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## Mafia plotted to kill the governor of New York

March 11, 2016 By [TheBoss](#)

The **mafia** in Italy plotted to kill the former governor of New York **Mario Cuomo** during a trip to Italy in 1992 according to a mob hitman turned informant. The **Cosa Nostra** or **Sicilian mafia** hitman named **Maurizio Avola** is serving a life sentence for taking part in multiple armed robberies and over 40 murders. He claims that after **the mafia** hits on anti-mafia prosecutors Paolo Borsellino and Giovanni Falcone in 1992 **Sicilian mafia bosses** planned to escalate their war against the Italian state and all of its allies. When the visit by Cuomo was Avola was told by his boss and godfather **Aldo Ercolano** that the American politician would make an excellent target as reported by [theguardian](#).



**“Mario Cuomo“**

The killing of an important American politician like the New York governor would send a warning to law enforcement in New York and the United States that harbored mob turncoats from Italy allowing them to start new lives under assumed identities. At the time, the United States were working closely with Italian law enforcement against the Italian mafia and provided a safe haven for mob turncoats who were helping to put their bosses behind bars. The assassination would have sent a strong signal to those who stand in the way of the **Italian mafia** according to the report. A mafia hit squad was formed consisting of about a dozen men armed with rifles and explosives that planned a daylight attack on the mayor and his entourage in the town of Messina.



**“Maurizio Avola”**

The attack was to take place in the town’s main square with accomplices in place to block off any escape routes. But the plan was called off by Ercolano just a few days before Cuomo made his way to the town. According to Avola, the governor has arrived with an extremely tight surveillance team consisting of multiple bodyguards and a bulletproof car making the hit virtually impossible to pull off. The order came down from the godfather calling it off and the mobsters instead withdrew from the city. Avola is housed in a special prison in Italy for **mob** turncoats after he was arrested in 1993 by a tip-off just a day after killing a fellow **mobster**. He concluded he had been betrayed by his **mafia bosses** and decided to cooperate with authorities.

He supplied law enforcement with information which led to the arrest of over 100 mafioso and is now supplying details of other **mafia** business including the planned assassination of Cuomo. As payment for his cooperation, he is set to be released from prison in 2019. The allegations made by Avola is still an open investigation, according to a senior source at Palermo magistrate’s court. Governor Cuomo passed away in 2015 of heart failure and his son Andrew Cuomo is now the current governor of New York.

## 2016 Mafia Family Leaders

December 31, 2015 By [TheBoss](#)

It has once again been a very interesting year for **the mafia** also known as **Cosa Nostra** across the country. Some **mafia families** have begun to re-establish themselves with stable hierarchies in place while others continue on in a state of disarray. The **American mafia** has decreased in size over the last couple of decades, but the remaining families continue to run various rackets generating millions of dollars in illegal proceeds. Over the past year, many of **the mob** families have seen changes at the top of their respective hierarchies due to law enforcement efforts, death natural or otherwise, or movement in a new direction.



**About the mafia** has put together an up to date list of the **2016 mafia leaders** for some of the organized crime families still in existence across the country. It lists the current **mafia family bosses** along with other alleged members which fill the ranks and help to run their respective families. The information found in a list comes from various sources, including both knowledgeable mob sources, law enforcement, and news reports among others. Although **Cosa Nostra** is not the secret society it once was these lists are not an exact science, but we strive to be as accurate as possible. Changes also happen during the year, which we try and keep our readers as informed about as possible on our **Mafia Family Leadership Charts** [page](#).

#### **GAMBINO CRIME FAMILY (NEW YORK)**

Boss: Domenico "Italian Dom" Cefalu

Underboss: Francesco "Franky Boy" Cali

Consigliere: Bartolomeo "Bobby/Pepe" Vernace (IP Life)

New Jersey Crew Boss: Nicholas "Nicky Mita" Mitarotonda

#### **LUCCHESE CRIME FAMILY (NEW YORK)**

Boss: Steven "Stevie Wonder/Herbie" Crea  
Underboss: "Unknown"  
Consigliere: Joseph "Joe C." Caridi  
New Jersey Crew Boss: Ralph Vito Perna (UI)

#### **GENOVESE CRIME FAMILY (NEW YORK)**

Boss: Possible Ruling Panel (Liborio Bellomo , Daniel Leo , Ernie Muscarella , John Barbeto, Dominic Cirillo and Larry Dentico) (?)  
Street Boss: Liborio "Barney" Bellomo  
Underboss: Venero "Benny Eggs" Mangano  
Consigliere: Dominick "Quiet Dom" Cirillo  
New Jersey Crew Boss: "Unknown"

#### **COLOMBO CRIME FAMILY (NEW YORK)**

Boss: Carmine "Junior/The Snake" Persico (Life IP)  
Street Boss: Andrew "Andy Mush" Russo (IP)  
Acting Street Boss: "Unknown"  
Underboss: John "Sonny" Franzese (IP)  
Acting Underboss: Dominick "Donnie Shacks" Montemarano  
Consigliere: "Unknown"  
Acting Consigliere: Thomas "Tom Mix/Mr. T" Farese

#### **BONANNO CRIME FAMILY (NEW YORK)**

Boss: Michael "The Nose" Mancuso (IP)  
Street Boss/Underboss: Thomas "Tommy D" DiFiore (UI)  
Consigliere: "Unknown"  
New Jersey Crew Boss: Joseph Sammartino Sr

#### **PHILADELPHIA MAFIA FAMILY**

Boss: Joey Merlino (?)  
Acting Boss/Street Boss: Steve Mazzone  
Underboss: John "Johnny Chang" Ciancaglini  
Consigliere: Joseph "Uncle Joe" Ligambi/Joseph "Chickie" Ciangcaglini

#### **DETROIT MAFIA FAMILY**

Boss: Jack "Jackie the Kid" Giacalone  
Underboss: Anthony (Chicago Tony) La Piana  
Consigliere: Anthony (Tony Pal) Palazzolo  
Street Boss: Peter (Specs) Tocco

#### **NEW JERSEY MAFIA FAMILY (DeCAVALCANTE FAMILY)**

Boss: Frank Guarraci/Charlie Majuri (?)  
UnderBoss: "Unknown"  
Consigliere: Frank Nigro

#### **NEW ENGLAND MAFIA FAMILY (PATRIARCA FAMILY)**

Boss: Peter (The Crazy Horse) Limone (?)  
Acting Boss: Anthony (Spucky) Spagnolo/Carmen (The Cheeseman) DiNunzio  
UnderBoss: "Unknown"  
Consigliere: Anthony "Ponytail Tony" Parillo

#### **CHICAGO MAFIA FAMILY (CHICAGO OUTFIT)**

Acting Boss/Boss: Salavtore "Solly D" DeLaurentis

UnderBoss: Salvatore "Sammy Cards" Cataudella

Consigliere: Marco D'Amico

### **KANSAS CITY MAFIA FAMILY**

Boss: John "Johnny Joe" Sciortino

UnderBoss: Peter "Las Vegas Pete" Simone

Consigliere: Vacant

### **CLEVELAND MAFIA FAMILY**

Boss: Joseph "Joe Loose" Lacobacci (possibly retired)

Acting Boss: Russell "RJ" Papalardo

Underboss: "Unknown"

Consigliere: "Unknown"

### **BUFFALO MAFIA FAMILY**

Boss: Robert "Bobby" Panaro

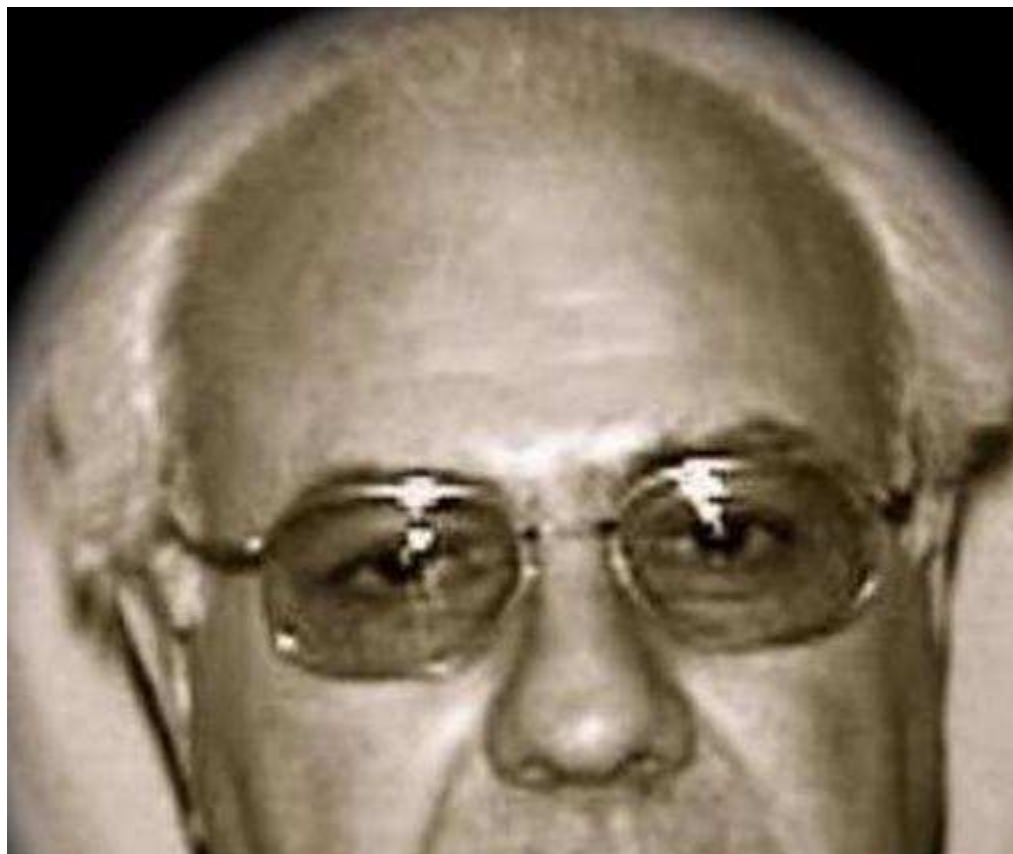
Underboss: "Unknown"

Consigliere: Victor Sansanese (?)

## **Kansas City mafia continues to dwindle**

December 2, 2015 By [TheBoss](#)

The **Kansas City mafia** family was once a prominent member of the American Mafia but is on its last leg as we head into the new year. The **Kansas City mob** has lost many of its key members over the years and according to sources the family now contains less than a dozen made guys. Just recently one of the families alleged long time associates Joseph J Tarantola passed away as have many other respected members of the syndicate. According to the feds **John "Johnny Joe" Sciortino** is the current boss of what remains of the **KC mafia** with **Peter "Las Vegas Pete" Simone** serving as underboss. Both in their 70's they date back to the old days when the **Civella mob** controlled things in the city.





### “Peter Simone“

Sciortino is believed to have taken over as boss of the **mafia in Kansas City** back in 2006 after the death of Anthony “Tony Ripe” Civella. The main rackets still controlled by the **mob in KC** are centered around illegal gambling and loan sharking both long time staples of **Cosa Nostra**. There are but a few influential members left as the families decline has continued over the years, which allegedly include Frank DeLuna, William Cammisano Jr, Vince Civella, Peter Ribaste , and Joseph “Joe Pete” Simone. The **KC mob** family is believed to have little of the traditional **American Mafia** structure remaining and many of the titles held are purely ceremonial.

The decline of **the mob** in Kansas City continues and although the family is not yet dead and gone its clearly fading into mafia history. The fact that the family still remains today, even if it is but a shadow of its former self is a testament to its glory days when it was one of the more established crime families.

## Mafia Capitale trial begins in Rome

November 5, 2015 By [TheBoss](#)

**Mafia Capitale** is one of the five major organized crime groups in Italy exposed last year in a scandal of corruption in Rome. There are Forty six suspected members of Mafia Capitale set to stand trial, including alleged boss **Massimo Carminati**. The trial has been called the most important organized crime trial in the history of Rome. There were over 100 arrests made in all linked to the Mafia Capitale group and the corruption case, including many key political figures of which a core 46 are now on trial. Many defendants have already made plea deals and some have become turncoats prepared to supply evidence against the 46 core members on trial.



## “Massimo Carminati”

**Massimo Carminati** a 57 year old one eyed mobster is said to have a long criminal past dating back to the 1970's and 80's when he was a member of the Magliana Gang. He has been accused of murder on two separate occasions escaping conviction each time due to certain technicalities. Also arrested along with the alleged **Mafia Capitale boss** was **Salvatore Buzzi** said to be Carminati's right hand man. Buzzi was caught on a secret wire tap boasting about the profits being made from one of the crime groups most lucrative rackets involving ripping off refugees and immigrants.

The **mafia** group grabbed a foothold on many of the city's essential service contracts which were exposed by **Ignazio Marino** the former Mayor of Rome. Marino has now been pushed out of office after various members of his city council resigned. The opening day of the trial is to be held in Rome's Justice Palace before being moved to a basement bunker of the Rebbibia High Security Prison. The more secure location will offer less risk of jailbreaks and retaliatory attacks according to authorities.

Many of the suspects are considered such high security risks that they won't be allowed to attend the trial in person, including Carminati who will be allowed to watch from prison via a video link only being moved to Rome until it's his turn to take the stand. The trial could prove to be a major strike against the **mafia in Rome**.

## Which NY Mafia family has benefited the most from recent law enforcement shift

October 13, 2015 By [TheBoss](#)

The **New York mafia** has seen its power and influence continue to dwindle over the years due in large part to increased law enforcement efforts. The five families of **Cosa Nostra** in New York have shown a remarkable level of resilience and an uncanny ability to adapt over the years. Although the **American mafia** has taken plenty of hits and diminished in power from its heyday the reports of its demise over the years have never proven to be accurate. The **New York mob** was once a prime target of the FBI, although that began to change around 2013 when anti-terrorism became the main objective with more federal resources being devoted to that battle.





At one point there was an FBI squad dedicated to each and every one of the five families of the **NY mafia**. But with more resources needed to fight terrorism and budget cuts over the years, these squads had to be condensed along with a cutback in overall agents investigating organized crime. Now only two FBI squads remain one code named C-5 which is responsible for the Colombo, Bonanno, and Genovese families and C-16 responsible for the Gambino and Lucchese families. There were even cutbacks made at local levels of the NYPD in number of detectives assigned to organized crime cases. This cut back in resources has given the **mafia in New York** a chance to reorganize and rebuild at least to an extent.

As the **NY mob** stages a sort of comeback over the last few years, some families have benefited more than others. The **Genovese crime family** known as the "Ivy League" or organized crime has remained stable and many agree has been the most powerful of the NY mob families for some time now. They remain one of the more low key families and it's believed they are currently run by a rotating panel of leaders controlling the day to day operations of the family. They are believed to have approx 200 made members leading the way in overall man power. The family has remained stable over the years, even before the reorganization of resources by the various law enforcement entities. They have had some bumps in the road and along with the rest of the family have seen their overall power and influence decrease, but they remain the most stable and well organized of the bunch.

Many believe the **Gambino crime family** may have benefited the most from the diminished FBI efforts over the last few years. After being hit hard by the prosecutions of the families, administration between 2005 and 2008 they have slowly regrouped. The Gambino family is considered by many to be the second most powerful family in New York at the moment with a stable hierarchy being put into place in the last few years. They are believed to have approx 150-180 made members and to be now run by the families Sicilian faction and have seen key members make their way back to the streets.

The **Lucchese crime family** was decimated by internal turmoil during the late 1980's and into the 1990's during the Amuso and Casso era. The family was hit hard by indictments again in 2009 and suffered major setbacks to its hierarchy. But the Lucchese family has also seen itself rebound with the installation of new boss Steven Crea and a more stable administration. They are believed to have under 100 made guys, but have once again become one of the more stable of the New York families with many key players on the streets and back active. Many believe they may now rank as the third most powerful family in New York even if numbers wise they still lag somewhat behind the floundering Bonanno family.

The **Bonanno crime family** has continued to be in disarray after the arrest of former boss Joseph Massino which led to him turning rat. The family has been unable to get a stable and functioning administration put into place in the last few years as some of the other New York families have. Multiple acting and official bosses were put into place after Massino all of which have been unable to avoid convictions and establish any kind of stability. The Bonanno family is believed to have between 100-150 made members making them one of the larger NY families in size, but continue to lack and been unable to take full advantage of this rebuilding period.

The **Colombo crime family** has always been the smallest of the New York families, but have been one of the most decimated families over the last several years. Internal wars from the 1970's into the 1990's have severely hindered the families power and growth. At one point things had become so bad surrounding the Colombo family that it was proposed the family be dissolved and merged among the other NY families. The Colombo family installed new acting bosses as official boss Carmine Persico sits in prison and made attempts to establish a new administration throughout the 2000's but convictions continued to dismantle their efforts. Although the family has not made the strides of late that some others



have and remain as the smallest of the NY families with only 60-70 made members they do seem to be stabilizing some. Some of the families key players have begun to make their way back to the streets and rumors of a small influx of new blood may have them in the best shape they have been in years even if that isn't saying a whole lot.

So which **New York mafia** family do you think has had the most success taking advantage of the resources shift and reorganization of the FBI's organized crime efforts?

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