

On the tape, which was played for the jury, Sickles is heard telling Markowski that he would have little trouble getting guns for him.

"We can get hot ones in Philly," Sickles said at one point. At the time, Sickles was security chief for the Main Line Coin & Stamp Co., 20th Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard in Philadelphia.

Markowski testified that Sickles had repeatedly told him that he had connections in several cities who could obtain weapons for him. According to Markowski, Sickles said that he knew numerous "bikers, ex-cons and drug dealers" who could illegally get guns.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Theopolis Gregory said in his opening statement that the prosecution would show that Sickles illegally sold weapons to Markowski and another undercover agent, Richard Schoerner.

Markowski's testimony will continue when the trial resumes at 10 a.m. today.



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Prosecutors William C. Carpenter Jr. (left) and Gregory