

# Yes. The FBI Framed Rep. Jim Traficant.

## Find Out How & Why . . .

*What follows is a slightly edited transcript of the final remarks that Rep. Jim Traficant (D-Ohio) made on the floor of the House on July 24 prior to the vote to expel him after he was convicted on corruption charges.*

*Many of those who have bothered to follow the Traficant case are convinced Traficant was the victim of a federal vendetta and that the charges against him were contrived—the product of a deliberate conspiracy designed to target one of the most independent and outspoken individuals ever elected to Congress.*

*Although Traficant had only a half hour's time in which to respond to the charges against him, he made many strong points. Traficant also reflected on the growing abuse of power by the Justice Department and the FBI—a point that resonates with many Americans who are concerned about civil liberties.*

*Portions of Traficant's remarks have been rearranged for clarity's sake. For example, at different junctures Traficant referred to the shocking case of Richard Detore, who has accused the Justice Department of pressuring him to lie against Traficant under threat of indictment. All of Traficant's references to Detore have been merged together. Otherwise, this is a faithful presentation of Traficant's remarks, with additional explanatory material added, as noted.*



**"I am not going to shut up. My people elected me and I do not think you should take their representative away."**

**T**RAFICANT: Ladies and gentlemen, you heard on the . . . first national news story that I was involved in a murder [for hire] scheme. . . . It made national headline news.

The woman [who Traficant was supposedly contracting to have killed—Ed.] was a friend of mine. She was so distraught, she called me every name in the book by phone. I didn't know what she was talking about.

She later called and recanted, after they put her in protective custody for eight weeks, paid \$800 to keep her dogs in Kentucky, and then brought her to the grand jury twice. And when she said that Jim Traficant committed no crimes, then they demeaned her. But through the process they told her, to ensure her safety, to go public.

Now, if you are a juror and you have heard about Jim Traficant, if that isn't poisoning a *voir dire* [jury selection process], what is?

The next one in the national news was the \$150,000 barn addition. . . . Finally a man with a conscience, Henry Nimitz, sees me at a restaurant and comes up and says, "Jim, I want to apologize. They were going to indict me, take away my business, ruin my life. My attorney said, why do you have to spend a half a million dollars? Tell them what they want to hear. I

did, and I feel like a coward."

But he failed to recognize that I had a friend with me by the name of John Innella. I immediately went back to my office and did an affidavit with John Innella.

Then the next day, as an old sheriff, I called Mr. Nimitz's girlfriend, who admitted that Mr. Nimitz called and admitted what he said to [me].

So now the \$150,000 barn was not brought [as one of the charges].

I am going to get right to the point. I want you to imagine there is a small army of patriots, and they are facing a gigantic army armed to the teeth. And the captain, trying to show strength, calls his assistant and says, "Go to the tent and get my bright red vest."

He goes and gets the red vest. He puts the red vest on, and he says, "To show the power and courage of our people, without a sidearm I am going to carry this sword and I am going to attack the enemy, and, as they slay me, the blood will not be seen because of my bright red vest and you will be encouraged to fight for our homeland." He gave a banshee cry. He ran out into battle and was destroyed.

His assistant comes up and he called his attendant. He said, "Go to the tent and get me those dark brown pants."

Think about it.

Tonight I have dark pants on.

Am I scared to death? No. I will go to jail before I will resign and admit to something I didn't do.

Now, I want to go case by case. Forget all these witnesses. The judge's husband is a senior partner in the law firm that represented one of the key witnesses [John Cafaro] in my case, and that is part of [my appeal].

My God, if you don't give me a right to appeal a judge whose husband was taking his law firm fees from the Cafaro company . . . then who is our last bastion of appeal if it is not the people's House?

In addition, that person, Cafaro—I am not going to mention names—admitted giving hundreds of thousands of dollars to politicians, I might add, mostly Democrats.

He said he gave me a \$13,000 bribe. Because we were at a public meeting, he said he waited until everybody left, and then we walked out together, we got in his car and he gave me the money.

One of the attorneys handling my appeal is a bright young black attorney by the name of Percy Squire, chief clerk to the chief judge of the Northern District of Ohio, and I called

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him as a character witness.

And he said, "Jim, what do you want me as a character witness for? I came late to that event . . . I walked you out and saw you get in the green truck." Another witness [also] said he picked me up in a green truck . . .

And they accepted Cafaro's testimony even though he admitted to lying in a previous RICO trial.

That is one count.

Richard Detore is a patriot. I didn't subpoena Detore because his attorney said, "Don't subpoena Richard, subpoena me." To tell you the truth, I was a gentleman, and I did it. I felt sorry for him.

Before I was indicted, before Detore was indicted, I have a tape where he says everything on that tape that he told the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct [in testimony just days before Traficant's expulsion from Congress].

He said, "Jim, I think I am living in Red China. If I didn't have two kids, I would blow my brains out."

Here is what they wanted Mr. Detore to say: He was outside the door and heard me and [John] Cafaro make a bribery deal.

What [Rep. Howard] Berman [of California] didn't mention is I paid \$10,000 for cars that didn't run, and Mr. Cafaro sold these cars made in Youngstown, the whole company, for \$1. They are considered worthless. He owed me money, never gave me the titles [to the cars].

They talked about a Corvette that cost \$1,000. It was supposed to be \$1,000, but ended up being \$6,000 that I paid for it. They said, "Why did you pay so much for the Corvette?" I rented a Corvette because I wanted to get a car to drive to visit [Rep.] John Cooksey [R-La.] to go hunting and to speak at one of his events [in Louisiana].

But he got tied up three weeks later, and I had the car for three weeks, and when I drove back, the license plate expired in 30 days [and I] got picked up on I-395.

I ended up paying \$6,000 for a car. I paid for it and got the records.

[Cafaro was also] flying members of Congress around—getting senators' girlfriends' gifts. But you get out of jail free by "getting" the man right here.

[That is, Cafaro cut a deal with the government in a plea bargain agreement in return for testifying that he had "bribed" Traficant.—Ed.]

Mr. Detore, by the way, spent \$600,000 and is now without an attorney. His last attorney—[whom] he paid \$239,000—went to the judge without him knowing and asked to be withdrawn from the case, because Richard Detore would not give him \$100,000. He had already given him \$239,000, and all he did was submit three motions for him.

Someone who impugns the character of Mr. Detore is, in my opinion, violating the sanctity of this House. Because he said . . . "I will not lie. And if they indict me, go ahead and indict me."



Then-Attorney General Janet Reno (left) and then-FBI Director Louis Freeh (center-left) initiated the heavy-handed campaign to frame Jim Traficant on trumped up corruption charges. Their successors—John Ashcroft (center-right) and Robert Mueller (right)—allowed the conspiracy to proceed. FBI agents and Justice Department lawyers questioned, threatened, or otherwise badgered hundreds of people in Traficant's district in hopes of "getting" Traficant, an outspoken critic of the FBI, Justice Department, IRS, BATF and other federal agencies.

The businessman . . . that corroborated Mr. Cafaro's testimony was Al Lang, and I did not find out until after the trial that there was a demand note from Mr. Cafaro to Al Lang to repay the money for the boat he was to buy. . . . Also Mr. Cafaro paid for Mr. Lang's attorney. So it was really Mr. Lang, and the attorney for Mr. Lang was represented by Mr. Cafaro's attorney.

My God.

After the public [House Ethics Committee] hearings [broadcast on CSPAN], 80 to 90 percent of the viewing public supports my position. All the witnesses that testified against me at trial were either felons or would-be felons, with no physical evidence.

The judge questioned nine of my [defense] witnesses outside the presence of the jury and didn't allow them to testify. The judge didn't allow any of my tapes—and all of my tapes are exculpatory. Even on those who took the Fifth Amendment, she didn't allow them. And one thing rang true: Every one of the witnesses that testified—[this is] significant—the [prosecutors] had some witnesses scared to death. The key witnesses all would have gone to jail, lost their license, wives would have been indicted, and you know what? I don't blame any of [them].

In the case of [my] staff, they said one afternoon I invited them down to the boat, they did some sanding—it was a bonding thing—and they drank beer.

The ones that came to the farm, came for the weekend, voluntarily; wanted to use it as a health spa.

[On occasion, members of Traficant's House staff helped Traficant work to restore an aging rickety houseboat that Traficant lived on while in Washington because he could not afford to live elsewhere due to a heavy IRS garnishment of his congressional salary. In Ohio, employees of his local district office also helped on Traficant's farm. In both cases, federal prosecutors pressured the employees into saying that Traficant "forced" them to do the work while they were on the federal payroll.—Ed.]

One guy that said he was there 300 times, I had it before the trial, but I heard he took \$2,500 to bribe a judge in a DUI case. I thought they had no evidence, and I did not even question him on it. I have a tape from one of his fellow trustees that I will submit to the committee. His name is Jim Price, Weathersville Township, relative to the testimony of that staffer.

Now, let's look at a few affidavits.

Dealing with David Sugar, I just yesterday caught up with him. They said it was a half mile across the state line, and they might now pull me into jail for being out of my district. With one of my staffers close by to listen, Sugar admitted that he told Harry Manganaro that after the second FBI visit, because he had backdated some invoices, if he did not lie against Jim Traficant he would not only be indicted, his daughter, his wife and his son would be indicted.

I have a tape of Harry Manganaro [confirming Sugar's

statement that the FBI pressured him to lie against Traficant.] [Manganaro] wasn't allowed to testify, nor was the tape admitted at trial.

In addition to that, a man by the name of Joe Sable told another one of my constituents three days ago, "I feel so bad for Jim. David Sugar told me the same thing" [again, that the FBI pressured him to lie against Traficant].

David Sugar said to me, "Jim, I would love to help you." Now he is saying in the paper, "I never said that to Traficant."

Now, let's talk about Tony Bucci. His fourth plea agreement, his brother in Cuba, fled the country on a fugitive warrant, they sentenced him to six weeks arrest, and here is what he said. He said he did \$12,000 worth of work at the Traficant farm, and he "owned" me.

Now, not all of you know me personally, but if you think someone owned me, you would throw me the hell out of here.

Witnesses testified that I asked him for jackhammers because we had an old bank barn. I never owned the farm.

But this old bank barn didn't have enough height for horses. I asked him to let me use their jackhammers. He said, "It is an insurance problem. I will send some people out." I said, "I don't want you to do that. You will get too close to that old bank barn and you will drop it in."

And that is what happened, folks. And the whole corner of that barn fell down. Harry Manganaro came out and helped me prop it up. It cost my dad \$15,000.

Now, guess what?

Harry Manganaro came to my office yesterday and said his building happened to be firebombed last weekend and all his records are missing, including the bill—\$15,000, not counting materials—to my dad who owned [the barn].

When they talk about this [Allen] Sinclair [and the supposed \$2,500 per paycheck that Sinclair was supposedly paying to Traficant in a kickback—Ed.] they fail to mention that he had five accounts. And every time he took \$2,500 out of one, \$2,500 went into another one. And after he left my employment for 22 months, \$2,500 didn't go into the other account.

[In other words, the money Sinclair was claiming that he paid in cash kickbacks to Traficant was actually being deposited in another of Sinclair's bank accounts. The trial judge in Traficant's case would not allow Traficant to bring in an expert witness who was able to track Sinclair's financial manipulations in this matter.—Ed.]

And while he was in my employ, he said he earned \$50,000 from me and \$50,000 from the government. [But even though Sinclair was supposedly paying massive kickbacks to Traficant, Sinclair was still able to buy] a \$300,000 house, a brand new Buick van, rented a new car for \$300 per month and spent \$60,000 on advertising.

[They] said that I took money from companies that did me favors. Look at the testimony of Susan Bucci. She said that [her family] owed me money [and that is why they did work on Traficant's farm in return—Ed.]. I bushhogged 40 acres of their fields every year because her husband, Dan, was sick; and baled 25 acres of his hay every year for five years using my equipment and never charged him. She came to me when [her own] brothers ripped her off.

Now, they said the prosecutor said, "Traficant is touchy-feely. Traficant is too intelligent to be taped."

Why didn't they fake body injury [to disguise a hidden microphone]?

I have a device that I could tape you right now—your conversation in the midst of all of this [on the floor of Congress]—and you wouldn't know you are being taped.

Now not one wiretap, with the number one target in the United States of the Department of Justice prosecutors?

My phone wasn't tapped?

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# Foreign Terrorists Were Targeting America



the House of Representatives gave Jim Traficant only 30 minutes to the full House why he shouldn't be expelled after being convicted on corruption charges. Prior to that, the House ethics committee denied the opportunity to bring in witnesses who could confirm the Department coerced many people to tell lies about Traficant and being indicted themselves.

They didn't want to get an admission?

They didn't want to get Traficant saying, "Listen, go lie to that grand jury."

If my colleagues know law enforcement and they have got a target, they want a confession, and when they cannot get that confession—I am telling my colleagues this right now: [The FBI and the prosecutors] have more tapes on me than NBC.

Twenty years [of investigating me] and not one tape? Am I that good? Come on.

They didn't bring one FBI or IRS investigator who investigated me to the stand so I could cross-examine them.

They brought a 30-year veteran from Philadelphia. He had seven trips, spent 40 days, a quarter of a million dollars, and all he did was add up the numbers the prosecutor gave him. And said he did no investigation.

When he left, he was so confused he walked into the edge of the jury box, right in the sore spot.

The other one was an FBI rookie.

Now, listen carefully. When it came to fingerprints, the judge smiled like a fox. She dismissed the jury.

The prosecutor says, "Your honor, we have no fingerprints of the defendant." One thousand documents.

[The FBI investigators] went back 15 years on a horse transaction I had in Uhrichsville, Ohio [with a gentleman named] George Hooker. Everything I paid was by check or a credit card. No cash in 20 years.

They could not find one citizen to say Jim Traficant bought a pencil for cash?

Everybody that testified against me would have gone to jail and lost their law license and ruined their life.

A brother-in-law testified that he was taped by someone that he had bribed a county engineer with hundreds of millions of dollars. He told his brother-in-law that he would go to jail for 10 years and lose \$15 million, but [the only one the prosecutors really wanted] was Traficant.

So he added up all the campaign contributions—which was \$2,300 or \$2,400—and said he "bribed Traficant."

You know what is amazing about this one?

[The judge] didn't even allow the brother-in-law—who was subject to jeopardy, being sentenced in another case—to testify.

And guess what I did?

I used the government's own picture because he said I [accepted the bribe] in a barn. So I held up the picture and said, "What barn was it?" [He] couldn't identify the barn.

I have an affidavit or a tape on every one of these counts.

Sandy Ferrante testified that she personally saw me repay over a period of years money to staffers that I borrowed from them.

When the IRS nailed me, they took me to civil court, and I made \$2,400 a month. And that just run out. Now they are going to put me in jail for 12 years, take everything that my wife and I owned, and I never owned that farm.

I will go to jail, but I will be damned if I will be pressured by a government that pressured these witnesses to death to get a conviction on a target—the number one target in the country.

The judge would not let Jim Kirsham, who was an FBI-paid special agent, testify. He was told: "If you get us anything on Traficant, we will build a monument to you."

I got an affidavit from a guy just sent to me from Canada that I helped in a case where 11 Chinese were arrested, and he said, "I want to thank Jim Traficant publicly," and they said, "Stay away from Traficant. Don't mention his name. We are going to get him."

I had an FBI agent that compromised one of my constituents, who was desperately trying to save custody of her child, into sex. She said, "Jim, he didn't throw me to the ground. I don't want my 87-year-old mother to know about it." It was FBI agent [NAME DELETED]. I will be damned if someone is going to rape one of my constituents.

[Note: While Rep. Traficant named the FBI agent in question and we have no doubt that the story is true, AFP is not publishing the name of the agent. The agent could embroil AFP in a costly and potentially devastating libel suit.—Ed.]

I got this affidavit today, about an hour before I came here [from] Scott Grodi. He sat through the whole trial [as a juror]. I would like your attention. He was released two days before the trial [when] his aunt died.

He said he wanted to finish. I thought we had it resolved for the U.S. marshals to take him so he would be a pallbearer. When he came back, he was dismissed.

He didn't put in his affidavit but you can write and talk to him. He said he knew the prosecutor wanted him out. He said, "I knew Jim Traficant was innocent." He said, "I could see how he impeached their witnesses and how they were lying."

Mr. Grodi said the woman next to him also felt I was innocent. I tried to get an affidavit from her. Her attorney informed us that she was afraid to get involved. Now, folks, if she had something good to say about the government, would she be afraid?

I am not going to get into some of the personal dynamics, but there were some people that Mr. Grodi told me that were predisposed to vote against me before that case started, and that upset him. By the way, one of the jurors said, "It's unfortunate [Traficant] got caught, but most of those members of Congress are crooks anyway." I don't think you are crooks.

Now, [Rep. Howard Berman of California told the House during the debate over Traficant's expulsion—Ed.] that there was a recant by Mr. [Leo] Glaser [who had reported earlier to have changed his mind about voting to convict Traficant during the criminal trial.—Ed.]

This is today's newspaper just faxed to me. Mr. Glaser said that he did not recant, and, on the evidence, he couldn't

see himself convicting Jim Traficant now.

I have helped everybody in my district and every one of these people, yeah. I did not even like some of them. [My district] had a 22 percent unemployment rate. Did I go to bat for them? Yes. Did I write letters to the secretary of state? Yes. Did I write letters to the secretary of commerce? Yes. Secretary of labor? Yes. Department of transportation? Yes.

But here is where I am at tonight.

I have been pressured for 20 years.

Here is the problem in America. You must take America back. And I am running as an independent, and don't be surprised if I win behind bars.

The American people are afraid of their government.

Why are we afraid of our government?

I am prepared to lose everything. I am prepared to go to jail. You go ahead and expel me, but I am going to tell you [what was said to] Mr. Detore?

[The federal prosecutors said to him]: "Do you know what Jim Traficant said about Janet Reno? The administration wants him out."

I said this on radio and [now] I am on the House floor. I am going to say it to you right now. I called Janet Reno a "traitor" and I believe in my heart she is.

I believe Monica [Lewinsky] and [Former HUD Secretary] Henry Cisneros were not that important, but I think that the Red Army Chinese general giving money to the Democrat National Committee was an affront to our intelligence, and now I am going to tell it like it is:

The Republicans want permanent trade status with China. You [the Republicans] let it slide. Democrats did not want Clinton and the party hurt. You [the Democrats] let it slide. And what you let slide was the freedom of the United States of America. And I called her a traitor.

And Janet Reno—if I do not go to jail—I will be in Orlando, Aug. 15, and you are not going to be elected to any damn thing.

Nobody should fear our government.

Now, you go ahead and expel me, but you [the Democrats] ran this place for 50 years, and you made the IRS and the FBI and the Justice Department so strong, our people are afraid of death of them.

I want to thank Bill Archer and the Republican Party, and that is why I voted for [Speaker Dennis Hastert in organizing the House following the 2000 election].

For 12 years I tried to change the burden of proof in the civil tax case and protect the American people's homes from being seized, and now, I want to give those statistics because they are relevant to my case and the IRS hates me for it.

The law was passed in 1998 but the Traficant language wasn't in. Clinton threatened to veto it. Ninety-five percent of the American public wanted the Traficant bill. The Republican chairman, Bill Archer, called me and said he talked to the speaker and leaders and said, "Jim, we are going to put your burden of proof in and we are going to put your language on seizure in the conference," and [Archer] wrote me a letter giving me the credit.

Now, let me give you the statistics that I am proud of and I want to share, because this may be the last time on the floor, and I expect it. The year before compared to the year after the law, wage attachments dropped from 3.1 million to 540,000.

Thank you, Mr. Archer. Thank you, [Rep.] Rob Portman. Property liens dropped from 688,000 to 161,000, but now let us think of our communities.

Seizures of individual family-owned homes dropped from 10,067 to 57 in 50 states when they had to prove it, and you guys did it. Congratulations.

I want to fight these people. I want to fight them like a junkyard dog.

I have a lot of Hispanics mad at me, and I think Ms. [Loretta] Sanchez is a great member, but yes, I voted for [former Rep. Bob] Dornan because I thought we set an illegal precedent by allowing possible illegal immigrants to vote in a federal election.

And I am sorry, but that's the way it is. Now, since then I think you have been an excellent member. If you have been offended by this, I am sorry.

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# Rep. Jim Traficant Fought for the People

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I also want to say this: I urge you to put our troops on our border. I think anybody who jumps the fence shouldn't be made a citizen, they should be thrown out. And you are going to be dealing with homeland security, and I am saddened in my heart I can't vote on it.

The point I am making to my colleagues is I am not unique. I know why I was targeted. I do not need American history to beat them, and I was an embarrassment, and then I brought home John Demjanjuk, the infamous Ivan the Terrible.

I was labeled an anti-Semite.

No one would look into his case. The headlines in my paper said that I was a "Nazi sympathizer."

What they did not say [was that] when the [Demjanjuk] family came in, they came to me last because no one would listen to him because they said "the case was too sensitive."

What they also did not print was that I [told the Demjanjuk family]: "If your dad has been convicted, I will go over and pull the switch." Whether he was Ukrainian or Jew made no difference to me.

Through my investigation, I discovered the evidence that proved that Ivan the Terrible was nine years older, taller, black hair, long scar on neck and his name was Ivan Marchenko and then presented a picture to the Israeli Supreme Court.

And for all of the people calling me anti-Semite, let me tell my colleagues something: I never voted for a foreign aid bill until we had a surplus, and then I voted for aid. I support Israel, a democratic state, surrounded by a cluster of monarchs and dictators who have held us hostage for oil.

But he was not Ivan, and the Israeli Supreme Court taught me something that I think Congress should know.

They delivered him to me on an El Al flight to take home.

Congress would not even hold a hearing in light of my compelling evidence that the Israeli Supreme Court freed him, because it was "too sensitive."

What has happened to us, Congress?

Am I different? Yeah. Have I changed my pants? No.

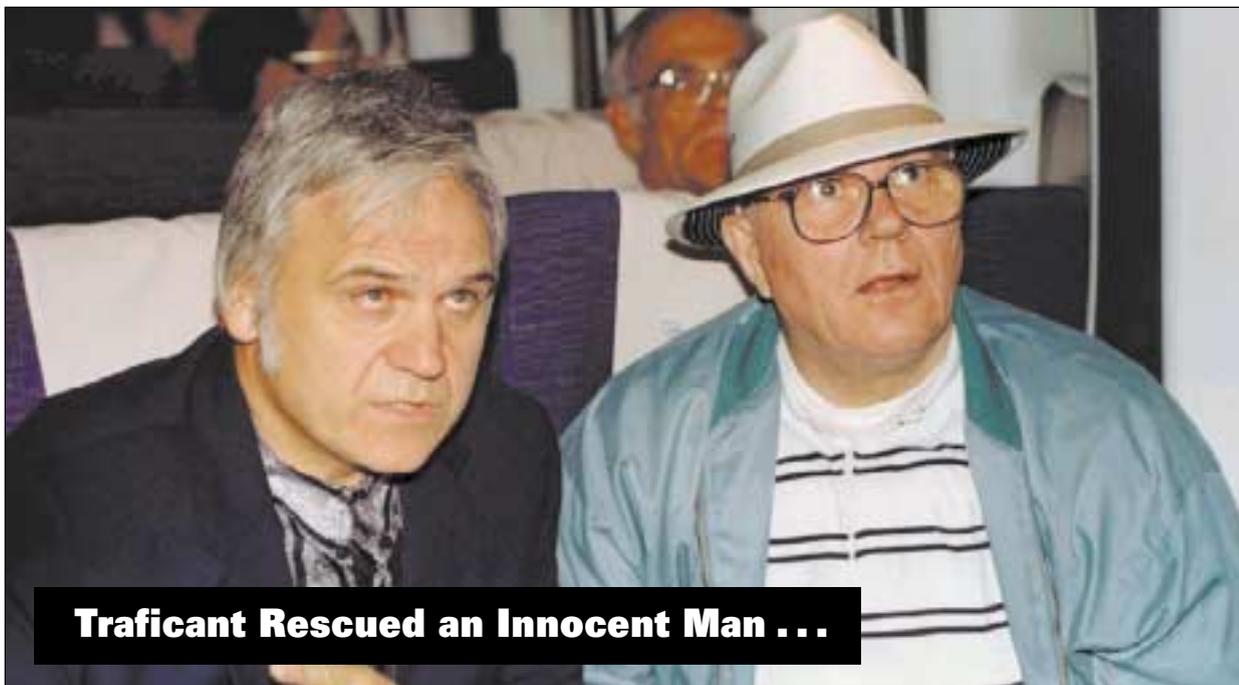
Deep down my colleagues know they want to wear wider bottoms; they are just not secure enough to do it. I do wear skinny ties. Yeah, wide ties make me look heavier than I am and I am heavy enough.

Do I do my hair with a weed whacker? I admit.

Take into consideration what my colleagues are doing.

Former Congressman Michael "Ozzie" Myers: an FBI undercover agent posing as an Arab sheik gave him \$250,000, captured by videotape, and my colleagues [suspended expelling him from the House] till after the break.

The two Members who violated a 17-year-old page boy [Then-Rep. Gerry Studds] and a 17-year-old page girl [Then-



**Traficant Rescued an Innocent Man ...**

**Ironically, although Israel's Supreme Court ruled that Ukrainian-born John Demjanjuk, a Cleveland auto worker, was innocent of charges made by American Jewish groups that Demjanjuk had been a Nazi war criminal, Jim Traficant earned the wrath of the "Jewish lobby" for coming to Demjanjuk's defense. Many members of Congress receive "favors" from that lobby but are never charged with corruption.**

Rep. Dan Crane]—which is rape in every state—were not expelled.

I did nothing wrong. Go ahead and expel me. I believe this judge is so afraid of what is resonating throughout America—citizens who believe that they should not have to fear their government and that Congress is the last hope to take it back. I am saying to the speaker, take it back.

No American should fear their government and this guy does not. I am ready to go. Expel me. It will make it easier for them to really "jack" me good.

But do my colleagues know what they will have done? They will have taken the standards of a RICO case down to less than a DUI where a person needs a .10 to get a conviction.

Let me tell my colleagues what happened to me early Saturday morning . . . [Traficant then described being stopped by local police officers in Ohio and forced to go through a variety of tests to see if he was driving drunk.—Ed.]

[After going through the tests] here is what I asked them: "Did the FBI tell you that was my car and ask you to see if you can get a DUI on me?"

They looked at each other, and [because of House decorum] I cannot [say] exactly what I told them but I told them if I find out it is an FBI agent that did it, I will tear his throat out, and if they lied to me, I would come back to them and tear their throats out.

They are not going to frighten me. I am ready to go to jail. I will go the jail before I admit to a crime I did not commit. And there was never any intent to commit a crime.

I am convinced this judge is going to put me in jail. She cannot stand my guts. And she is deathly afraid of me getting on national TV, because it is beginning to resonate around the country about how people fear our government. And why do we?

You know, there is something unusual here. You did not elect me. Yes, you have the right to throw me out. My people do not want me out. There is something that was not allowed to be brought, and I give the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. Hefley) and the committee great respect. But ladies and gentlemen, you passed a 1967 Jury Service and Selection Plan in the Northern District of Ohio before Traficant was indicted, passed a jury selection plan that was not ratified until after my indictment. They excluded people from my area that knew me and these witnesses from the jury pool.

It is not a matter of liking me. A lot of members do not like me . . . But I want your vote . . . I want to be able to go up and I want to fight the Department of Justice and the IRS . . . I want you to think of this. There may come a time when you might get targeted.

You know what I was told? "Watch what you say. You are too outspoken. Shut up about the Reno case."

I am not going to shut up. I want your vote because I think my vote is your vote, and my people elected me and I do not think you should take their representative away.

With that, thank you. . . . ★

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