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Las Vegas, NV (KTNV) – The son of a Las Vegas judge appeared in court Wednesday after being accused of pulling off a million dollar heist at the Bellagio Casino last December.

29-year-old Anthony Carleo now faces two additional counts of robbery with a deadly weapon.

At the preliminary hearing, the court heard from casino employees who witnessed the crime as well

as the undercover cop who testified that he'd purchased some of the stolen chips from Carleo.

The infamous surveillance video showing the Bellagio bandit heading straight for the casino floor was played during in court, as Anthony Carleo sat calmly in the defendant's chair.

"All the big chips were in the middle. And he went for the middle and was digging in the middle."

George Pappas, who was working the Bellagio's valet parking booth on December 14 says he saw a person leave a motorcycle near the hotel entrance.

He says he had no idea a robbery was taking place until second later.

"I turned around and went toward the bike to stop him."

But the suspect had no intention of surrendering.

"He put up his gun and said, 'Move.'"

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Days after the heist, police received a number of tips, including one that led an undercover cop straight to Carleo.

"He stated he had chips to sell but wanted to get comfortable before selling the tips," says the police officer.

The officer testified that he'd met with Carleo at the Bellagio on a few occasions with the informant present at all times. According to the detective, he bought two \$25,000 chips off Carleo, one for \$10,000 and the other for \$7,000.

"I asked if he had other chips I could buy. He said, 'Yes, for about a dime piece,' or \$10,000. And I said, 'Yes.'"

Carleo's preliminary hearing is scheduled to continue in March after the defense requested more information, specifically about the one person who led the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to Carleo.

In the meantime, the judge set bail for Carleo at \$1 million.

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