
Bulger May Have Penned 2 Memoirs

Mobster Told Writings Could Be Used Against Him At Trial



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Reputed Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger may have been writing two memoirs, including one while on the lam, according to court documents filed Tuesday.

Bulger spent 16 years on the run with his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, before they were arrested in Santa Monica, Calif., in June 2011.

Investigators said they have two autobiographies, including one titled "My Life in the Irish Mafia Wars," that were written by Bulger.

"It is unclear at this juncture whether the defendant authored this document," officials wrote.

According to the court document, "My Life in the Irish Mafia Wars," was found in Bulger's former South Boston home in 1995 and the other was found in Santa Monica when he was taken into custody. Bulger, the former leader of the Winter Hill Gang, was told that the memoirs could be used against him. He is accused in connection with 19 slayings.

Investigators also recovered a photo of Bulger in Las Vegas. It's not clear when the picture was taken, but just after his arrest, Bulger

bragged about traveling to Boston and Vegas several times during his years on the run.

"I don't know what he could write about. He's going to write about how he killed these people? Make excuses about why he did it? Why he had to do it? What s he going to do? Talk about his redeeming qualities, which he has none? How he made South Boston a better community? It s sick. It s sick," said retired Massachusetts State Police Detective Lt. Bob Long.

The new court documents also reveal a witness list for Bulger's trial, which is set for November. The names look familiar to Long, who worked the Bulger case in the 1980s. He's disappointed Greig is not on the list.

"I was just sorry they didn't get her to testify. Who else might have assisted in harboring him?" Long said.

Tuesday's court filing comes one day before Greig is scheduled to plead guilty to three charges, including conspiracy to harbor a fugitive and identity theft.

Greig "expressly and unequivocally admits that she committed the crimes charged," and did so "knowingly, intentionally and willfully, and is in fact guilty of those offenses," the agreement states.

Each count carries a sentence of up to five years, but the families said they were told Greig would likely only serve three years total.

Under the agreement, Greig will not have to cooperate with federal prosecutors and will not be forced to testify against Bulger.