

NEWS RELEASE

Tommaso Buscetta was born on the 13th July 1928 in Palermo, Sicily. He 'died' on the 2nd April 2000 in New York. The cause of death was said to be 'cancer'. It is said that he had fought a two year battle against cancer. When his death became known, Buscetta was mourned by prosecutors and other officials as a hero of the war against organized crime, jarring accolades for a man who once described the "liberating" feeling that comes with pulling the trigger and watching an opponent fall. FBI Director Louis Freeh at the time refused to comment on the death of Buscetta. The 2nd April 2000 was a Sunday. He was buried the next day after a post mortum.

Tommaso Buscetta did not die from cancer. That he suffered from cancer is for certain but it was well under control. The evidence is that prior to death he drank a cup of 'tea'. That 'tea' contained **Nerium Oleander** leaves which had been placed in the house that the US Witness Protection had offered for some years. Who made Buscetta the cup of tea? That is a matter for another day not now.

The post mortum results show that death was 'caused by cancer' but the forensic pathology results based upon connective tissue histological slides taken from the thigh show an excess of 'oleander' residue.

The fire in the 'den' of his house which was alight also contained wood from Oleander. Tea with leaves from Oleander and a fire alight with wood from Oleander caused Buscetta serious abdominal pain, to which he complained, nausea and an ever rising pulse. His blood pressure dropped and his heart failed and he died.

The FBI made no comment. Neither did the Italian DIA. The autopsy report, the full one, came in only on the 15th May 2000 just over a month later which contained the full results of the forensic pathology. But on the day that Buscetta 'died' a preliminary report on the actual cause of death was given in confidence to the FBI Director. He chose to make no comment.

Tommaso Buscetta was murdered as was Michele Sindona. But he was not killed by the State although the State in reality mourned little. Why has this information not been made public and why are his autopsy and forensic pathology reports covered by a blanket top secret stamp? If it had been made public that Buscetta, one of the most heavily protected men on this earth had been murdered it would have undermined the State's inducement to other 'pentiti'/informants of organized crime.

The decision was taken thus to 'seal' the file of Buscetta and his autopsy and forensic pathology. To all and sundry Buscetta died of cancer which he certainly was being cured. His death however, was anticipated by a well planned murder under the eyes of those protecting him.

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