

## Q and A Short Take - 1

Q So what was the courthouse in Hempstead intended to accomplish?

A Basically it was to consolidate all the activities of the District Court.

And another problem I remember judges telling me, they used their cars as offices. They did not even have offices.

Q Now, after the courthouse was constructed in Hempstead did the County have any plans to use the facilities which the District Courthouse previously operated in?

A Yes. The idea was to actually move the District Court to Hempstead with all its parts and then renovate these buildings to be used by some other agencies. If I remember correctly, the district attorney should have a better facility here, mainly agencies that had to do with the Court.

Q Now, if you know, were any of these agencies that would be coming into the -- I'll call them former District Court facilities -- coming from places where the County had been paying rent to lease the facilities?

A Yes. Some of the facilities were being rented, yes.

Q Would you tell us, if you know, what are plans and specifications in the construction industry?

A Well, the plans are designs showing the details, the architectural and engineering details of all the elements of the building. The specifications will describe the specific materials, methods of construction, and so on and so forth.

Q Did the County of Nassau have plans and specifications prepared for the District Courthouse project?

A Yes.

Q And did they hire an architectural firm to prepare those plans and specifications?

A Yes, they did.

Q And can you tell us who that architectural firm was?

A The firm was Theodore Bindrim, and he in turn had to hire sub-contractors in the different specialties such as structural engineering, mechanical engineering and so on.

Q Did Mr. Bindrim assign a particular architect to work on the project?

A Mr. Bindrim's lead architect was Swift.

Q Was that David Swift?

A David Swift.

Q Mr. Talmor, is Elite Exhibit 1, the two black books, the contract specifications -- do they include the contract specifications prepared by the firm of Theodore Bindrim?

A Yes.

Q And that's for the District Courthouse project; is that correct?

A Yes.

Q And in addition does Elite Exhibit 1 also contain the agreement between the County and Elite, the contract?

A Yes.

Q Now, next to you are two rolls of drawings. Are those the drawings prepared by Mr. Bindrim's firm?

A If you'll just allow me to open one page. I just need the title.

Q Okay, that's fine.

A Yes, this looks like them. Yes.

Q Thank you.

Now, did the County solicit bids to do the construction work?

A Yes.

Q And if you would, sir, was the successful bidder for general construction work Elite Associates?

A Correct.

Q Was the successful bidder for electrical work Northgate Electrical Corp.

A Correct.

Q Who was the successful bidder for mechanical work on the project?

A Botto Mechanical.

Q Who was the successful bidder for plumbing work?

A Kolin Plumbing. That's I believe the title of the  
company. Kolin Plumbing.

Q Who was the successful bid for sprinkler work?

A Fire Technology, Inc./