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The **Chicago Outfit** (also known as the Outfit, the Chicago Mafia, the Chicago Mob, the South Side Gang, or The Organization) is an Italian-American organized crime syndicate based in Chicago, Illinois, which dates back to the 1910s. It is part of the American Mafia originating in Chicago's

Chicago Outfit

South Side.

The Outfit rose to power in the 1920s, under the control of <u>Johnny Torrio</u> and <u>Al Capone</u> and the period was marked by bloody gang wars for control of the distribution of illegal alcohol during Prohibition. Since then, the Outfit has been involved in a wide range of criminal activities, including loansharking, gambling, prostitution, extortion, political corruption, and murder. Following Capone's conviction for income tax evasion (in 1931), the Outfit was run by Paul Ricca. From 1943 until his death in 1972, he shared power with Tony Accardo, who became the sole power in the Outfit upon Ricca's death. Accardo was one of the longest sitting bosses of all time right up until his death in the early 1990s.

The Outfit did not have a monopoly on organized crime in Chicago, but they were by far the most powerful, violent and largest criminal organization in the Midwest. The Outfit's influence, at its peak, stretched as far away as California and Florida. Higher law enforcement attention and general attrition has led to the Outfit's gradual decline since the late 20th century. As of 1997, the Chicago Outfit was believed to be led by John DiFronzo.



Infamous Chicago Outfit leader Al Capone

Founded 1910

Founded

Big Jim Colosimo

by

Founding location

Chicago, Illinois, United States

Years active

1910-present

Chicago metropolitan area, surrounding midwest. Other

territories in Las Vegas, Florida, Territory

Burbank, Hollywood, and areas of

the San Fernando Valley

"Made men" are people of Italian

Ethnicity descent, with 28 made members

100+ associates

Racketeering, bribery, conspiracy,

burglary, coercion, labor

racketeering, police corruption,

Criminal

hijacking, loansharking, drug activities trafficking, fencing, rum

bootlegging, fraud, money

laundering, murder, illegal gambling,

extortion

Five Families, Detroit, Cleveland, St.

Allies Louis, Kansas City, Patriarca, Denver

and Los Angeles crime families

Various Chicago criminal groups Rivals

that rival it for power

History

Pre-Prohibition

The early years of organized crime in Chicago, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, were marked by the division of various <u>street gangs</u> controlling the South Side and North Side, as well as the <u>Black Hand</u> organizations of <u>Little Italy</u>.

<u>Big Jim Colosimo</u> centralized control in the early 20th century. Colosimo was born in <u>Calabria</u>, Italy, in 1877, emigrating to Chicago in 1895 where he established himself as a criminal. By 1909, he was successful enough that he was encroaching on the <u>criminal activity</u> of the Black Hand organization.

His expanding organization required the procurement of extra muscle. This came in the form of Colosimo's nephew <u>Johnny Torrio</u> from New York. In 1919, Torrio brought in Al Capone, thus providing Capone's entrance to Chicago. In time, Colosimo and Torrio had a falling out over Torrio's insistence that they expand into <u>rum-running</u>, which Colosimo staunchly opposed. In 1920, Colosimo was killed on Torrio's order. Torrio reportedly brought in New York colleague <u>Frankie Yale</u> to murder Colosimo. Al Capone has also been suspected as Colosimo's assassin.

Torrio brought together different parts of Chicago criminal activity, with a lasting effect on Chicago in general, and Chicago crime in particular.

Al Capone's empire

During the <u>Prohibition era</u>, <u>Al Capone</u> saw an opportunity for himself and the Outfit in Chicago to make money and to further expand their criminal empire by racketeering small businesses. With Capone taking the role of an actual businessman and partner of the owner, the Outfit had a legitimate way to source their money, which prevented incrimination and unnecessary attention from law enforcement.

During the <u>Prohibition era</u>, Johnny Torrio competed with other gangsters in Chicago for the <u>bootlegging</u> business. Despite this, Torrio was able to reach a truce with Dean O'Banion, the leader of the Irish <u>North Side Gang</u>. The Chicago Outfit operated in South Chicago while Dean O'Banion operated out of the North Side. Torrio also had allied with the Sicilian <u>Genna crime family</u> that operated out of Little Italy in the city's center. The truce with the North Side fell apart and, on November 10, 1924, Dean O'Banion was killed by Frankie Yale and two Genna gunmen. <u>Hymie Weiss</u> took over the North Side Gang and, on January 24, 1925, Torrio was severely wounded in an assassination attempt. He recovered in the hospital, served a one-year jail

sentence, and then handed off control to Capone and retired. In 1926, Capone had Hymie Weiss killed. Capone's accession led to a bloody war for control of the bootlegging rackets in Chicago during the 1920s. This culminated in the <u>St. Valentine's Day Massacre</u>. The war was widely covered by the press and turned Capone into a national figure.

Capone and his men were raking in vast amounts of money, and were largely immune to prosecution because of witness intimidation and the bribing of city officials. He also paid off numerous police officers to avoid the arrest of his men. By the end of his reign, Capone had successfully expanded the Chicago Outfit throughout metro Chicago. One of the prime areas of interest was in Canada, the main source of alcohol which the Outfit was smuggling into the States. This illicit alcohol was then distributed to all the brothels of Chicago. During Prohibition, this was one of the greatest sources of income for the Outfit. The boss controlled the heads of various divisions of the Outfit through a system of subordinates placed throughout the various levels of the organization. Anyone who betrayed the honor of the organization was killed. Unable to convict Capone of any meaningful criminal activity, Treasury agents had him arrested for tax evasion and he was sentenced to 11 years in prison in 1931.

From Nitti to Accardo

1930s-1950s

Capone's hand-picked successor <u>Frank Nitti</u> nominally assumed power. In truth, power was seized by Nitti's <u>underboss Paul Ricca</u>, who was acknowledged as "boss" by the leaders of the growing <u>National Crime Syndicate</u>. Ricca ruled the Outfit, either in name or in fact, for the next 40 years.

Over the next decade, The Outfit moved into labor <u>racketeering</u>, gambling, and <u>loan sharking</u>. Geographically, this was the period when Outfit muscle extended to <u>Milwaukee</u> and <u>Madison</u>, <u>Wisconsin</u>, <u>Kansas City</u>, and especially to Hollywood and other California cities, where The Outfit's extortion of labor unions gave it leverage over the <u>motion picture industry</u>.

In the early 1940s, a handful of top Outfit leaders went to prison because they were found to be extorting Hollywood by controlling the unions that compose Hollywood's movie industry, and manipulating and misusing the Teamsters Central States Pension fund. In 1943, the Outfit was caught redhanded shaking down the Hollywood movie industry. Ricca wanted Nitti to take the fall. However, Nitti had found that he was claustrophobic, years earlier while in jail for 18 months (for tax evasion), and he decided to end his

life rather than face more imprisonment for extorting Hollywood. Ricca then became the boss in name as well as in fact, with enforcement chief <u>Tony Accardo</u> as underboss--the start of a partnership that lasted for almost 30 years. Around this time, the Outfit began bringing in members of the <u>Forty-Two Gang</u>, a notoriously violent youth gang. Among them were <u>Sam "Momo" Giancana</u>, <u>Sam "Mad Sam" DeStefano</u>, <u>Felix "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio</u>, and <u>Fiore "Fifi" Buccieri</u>.

Ricca was sent to prison later in 1943 for his part in The Outfit plot to control Hollywood. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, along with a number of other mobsters. Through the "magic" of political connections, the whole group of Outfit mobsters was released after three years, largely due to the efforts of Outfit "fixer" Murray "The Camel" Humphreys. Ricca could not associate with mobsters as a condition of his parole. Accardo nominally took power as boss, but actually shared power with Ricca, who continued behind the scenes as a senior consultant--one of the few instances of shared power in organized crime.

Accardo joined Ricca in semi-retirement in 1957 due to some "heat" that he was getting from the IRS. From then on, Ricca and Accardo allowed several others to nominally serve as boss, such as Giancana, Alderisio, Joey Aiuppa, William "Willie Potatoes" Daddano, and Jackie "the Lackey" Cerone. Most of the front bosses originated from the Forty-Two Gang. However, no major business transactions took place without Ricca and Accardo's knowledge and approval, and certainly no "hits." By staying behind the scenes, Ricca and Accardo lasted far longer than Capone. Ricca died in 1972, leaving Accardo as the sole power behind the scenes.

1960s-1990s

Along with the voting allegations, the Outfit was involved in a <u>Central Intelligence Agency</u>-Mafia <u>collusion</u> during Castro's overthrow of the Cuban government. In exchange for its help, the Outfit was to be given access to its former casinos if it helped overthrow <u>Fidel Castro</u> in <u>Operation Mongoose</u> or <u>Operation Family Jewels</u>. The Outfit failed in that endeavor and faced increasing indictments under the administration of President <u>John F. Kennedy</u> (JFK). The Outfit is the subject of <u>some theories</u> regarding the <u>JFK assassination</u> and that of JFK's brother <u>Robert Kennedy</u>.

The Outfit reached the height of its power in the early 1960s. Accardo used the <u>Teamsters</u> pension fund, with the aid of <u>Meyer Lansky</u>, <u>Sidney Korshak</u>, and <u>Jimmy Hoffa</u>, to engage in massive <u>money laundering</u> through the Outfit's casinos. The 1970s and 1980s were a hard time for the Outfit, as law enforcement continued to penetrate the organization, spurred by poll-

watching politicians. <u>Off-track betting</u> reduced <u>bookmaking</u> profits, and illicit casinos withered under competition from legitimate casinos. Activities such as auto theft and professional <u>sports betting</u> did not replace the lost profits.

The Outfit controlled casinos in Las Vegas and "skimmed" millions of dollars over the course of several decades. Most recently, top mob figures have been found guilty of crimes dating back to as early as the mid-1960s. It has been rumored that the \$2 million skimmed from the casinos in the Court case of 1986 was used to build the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club, the founder of which was Angelo J. "The Hook" LaPietra.

Allen Dorfman, a key figure in the Outfit's money embezzlement operations, was investigated by the Department of Justice. In 1982, the FBI wire-tapped Dorfman's personal and company phone lines and was able to gather the evidence needed to convict Dorfman and several of his associates on attempts to bribe a state senator to get rid of the trucking industry rates. If Dorfman succeeded, the Outfit would have seen a huge gain of profit. This was known as Operation Pendorf and was a huge blow to the Chicago crime syndicate.

Operation GAMBAT (GAMBling ATtorney) proved to be a crippling blow to the Outfit's tight grip on the Chicago political machine. Pat Marcy, a made man in the Outfit, ran the city's First Ward, which represented most of downtown Chicago. Marcy and company controlled the circuit courts from the 1950s until the late 1980s with the help of Alderman Fred Roti and Democratic Committeeman John D'Arco, Sr. Together, the First Ward fixed cases involving everything from minor traffic violations to murder.

Attorney and First Ward associate <u>Robert Cooley</u> was one of the lawyers who represented many mafiosi and associates in which cases were fixed. As a trusted man within the First Ward, Cooley was asked to "take out" a city police officer. Cooley was also an addicted gambler and in debt, so he approached the U.S. Justice Department's <u>Organized Crime Strike Force</u>, declaring that he wanted to "destroy Marcy and the First Ward".

Cooley was soon in touch with the FBI and began cooperating as a federal informant. Through the years, he maintained close ties to Marcy and the big shots of the First Ward. He wore an electronic surveillance device, recording valuable conversations at the notorious "First Ward Table", located at "Counselor's Row" across the street from Chicago City Hall. The results in Operation Gambat (Gambling Attorney) were convictions of 24 corrupt judges, lawyers, and cops.

Accardo died in 1992. In a measure of how successfully he had managed to stay out of the limelight, he never spent a day in jail (or only spent one day, depending on the source) despite an arrest record dating to 1922. Chicago's transition from Accardo to the next generation of Outfit bosses has been more of an administrative change than a power struggle, distinct from the way that organized crime leadership transitions take place in New York City.

21st century

Higher law enforcement investigations and general attrition led to the Outfit's gradual decline since the late 20th century. The Old Neighborhood Italian American Club is considered to be the hangout of Old Timers as they live out their golden years. The Club's founder was <u>Angelo J. LaPietra</u> "The Hook", who was the main Council at the time of his death in 1999.

On April 25, 2005, the <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> launched <u>Operation Family Secrets</u>, which indicted 14 Outfit members and associates under the <u>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act</u> (RICO). U.S. District Court Judge <u>James Zagel</u> presided over the Family Secrets trial. The federal prosecutors were Mitchell A. Mars, <u>T. Markus Funk</u>, and John Scully.

As of 2007, the Outfit's size is estimated to be 28 <u>official members</u> (composing its core group) and more than 100 associates. The Chicago Outfit is currently believed to be led by <u>John DiFronzo</u> (Deceased).

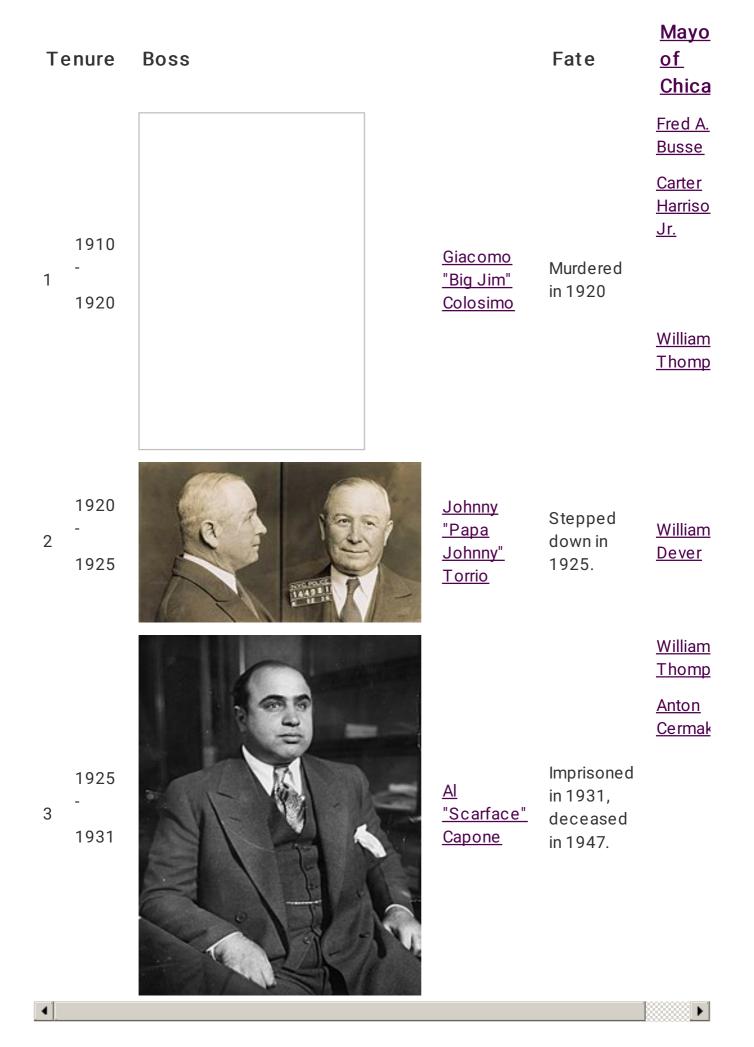
Jim Distler (aka Jimmy Gambino) was released from federal prison in July of 2015 after serving a sentence for money laundering, racketeering and bank fraud. Distler (Gambino) is an associate of the Chicago outfit crime syndicate and also has ties to the Russian mafia.

Historical leadership

Boss

- 1910-1920: Giacomo "Big Jim" Colosimo--murdered in 1920.
- 1920-1925: <u>John "Papa Johnny" Torrio</u>--stepped down in 1925.
- 1925-1931: <u>Al "Scarface" Capone</u>--imprisoned in 1931, deceased in 1947.
- 1931-1943: Frank "The Enforcer" Nitti--committed suicide in 1943.
- 1943-1947: <u>Paul "The Waiter" Ricca</u>--stepped down in 1947.
- 1947-1957: <u>Anthony "Joe Batters" Accardo</u>--stepped down in 1957
- 1957-1966: Salvatore "Mooney Sam" Giancana--fled to Mexico in 1966,

- murdered in 1975.
- 1966-1967: <u>Samuel "Teets" Battaglia</u>--imprisoned in 1967, deceased in 1973.
- 1967-1970: <u>John Phillip "Jack" Cerone</u>--imprisoned in 1970, deceased in 1996.
- 1970-1971: Felix "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio--imprisoned in 1967-1969, deceased in 1971.
- 1971-1973: Ruling Panel-Anthony "Joe Batters" Accardo, Joseph "Joey Doves" Aiuppa, Gus Alex (Alex was an associate acting in an advisory role on the panel.)
- 1973-1986: <u>Joseph "Joey Doves" Aiuppa</u>--imprisoned in 1986, deceased in 1997.
- 1986-1988" <u>Joseph "Joe" Ferriola</u>--deceased in 1989.
- 1988-1992: <u>Samuel "Wings" Carlisi</u>--imprisoned in 1992, deceased in 1997.
- 1992-2018: John "No Nose" DiFronzo--semi-retired after 2014.
 - Acting 2014-present: Salvatore "Solly D" DeLaurentis



Street boss

The street boss was a high-ranking member appointed to run the daily

activities for the boss. The position was created to protect the boss from federal investigations.

- 1996-2007: <u>James "Jimmy the Man" Marcello</u>--sentenced in 2007, imprisoned for life in 2009.
- 2007-2012: Michael "Fat Mike" Sarno--sentenced to 25 years in prison in 2012
- 2012-2016: Louis "Louie Tomatoes" Marino
- 2016-present: Albert Vena

Underboss

- 1910-1920: John "Papa Johnny" Torrio--became boss in 1920.
- 1920-1925: Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone--became boss in 1925.
- 1925-1931: Frank "The Enforcer" Nitti--became boss in 1931.
- 1931-1943: <u>Louis "Little New York" Campagna</u>--arrested in 1943, deceased in 1955.
- 1943-1947: Tony "Joe Batters" Accardo--became boss in 1947.
- 1947-1957: <u>Salvatore "Mooney Sam" Giancana</u>--became boss in 1957, murdered in 1975.
- 1957-1964: Frank "Strongy" Ferraro--died in 1964.
- 1964-1966: <u>Samuel "Teets" Battaglia</u>--became boss in 1966, deceased in 1973.
- 1967-1986: <u>John "Jackie the Lackey" Cerone</u>--imprisoned in 1986, deceased in 1996.
- 1986-1992: <u>John "No Nose" DiFronzo</u>--became boss in 1992.
- 1992-1996: <u>James "Jimmy the Man" Marcello</u>--became street boss in 1996.
- 1996-2006: <u>Anthony "Little Tony" Zizzo</u>--disappeared and probably murdered in 2006.
- 2006-2009: <u>Joseph "Joe the Builder" Andriacchi</u>--retired briefly due to illness.
- 2009-present: <u>Salvatore "Sammy Cards" Cataudella</u>

Consigliere

- 1925-1928: Antonio "Tony the Scourge" Lombardo--murdered in 1928.
- 1928-1947: <u>Charles "Trigger Happy" Fischetti</u>--retired in 1947, deceased in 1951.
- 1947-1957: <u>Paul "The Waiter" Ricca</u>--retired in 1957, deceased in 1972.
- 1957-1992: <u>Tony "Joe Batters" Accardo</u>--deceased from natural causes in 1992.
- 1992-1999: Angelo J. LaPietra--deceased from natural causes in 1999.
- 1999-2007: <u>Joseph "Joey the Clown" Lombardo</u>--sentenced in 2007, imprisoned for life in 2009.
- 2007-2009: Alfonso "Al the Pizza Man" Tornabene--deceased in 2009.
- 2009-2016: Marco "The Mover" D'Amico--asked to step down so that Andriacchi could help advise the power shift from DiFronzo to DeLaurentis.
- Acting 2012-2016: <u>Joseph "Joe the Builder" Andriacchi</u>--retired in 2016.
- 2017-present: Marco D'Amico

Current family members

Administration

- Boss:
 - Acting Boss: Salvatore DeLaurentis
 - Street Boss: Albert Vena
- Underboss: Salvatore Cataudella
- Consigliere: Marco D'Amico

Capos

- Cicero: James Inendino
- <u>Elmwood Park</u> Peter DiFronzo born in 1933. He is the younger brother of Chicago Outfit boss, <u>John DiFronzo</u>. In 1965, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison at <u>Leavenworth Prison</u> after he and 2 other Chicago Outfit affiliates robbed a warehouse in <u>Forest View</u>, <u>Illinois</u> of cigarettes, razor blades, and ladies hosiery. According to a report from an Illinois Gaming Board officer in 2005, DiFronzo and his

brother John had obtained contracts through illegal payoffs and intimidation from a prosperous waste-hauling business in Chicago.

- <u>Grand Avenue</u> Albert "Albie the Falcon" Vena he was an associate of <u>Gus Alex</u>, a legendary Chicago Outfit political <u>fixer</u>. He has been active in the Outfit since at least the 1970s. On April 27, 1995, he was acquitted of the murder of drug dealer and associate Sam Taglia; authorities believe Vena shot Taglia twice in the head and then slit his throat over a money and drug dispute. He and Joe Andriacchi were suspected by the FBI of being involved in the disappearance of former underboss, <u>Anthony Zizzo</u>, in 2006.
- 26th Street Frank "Toots" Caruso captain

Soldiers

- Robert "Bobby the Boxer" Salerno: Salerno was a former boxing trainer who knew <u>Ernie Terrell</u> very well. In 1995, he was sentenced to life in prison for murder, which he pleaded innocent to.
- Nicholas "Nick" Ferriola: he was sentenced for three years in federal prison for his role in the Family Secrets case. Ferriola is also involved in bookmaking all over Chicago.
- Michael "Handsome Mike" Talerico: he is related to Anglo LaPietra, and was a small-time bookie. Talerico was also once married to former Chicago Outfit hitman Frank Schweihs's daughter.
- Tony Saviano: during the 1980s, he was involved in an Outfit gambling operation. <u>Pete Rose</u> bet with his organization when in Chicago. Authorities speculate his nephew Tony Saviano out of West Chicago had great influence in the operation.
- Sam Sei: Sei and his nephew Keith had great influence in <u>Melrose Park</u>, <u>Illinois</u> and controlled the town after Rocky Infelice was convicted during the 1990s.
- Salvatore DeLaurentis ("Solly D"): He was sentenced to 18 years in federal prison in 1993 after he was convicted under racketeering, extortion, and tax fraud.

Government informants and witnesses

Name Rank and year

William Morris Bioff associate (1943)

Louis Bombacino soldier (1967)

Richard Cain soldier (1971)

Ken Eto associate (1983)

<u>Robert Cooley</u> associate (1986)

Gerald Scarpelli soldier (1988)

William Jahoda associate (1989)

<u>Leonard Patrick</u> associate (1992)

Nicholas Calabrese soldier (2005)

The Outfit is notable for having had other ethnic groups besides Italians as high-ranking associates since the family's earliest days. A prime example of this was Jake "Greasy Thumb" Guzik, who was the top "bagman" and "accountant" for decades until his death. He was a Polish Jew. Others were Murray Humphreys, who was of Welsh descent, and Ken Eto (aka Tokyo Joe), who was Japanese-American.

Another well-known associate of the Outfit is <u>Jewish</u> New York City <u>mobster Benjamin Siegel</u>. Siegel was a childhood friend of Capone. <u>Siegel's organization</u> in Las Vegas and Los Angeles was an ally of the Outfit from 1933 to 1961, when the family boss, <u>Mickey Cohen</u>, was imprisoned and the family was decimated.

In popular culture

The Chicago Outfit has a long history of portrayal in Hollywood as the subject of film and television.

Film

- *Little Caesar* (1931)
- *Scarf ace* (1932)
- Chicago Syndicate (1955)
- *The Scarface Mob* (television film, 1959)
- *Al Capone* (1959)
- The St. Valentine's Day Massacre (1967)
- *Point Blank* (1967)

- *Bullitt* (1968)
- *The Outfit* (1973)
- *Capone* (1975)
- *Thief* (1981)
- *Raw Deal* (1986)
- The Untouchables (1987)
- *Midnight Run* (1988)
- Next of Kin (1989)

Television

- *The Untouchables* (1959-1963)
- The F.B.I. (1965-1974)
- *Crime Story* (1986-1988)
- *The Untouchables* (1993-1994)
- Sugartime (TV film) (1995)
- *The Rat Pack* (1998)
- *Prison Break* (2005-2009)
- *The Chicago Code* (2011)
- *The Firm* (2012)

See also

- <u>Joe Aiello</u>--rival to Al Capone during the Prohibition Era; was also allied to <u>Salvatore Maranzano</u> during the <u>Castellammarese War</u>
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- <u>Hired Truck Program</u> scandal
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- Timeline of organized crime in Chicago
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- The Chicago Syndicate (Mob news archive)



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