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This Week in Gang Land

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Feds Let Skeeve Turncoat Stew Behind Bars; Convicted Bank Burglar Wants Out

Actions — and sometime non-actions — often speak louder than words. So says onetime mob associate Edmund (Eddie) Boyle, who's asking Brooklyn Federal Court Judge Sterling Johnson to overturn his 2005 [bank burglary](#) conviction, even though he's already served his entire sentence of more than nine years behind bars for the crime.

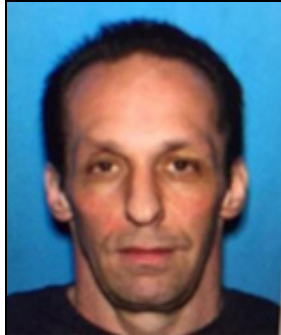


In court papers, Boyle points to the actions of his chief accuser, mob turncoat Gerard ([Skeeve](#)) Bellafiore. Last July 4th, Bellafiore was shot and arrested while wearing a Freddy Krueger-like mask and allegedly using a long fisherman's gaffe to fish for cash at a Florida bank.

Boyle also points to the fact that the FBI and federal prosecutors in Brooklyn don't seem particularly interested in rescuing their prime witness. So far, notes Boyle, the feds in Brooklyn have done nothing to spring their once-prized mob turncoat from a Sunshine State lockup where he's been housed since he was arrested for the bank heist and for assaulting the responding police officer with the gaffe hook.

Boyle's attorney, Anthony DiPietro, argues that the long prison stretches that Bellafiore now faces in both state and federal facilities makes it virtually impossible for Brooklyn prosecutors to use him to counter Eddie's claim

that they knowingly allowed Skeevy to give false testimony against Boyle at his trial.



Gerard Bellafiore G L

Bellafiore was on supervised release for federal bank burglary convictions in Florida and New York when he was busted. Federal authorities in Florida are expected to charge him violating his supervised release (VOSR) because the bank heist took place while he was serving strict post prison supervised release restrictions.

DiPietro says Skeevy's skeevy behavior makes it unlikely he'll be available able to counter Boyle's arguments. At trial, Bellafiore testified that prosecutors made no promises about how much time behind bars he would serve for a slew of bank heists to which he had pleaded guilty. But he told a different story at his own sentencing when he told the court that assistant U.S. attorney Greg Andres had promised a sentence of no more than 41 months. During that proceeding, DiPietro wrote, Judge [Edward Korman](#) opined that Andres had agreed to release Bellafiore on bail after he had served 41 months because the prosecutor believed "41 months was more than what he would receive."

DiPietro wrote that in a previous refusal to grant him a new trial based on newly discovered evidence, Johnson did not know about the government's promises that both Bellafiore and his lawyer had made, and Judge Korman's remarks about that, and should reconsider his prior refusal to vacate Boyle's conviction and order a new trial.



Judge Sterling Johnson

Even if Boyle, 50, is successful in overturning his 2005 bank burglary conviction in Brooklyn, he's still facing a long stretch behind bars. In 2010, he was convicted in Manhattan federal court of racketeering charges for committing the same bank burglaries, and sentenced to 20 more years behind bars.

Meanwhile, [Bellafiore, 48](#), who stole about \$5 million in bank burglaries across the country from the mid-1990s until 2009, is indigent, awaiting trial, and represented by a legal aid attorney. And he's sure to get a court appointed federal defender when the feds hit him with VOSR.