

TO: Local 714 Executive Board  
FROM: Members of the Independent Review Board  
SUBJECT: Proposed Charge against Local 714 Member Ronald Stella  
DATE: February 23, 1996

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**I. RECOMMENDATION**

The Independent Review Board recommends to the Local 714 Executive Board that Local 714 member Ronald Stella ("Stella") be charged with bringing reproach upon the IBT by failing to cooperate with the Independent Review Board ("IRB") when he unreasonably failed to appear for his duly noticed sworn examination scheduled for January 23, 1996. By his conduct, it appears that Stella violated Article II, Section 2(a) and Article XIX, Section 7(b)(1) and (2) and Section 14(i) of the IBT Constitution.

**II. INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

Local 714 records reflect that Ronald Stella, address 8904 N. Oleander, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, became a Local 714 member in February 1967 and is currently a Local 714 member. (Ex. 1) According to Stella's Titan dues printout, on January 8, 1996, Stella paid quarterly dues through March 1996 to Local 714. (Ex. 1) According to Local 714 records, Stella is currently a member in the Local 714 Trade Show division. (Ex. 2)

On January 3, 1996, the Chief Investigator's Office sent via overnight express mail a notice of sworn examination to Stella,

scheduling his sworn examination for January 18, 1996. (Ex. 3)<sup>1</sup> At this sworn examination, the Chief Investigator planned to ask Stella questions concerning, among other things, his alleged organized crime contacts, his alleged criminal history and his membership in the Local 714 Trade Show division.

Records from the United States Postal Service reflected that the January 3, 1996 notice was received at Stella's address on January 4, 1996 and "R. Stella" signed to accept this notice. (Ex. 6)<sup>2</sup>

On January 9, 1996, the Chief Investigator's Office sent Stella a letter via overnight express mail rescheduling his January 18, 1996 sworn examination for January 23, 1996. (Ex. 4) On January 18, 1996, the Chief Investigator's Office sent Stella another letter via overnight express mail setting his sworn examination for January 23, 1996 at 3:15 p.m.. (Ex. 5) Records of the United States Postal Service reflected that the January 18, 1996 letter was received at Stella's residence on January 19, 1996 and "R. Stella" signed for the letter. (Ex. 7) Nevertheless, without explanation, Stella failed to appear on January 23, 1996

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<sup>1</sup> This notice was sent to Stella at his address reflected on the June 7, 1995 and January 9, 1996 Local 714 membership lists. (Exs. 2 and 11)

<sup>2</sup> Subsequent to the mailing of the January 3, 1996 notice of sworn examination, a man identifying himself as Ronald Stella telephoned the Chief Investigator's office and spoke with Special Investigator John Skala about the notice of sworn examination he received. (Ex. 12) On February 16, 1996, the Chief Investigator's Office attempted to contact Stella by telephone. However, Stella's phone number is unpublished. (Ex. 13)

for his sworn examination. (Ex. 8)

On February 9, 1996, the Chief Investigator's Office sent to Stella via overnight express mail another notice of sworn examination scheduling his sworn examination for February 28, 1996. (Ex. 9) The notice was sent to Stella at the address reflected on the January 9, 1996 membership list and the address used in the earlier notices. However, on February 14, 1996, this notice was returned to the Chief Investigator's Office undelivered and marked, "Refused 2/13/96". (Ex 10)

### III. PROPOSED CHARGE

Based on the foregoing, it is recommended that Ronald Stella be charged as follows:

While a member of Local 714, you brought reproach upon the IBT in violation of Article II, Section 2(a) and Article XIX, Section 7(b)(1) and (2) and Section 14(i) of the IBT Constitution and obstructed, interfered and unreasonably failed to cooperate with the duties of the Independent Review Board as set forth in paragraph G of the March 14, 1989 Consent Decree in United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 88 Civ. 4486 (S.D.N.Y.), to wit:

On January 23, 1996, you willfully and without justification refused to appear for your sworn in-person examination pursuant to Paragraph H.3 (C) of the Rules and Procedures for Operation of the Independent Review Board for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

EXHIBITS

- Ex. 1 Titan Dues Record for Ronald Stella
- Ex. 2 Excerpt from Local 714 membership list for Self Pay Members in the Trade Show Division dated January 9, 1996
- Ex. 3 January 3, 1996 Notice of sworn examination to Ronald Stella
- Ex. 4 January 9, 1996 Letter to Ronald Stella
- Ex. 5 January 18, 1996 Letter to Ronald Stella
- Ex. 6 United States Postal Form 3811-A showing overnight mail delivery to R. Stella on January 4, 1996
- Ex. 7 United States Postal Form 3811-A showing overnight mail delivery to R. Stella on January 19, 1996
- Ex. 8 Statement for the record, dated January 23, 1996
- Ex. 9 February 9, 1996 Notice of Sworn Examination to Ronald Stella
- Ex. 10 Refused Overnight mail envelope containing notice of rescheduled sworn examination of Stella returned undelivered to the Office of the Chief Investigator and marked, "Refused 2/13/96"
- Ex. 11 Excerpt from Local 714 membership list dated June 7, 1995
- Ex. 12 Memorandum dated February 15, 1996 by Special Investigator John Skala
- Ex. 13 Memorandum dated February 16, 1996 by Special Investigator Don Schwally

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June 28, 1996

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Re: Local 714 and Ronald Stella  
Local 714 and Joseph E. Hogan

Dear Members of Local 714 Executive Board:

The Independent Review Board has reviewed the Amended Report and Decision regarding Ronald Stella and the Report and Decision regarding Joseph E. Hogan. The Board finds the Decisions not to be inadequate.

Very truly yours,

Members of the  
Independent Review Board

by:

  
John J. Cronin, Jr.  
Administrator

cc: Marvin Sacks, Esq.  
Judith A. Scott, Esq.  
David Neigus, Esq.

Pursuant to the Consent Order of the United States District Court, S.D.N.Y.  
United States -v- International Brotherhood of Teamsters 88 CIV 4486 (DNE)



## TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 714

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June 4, 1996

### AMENDED REPORT AND DECISION OF THE LOCAL 714, I.B. OF T. EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### Charges Against Ronald Stella

#### Background

On March 5, 1996, Nick Boscarino, a member of Local 714, International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("Local 714"), brought an internal union charge against Local 714 member, Ronald Stella, that had been recommended by the Independent Review Board ("IRB"), appointed pursuant to the Consent Decree entered March 14, 1989 in United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 88 Civ 4486 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Consent Decree"). This charge alleged that Ronald Stella, while a Local 714 member, brought reproach upon the IBT in violation of Article II, Section 2(a) and Article XIX, Section 7(b)(1) and (2) and Section 14(i) of the IBT Constitution and obstructed, interfered and unreasonably failed to cooperate with the duties of the IRB as set forth in paragraph G of the Consent Decree by willfully and without justification refusing to appear on January 23, 1996 for his sworn in-person examination pursuant to the IRB Rules.

On or about March 8, 1996, a copy of the charge was sent, by certified mail return receipt requested, to Ronald Stella at 8904 North Oleander in Morton Grove, Illinois. At the same time, Ronald Stella was notified that a hearing on said charge would be held before

the Local 714 Executive Board on April 1, 1996 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at the Local 714 Union Hall. The charge and the notice of hearing were received by Ronald Stella on March 15, 1996.

On April 1, 1996, after having been notified that Ronald Stella was sick and unable to attend the scheduled hearing that day, the Local 714 Executive Board convened the hearing and agreed to reschedule same for April 11, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. Ronald Stella was notified, by certified mail return receipt requested, that the April 1, 1996 hearing was continued to April 11, 1996 at the hour of 1:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. He received said notice on April 4, 1996.

At the hearing on April 11, 1996, all members of the Local 714 Executive Board were present, except for Trustee Robert Riley. Local 714 member Nick Boscarino, Ronald Stella, and Union attorney Marvin Sacks were also present. The IRB Investigative Report, the February 23, 1996 IRB recommendation, investigative findings, proposed charge and exhibits, and the March 5, 1996 charge of Local 714 member Nick Boscarino against Ronald Stella, among others, were introduced into evidence. Ronald Stella was given an opportunity to make any statements or comments in his own defense in this matter, but refused to do so.

There was a court reporter present at the hearings on April 1, 1996 and April 11, 1996 and a transcript made of these proceedings.

### **Finding**


After considering the record and evidence in this matter, the members of the Local 714 Executive Board unanimously find that Ronald Stella violated Article II, Section 2(a)

and Article XIX, Sections 7(b)(1) and (2), and 14(i) of the IBT Constitution when he failed to appear for his sworn examination.

**Decision**

It is the unanimous decision of the members of the Local 714 Executive Board, based on the evidence in this matter, that Ronald Stella, effective April 23, 1996, be permanently barred from:

- (A) IBT membership and from holding any positions with any IBT entity;
- (B) Receiving any payments from Local 714 or from any IBT entities;
- (C) Having Local 714 or any IBT entities make any contributions on his behalf to any IBT-affiliated benefit fund.

  
JAMES M. HOGAN  
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#### Charges Against Joseph E. Hogan

#### Background

On April 12, 1996, Joanne Schumacher, a member of Local 714, International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("Local 714"), brought an internal union charge against Local 714 member, Joseph E. Hogan, that had been recommended by the Independent Review Board ("IRB"), appointed pursuant to the Consent Decree entered March 14, 1989 in United States v. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, 88 Civ 4486 (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Consent Decree"). This charge alleged that Joseph E. Hogan, while a Local 714 member, brought reproach upon the IBT in violation of Article II, Section 2(a) and Article XIX, Section 7(b)(1) and (2) and Section 14(i) of the IBT Constitution and obstructed, interfered and unreasonably failed to cooperate with the duties of the IRB as set forth in paragraph G of the Consent Decree by willfully and without justification refusing to appear on February 22, 1996 for his sworn in-person examination pursuant to the IRB Rules.

On or about April 12, 1996, a copy of the charge was sent, by certified mail return receipt requested, to Joseph E. Hogan at 11188 Tonya Drive in Woodruff, Wisconsin. At the same time, Joseph E. Hogan was notified that a hearing on said charge would be held

before the Local 714 Executive Board on May 6, 1996 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at the Local 714 Union Hall. The charge and the notice of hearing were received by Joseph E. Hogan on April 15, 1996.

At the hearing on May 6, 1996, all members of the Local 714 Executive Board were present, except for Trustee Robert Riley. Local 714 member Joanne Schumacher and Union attorney Marvin Sacks were also present. Joseph E. Hogan did not appear. The IRB Investigative Report, the April 1, 1996 IRB recommendation, investigative findings, proposed charge and exhibits, and the April 12, 1996 charge of Local 714 member Joanne Schumacher against Joseph E. Hogan, among others, were introduced into evidence.

There was a court reporter present at the hearing on May 6, 1996 and a transcript made of the proceeding.

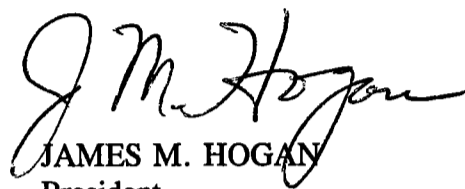
### **Finding**

After considering the record and evidence in this matter, the members of the Local 714 Executive Board unanimously find that Joseph E. Hogan violated Article II, Section 2(a) and Article XIX, Sections 7(b)(1) and (2), and 14(i) of the IBT Constitution when he failed to appear for his sworn examination.

### **Decision**

It is the unanimous decision of the members of the Local 714 Executive Board, based on the evidence in this matter, that Joseph E. Hogan, effective June 4, 1996, be permanently barred from:

- (A) IBT membership and from holding any positions with any IBT entity;
- (B) Receiving any payments from Local 714 or from any IBT entities;
- (C) Having Local 714 or any IBT entities make any contributions on his behalf to any IBT-affiliated benefit fund.

  
JAMES M. HOGAN  
President