspect, but that is not one of them, the lawyer said.

"Joey won the credibility issue," Kuehner said.

Sheriff Kevin Walsh declined comment, referring all questions to the county attorney's office. County Attorney Gordon Cuffy declined comment because the verdict is likely to be appealed.

In bringing a lawsuit against the county and sheriff's office, Masterpol claimed authorities acted in bad faith in coercing him to confess, the lawyer said.

While Masterpol was facing the criminal prosecution in Onondaga County Court, his attorney questioned the

validity of the confession. The lawyer contended Masterpol didn't understand his rights and falsely implicated himself in the crime because of anxiety, depression and an attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Masterpol's defense was gearing up for a trial in the case when the district attorney's office suddenly announced in November 2005 it was dropping the charge after a fingerprint on the bomb-threat note was identified as belonging to another youth, 16-year-old Joseph Larocca of Cicero.

Larocca pleaded guilty in March 2006 to one count of first-degree falsely reporting an incident in one of seven bomb-threat cases that had plagued the C-NS school for two years. He was linked to a number of other incidents that had occurred before he turned 16, officials said.

Larocca was sentenced in July 2006 to serve 24 weekends in jail.

Masterpol had been thrown out of school after being arrested in 2005. He was allowed back into school after the charge against him was dropped and he graduated on time, Kuehner said. Now 24, Masterpol is a student at Le Moyne College while working as a patient-safety monitor at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, the lawyer said.

Kuehner said he believed the money damages were awarded to compensate Masterpol for the four days he spent in jail -- during which he was threatened with rape by other inmates -- after his arrest.

Kuehner said Masterpol and his family reacted with tears of relief at the verdict Tuesday following a two-day, four-witness trial before state Supreme Court Justice Deborah Karalunas.

"Eight years was lifted off his shoulders in a second," Kuehner said.

It was one thing to have the criminal charge dropped back in 2005, Kuehner said. But it was just as important getting the jury verdict awarding him damages in the civil trial, he added.

"It was really good for this kid to get closure," Kuehner said. "This kind of puts an exclamation point on it."

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SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT, of the following:
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, AND I DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT IF I DON'T WANT TO.
IF I GIVE UP THAT RIGHT, ANYTHING I DO OR SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST ME IN A COURT OF LAW.
I HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE A LAWYER PRESENT BEFORE MAKING ANY STATEMENT OR AT ANY TIME DURING THIS STATEMENT.
IF I SHOULD DECIDE I DO WANT A LAWYER, AND I CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE ONE, A LAWYER WILL BE APPOINTED FOR ME FREE OF CHARGE AND I MAY HAVE THAT LAWYER PRESENT BEFORE MAKING ANY STATEMENT.
I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE RIGHT TO STOP AT ANY TIME DURING THIS STATEMENT AND REMAIN SILENT AND HAVE A LAWYER PRESENT.
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I HAVE KNOWN JIMMY SINCE MARCH'86,I MET HIM WHEN I LIVED ON THE SAME STREET FOR AWHILE,I LIVED AT 207 GREEN ST, JIMMY STILL LIVES IN THE SAME HOUSE WITH HIS MOTHER IT'S IN THE 100 BLK,IT'S YELLOW.ANYWAY SHORTLY AFTER MEETING JIMMY WE STARTED HAVING A REALATIONSHIP, WE WERE DOING IT KINDA ON THE SLY BECAUSE WE DID NOT WANT ANYBODY TO FIND OUT THAT WE WERE LOVERS . 3 /11

FOR THE LAST YEAR OR SO JIMMY AND I WERE TALKING ABOUT GETTING OUR OWN PLACE. THE PLACE WHERE I LIVE DOES NOT ALLOW ME TO HAVE ANYONE LIVE WITH ME, JIMMY STAYS WITH HIS MOTHER AND THEY HAVE NEVER GOTTEN ALONG. WHEN JIMMY AND I SPEND TIME TOGATHER IT WAS AT MY PLACE OR AT HIS MOTHERS HOUSE WHEN SHE WAS NOT HOME. JIMMY'S MOTHER WAS ALLWAYS GETTING DOWN ON HIM, HE WOUL:D ALLWAYS TELL ME THAT HE WISHED SHE WAS DEAD. JIMMY'S MOTHER HAD A SUGAR PROBLEM, HE WAS ALLWAYS HOPEING THAT IT WAS GONNA KILL HER.

I GUESS THAT IT, WAS ABOUT A WEEK AGO OR SO WHEN JIMMY ASKED ME IF I WOULD KILL HIS MOTHER, HE TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD GIVE ME A KEY TO HIS HOUSE, HE SAID "YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO". I TOLD JIMMY THAT I WOULD BE SO NERVOUS THAT I WOULD'NT KNOW WHAT TO DO. WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT I WOULD DO AND SAY AFTERWARDS IF THE COPS STOPPED ME,OF IF SOMEONE SAY ME.JIMMY THEN MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD LEAVE A WINDOW OPEN.

ON WEDNESDAY THE 30TH JIMMY CALLED ME AT MY APARTMENT AT ABOUT 11;50 PM. JIMMY CALLED ME ABOUT EVERY NIGHT AT THIS TIME.JIMMY TOLD ME TO COME UP TO HIS HOUSE.I MEI JIMMY AT ABOUT 12;15 AM ON THE O1ST, WE MET ON THE FRONT PORCH OF HIS HOUSE.JIMMY DIDN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING HE JUST HANDED ME A NOTE AND SAID THAT HE WOULD CALL ME ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT AT THE REGULAR TIME.I THEN WALKED DIRECTLY BACK TO MY APARTMENT, I LIVE ON THE 3RD FLOOR AT 315 NORTH SALINA ST APT#37.WHEN I GOT HOME I TOOK THE NOTE OUT OF MY POCKET, IT WAS A PIECE OF ENVELOPE, I RECALL THAT IT WAS BLUE ON THE INSIDE AND WHITE ON THE OUTSIDE. WHEN I READ THE NOTE I STARTED GETTIN REALLY NERVOUS AGAIN. IT WAS PRINTED IN JIMMY'S HANDWRITING. IT SAID "BARDELL YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU WANT TO BE MY LOVER..ILL GIVE YOU A KEY.

ON THE 01ST OF OCTOBER AT THE USUAL TIME JIMMY CALLED ME AT MY APARTMENT, IT WAS SHORTLY BEFORE MEDNIGHT.JIMMY SAID,"I GOT SOME BAD NEWS TO TELL YA,SHE DIED ", I THEN ASKED IF SHE HAD DIED FROM THE SUGAR,JIMMY DID NOT ANSWER FOR A MINUTE,HE THEN SAID,"I GOTTA SEE YA".I DID NOT ASK ANYMORE QUESTIONS,WE MADE ARANGMENTS TO MEET AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE LOCKSMITH PLACE ON BURNET AVE.

I GOT TO THE LOCATION AT ABOUT 12; 20AM, THAT WOULD BE FRIDAY THE O2ND OF OCT. HWEN I MET WITH JIMMY HE SAID COME WITH ME, WE STARTED WALKING TOWARDS JIMMY'S HOUSE, WE DIDN'T TALK ON THE WAY. WHEN WE GOT TO JIMM'Y HOUSE HE TOLD ME TO BE QUIET. WE BOTH WALKED UP ON THE FRONT PORCH, I'M NOT SURE IF THE DOOR WAS LOCKED OR NOT, I WAS LOOKING AROUND TO MAKE SURE THAT NOBODY WAS WATCHING.

I have read this statement (had this statement read to me) which consist of 2/4 page(s) and the facts contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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I WALKED INTO THE HOUSE DIRECTLY BEHIND JIMMY,I STAYED BY THE FRONT DOOR, JIMMY SAID THAT HE WOULD BE RIGHT BACK.I WANT TO SAY THAT ONCE WE WERE INSIDE THE HOUSE I FIGURED THAT HIS MOTHER WAS NOT REALLY DEAD,WHY ELSE WOULD HE WANT ME TO BE QUIET.I WAITED BY THE FRONT DOOR FOR ABOUT 10 OR 20 SECONDS,I WAS IN THE LIVINGROOM NEAR THE DOOR,I COULD'NT SEE MUCH CAUSE ALL THE LIGHTS WERE OFF. WHEN JIMMY RETURNEDHE HANDED ME UNL OF THEM RUBBER GLOVES THAT THE DOCTORS WEAR, HE TOLD ME TO PUT IT ON.JIMMY ALSO HAD ONE OF THE GLOVES,WE BOTH PUT ON THE GLOVES,I PUT MINE ON MY RIGHT HAND,I REMEMBER THAT IT WAS REALLY THIN AND IT "SNAPPED" WHEN IT WENT ON.ONCE AGAIN JIMMY LEFT ME BY THE FRONT DOOR AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE RIGHT BACK.

I WAS AT THE FRONT DOOR FOR A MINUTE OR SO WHEN I HEARD A FEMALE'S VOICE SAYING "STOP JIMMY STOP", THIS VOICE STARTED SCREAMING, SHE KEPT SAYIND "STOP JIMMY STOP".

I STARTED CREEPING FURTHER INTO THE LIVINGROOM, I THEN WALKED INTO THE DININGROOM AREA AND COULD HEAR THE COMOTION IN A ROOM DIRECTLY OFF THE DININGROOM, I KNEW THIS ROOM TO BE JIMMY'S MOTHERS BEDROOM. I STOOD IN THE DOORMAY AND SAW JIMMY STANDING OVER I RECORNIZED THIS TO BE JIMMY'S MOTHERS BEDROOM. I STOOD IN THE DOORMAY AND SAW JIMMY STANDING OVER I RECORNIZED THIS TO BE JIMMY'S MOTHERS. SHE WAS WEARING SOME SORT OF A HOUSE COAT, THE ROOM WAS DARK BUT I SAW THAT SHE WAS WEARING SOME SORT OF A HOUSE COAT, THE ROOM WAS DARK BUT I SAW THAT SHE WAS HALF OFF THE BED, HER HEAD WAS STILL ON IT BUT IT LOOKED LIKE HER LEGS WERE HANGING OFF. WHILE I WAS LOOKING I SAW JIMMY PULL A KNIFE OUT OF HIS MOTHERS CHEST, HE REACHED BACK AND BROUGHT THE KNIFE OVER HIS HEAD AGAIN. AT THAT POINT I WAS REALLY SCARED AND I BACKED OFF AND STARTED HEADING TOWARDS THE FRONT DOOR. WHEN I WAS ALMOST AT THE FRONT DOOR I HEARD JIMMY COM'NG BEHIND ME, AS I TURNET JIMMY SAID "HERE". JIMMY THREW THE KNIFE AT ME, IT HIT ME IN MY LEFT FOREARM AND STUCK IN. I DIDN'T HARDLY FEEL IT STICK IN, I PULLED THE KNIFE OUT, JIMMY SAID "COME ON YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO". WE BOTH WALKED BACK TO THE BEDONOM, JIMMY STAYED IN THE DOORWAY. I WALKED OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE BED WHERE JIMMY'S MOM WAS LYING, SHE WAS STILL IN THE SAME POSITION. AS I WALKED BY THE SIDE OF THE BED I COULD FEEL THE BLOOD WETTING THRU MY PANTS. I COULD HEAR JIMMY'S MOM BREATHING, IT WAS REALLY HEAVY. I HELD THE KNIFE IN MY RIGHT HANDAND STUCK THE KNIFE INTO THE LEFT SIDE OF JIMMY'S MOMS NECK, IT MADE A WEIRD SOUND, KNOWA LIKE "TISS". AFTER I STUCK HER THE FIRST TIME JIMMY'S MOM SAID "PLEASE I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING", SHE THEN REACHED UP AND GRABBED MY LEFT WRIST JUST BELOW MYREGHT HAND. I LIFTED UP THE BACK OF HER HEAD WITH MY RIGHT HAND AND SHE WAS NOT MOVING. I STARTED BACKING OFF, THATS WHEN I TRIPPED OVER WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN HE

I RAN OUT OF THE BEDROOM AND TOWARDS THE BACK OF THE HOUSE,I OPENED UP JIMMY'S BEDROOM DOOR AND SAW THAT THE WINDOW WAS OPEN.I WAS REALLY NERVOUS,I KINDA NELT ON JIMMY BED AND TRIED TO GET OUT HIS WINDOW,I COULD'NT MAKE IT.I TURNED BACK AND RAN TOWARDS THE FRONT DOOR, JIMMY WAS BEHIND ME,WE BOTH RAN OUT THE DOOR.

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WHEN WE GOT OUTSIDE I PUT THE KNIFE AND MY GLOVE IN MY LEFT FRONT PANT POCKET I RAN UP GREEN ST AND TURNED LEFT AT THE FIRST CORNER AND KEPT RUNNING DIRECTLY HOME, JIMMY RAN THE OTHER WAY BACK TOWARDS HIS JOB ON BURNET AVE.

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I WANT TO SAY THAT AFTER WE HAD STABBED HIS MOTHER HE TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD CALL ME AT 8;00AM...HE NEVER DID.

I WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN I DID THIS WITH JIMMY I WAS NOIT DRINKING NOR WAS ON ANY TPE OF DRUG.I WANT TO SAY THAT KILLING JIMMY'S MOTHER WAS NOT MY IDEA AND I KNOW THAT IT WAS WRONG.I HAVE GIVEN THIS STATEMENT OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND SWEAR THAT IT IS THE TRUTH ... yes this is the facult

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DATE 01/12/96 NAME: remember seeing the hammer on a pillow on the floor next to head. I ran downstairs to get a flash light and went back up to see what had happened. Their was blood and part of her head was cut open. I ran back downstairs and I called my Aunt to get the kids out of the house. She told me to call 911 which I did. The 911 Operator asked me where the blood was coming from and I went up and looked and the operator asked me to get JACOB, my son out of the bedroom and I did. A short time later the Police arrived. I realize that what I had done up in the bedroom when I could see my arm and fist going toward my wife's head was that I was hitting her in the head. I am very sorry that I did this to my wife because I love her more than anything in the world. NOTICE (Penal Law 210.45) In a written instrument, any person who knowingly makes a false statement which such person does not believe to be true has committed a crime under the laws of the State of New York Punishable as a Class "A" Misdemeanor. 🐝 Affirmed Under Penalty of Perjury this 12th, day of January, 1996 Person making voluntary Statement Witness