

Hale says he didn't trust security chief

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In his last public court filing before his sentencing Wednesday, white supremacist Matthew Hale hinted that he hesitated to tell his security chief--an FBI mole who at times proposed violence--that he didn't trust him for fear the man would turn his wrath toward Hale.

"Telling a person who expresses to you a desire to kill people that you don't trust them isn't exactly a healthy proposition," Hale said of the informant, Tony Evola. "I always felt that a man willing to kill others would be willing to kill me too."

Hale is scheduled to be sentenced for his conviction last April for soliciting Evola to kill U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow in anger over her order to change the name of his group after losing a trademark-infringement suit.

In a recent court filing, Hale contended he was referring to a lawyer and not Lefkow in a key undercover recording that, prosecutors argued, was proof of the murder solicitation.

Prosecutors haven't disclosed what sentence they will seek for Hale but said he faces up to 40 years in prison by statute.

Prosecutors contend that under federal sentencing guidelines, Hale's solicitation of Lefkow's murder was terrorism and that his sentence should be more severe as a result.

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