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E-mail from Sandra Harmon (below) to Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes' Office on 1/12/06:

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SMOKING GUN: DA Charles Hynes said he hadn't known of tapes' existence.

Hynes knew moll spoke to reporters

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More than two months before the murder indictment of former FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio, the Brooklyn DA's Office knew its key witness had spoken with the very reporters who ultimately derailed the case, The Post has learned.

"It all made me remember and find two book proposals by different writers, one by Jerry Capeci and Tom Robbins and the other by I think John Connolly, both of whom worked with Linda Schiro on the proposals, as I did," writer Sandra Harmon e-mailed DA Charles Hynes' office.

"This comes straight from Linda [Schiro] to all of us. She gave me the two other

book proposals years ago and told me they were accurate," Harmon says in the Jan. 12, 2006 e-mail.

DeVecchio was indicted on March 24, 2006.

Capeci and Robbins said yesterday no one from the DA's office contacted them to ask about their conversations with Schiro, who now faces a possible a perjury rap.

The mob moll's testimony about information DeVecchio was alleged to have passed to his own mob informant, Colombo killer Gregory "The Grim Reaper" Scarpa, was key to the case against the former G-man.

"The answer is no," said Capeci. "At no time did the DA's office ever call me, contact me or ask me at any



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point in any way, shape or form, if I had any information about what she told me."

Robbins said, "If someone had asked me to give them

[Hynes' prosecutors] a reality check, I would have done that."

Astonishingly, a spokesman for the DA's Office said yesterday their investigators were aware of Schiro's conversations but didn't contact the reporters because the expectation was they wouldn't share the information.

"We knew from the early stages of the investigation that she'd spoken to Tom Robbins and Jerry Capeci," said the spokesman.

It was tape recordings of the interviews Capeci and Robbins conducted with Schiro in 1997 — which contradicted her testimony linking DeVecchio to three of four murders — that killed the case this week.

Hynes said on Thursday

that had his office had any knowledge of the tapes' existence, there would never have been a prosecution.

"It's astounding in a case built around Linda Schiro ... that they would not completely vet her credibility in a thorough manner," DeVecchio lawyer Mark Bederow said. "To indict a man for four counts of homicide on the singular testimony of Linda Schiro is disgraceful."

DeVecchio and his wife, who celebrated at Sparks Steak House after the charges were dropped, will return home to Florida today.

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