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'DEVECCHIO' TEEN MAY HAVE DUG HIS OWN GRAVE

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October 24, 2007 -- A witness against alleged rogue FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio nearly whacked the Brooklyn DA's case yesterday by testifying that one of the deadly secrets the G-man allegedly leaked to the mob was no secret at all.

DeVecchio, 67, is charged with funneling FBI information to Colombo soldier Gregory "The Grim Reaper" Scarpa, including the tip that a Brooklyn teen was on the verge of ratting out Scarpa's son Joey in the Halloween 1987 killing of an innocent 17-year-old.

But yesterday, Reyes Aviles, an ex-pal of Joey Scarpa, told a shocked courtroom that victim Patrick Porco might have set the stage for his own violent shooting death in May 1990 by telling the Scarpas about his conversations with police.

"Patrick told me that he had told Joey and most likely told his father," Aviles said.

"Just so we are clear, sir, Patrick Porco told you that he had told Joey Scarpa that he, Patrick, had spoken to the police?" asked defense lawyer Mark Bederow.

"Yes."

Since the start of the case, the Brooklyn DA's version has always been that DeVecchio warned Scarpa about Porco some time in the month before the murder.

But the ex-con wasn't done muddying the case.

Aviles went on to testify that Joey Scarpa once said that his mobster father had a source not in the FBI, but in the Brooklyn DA's office.

That comment was stricken from the record as hearsay.

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