

THE INDICTED

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JACK W. TOCCO

- * Age: 69
- * Residence: Grosse Pointe Park
- * Education: Bachelor's degree in finance, University of Detroit, 1949.
- * Charged with: 13 charges of conspiracy, racketeering and extortion.
- * Family connection: Son of William (Black Bill) **Tocco** , a Prohibition bootlegger; brother of Anthony J. **Tocco** ; cousin of Anthony Zerilli.
- * Business affiliations: Melrose Linen and Cadillac Overall Supply Co.
- * Criminal history: 1965 misdemeanor arrest for being a spectator at a cockfight.
- * Personal: Married; six children.
- * Other: Picketed the federal courthouse in 1970, saying the government had a campaign of "slander and harassment" against Italian Americans. **Tocco** also said he and his brother were being scrutinized by federal agents because of "the sins of our fathers."

Neighbors said he is a dedicated family man who dotes on his grandchildren and tends to his vegetable garden during the summer. One neighbor, Bob Bashara, said **Tocco** often shares his garden bounty of tomatoes, squash and other vegetables. The close-knit family will gather every Sunday for dinner in their backyard, Bashara said.

Bashara said the Toccos were the first to welcome them to the neighborhood. He said if the allegations are true, "none of it is evident in his daily life. As far as I'm concerned, he is a great guy. . . . They've been kind and generous and told us if we needed anything to let them know."

ANTHONY J. ZERILLI

* Age: 68.

* Residence: Sterling Heights * Charged with: 14 charges of conspiracy, racketeering and extortion.

* Family connection: Son of the late Joseph Zerilli, identified in 1963 testimony before a U.S. Senate subcommittee as being one of five Mafia dons in Detroit.

* Business affiliations: Bella Mia Italian Sauce and Products Co., Spaghetti Palace Inc., Spaghetti Palace Management Co.

* Criminal history: Convicted in 1972 on a federal charge of conspiring to maintain a hidden interest in the Frontier Hotel and casino in Las Vegas. He was in prison in 1975-77. Zerilli and two other Detroit area men were accused of threatening violence to settle a 1980 dispute, including the placing of sparrows with broken necks on doorsteps. A federal jury acquitted the men.

* Personal: Lives in a large blue farmhouse, with a trampoline and swing set in the yard. Several years back, he said his wife cried after he was acquitted on extortion charges. "We are people just like everyone else; we have the same emotions," he said.

* Other: In 1980, the state Liquor Control Commission revoked the liquor license of the Spaghetti Palace, Zerilli's Roseville restaurant, because of Zerilli's 1972 conviction. A 1990 FBI chart lists Zerilli as the Detroit underboss.

ANTHONY J. GIACALONE

* Nickname: Tony Jack

* Age: 77

* Residence: Clinton Township

* Charged with: 14 charges of racketeering, conspiracy and extortion.

* Family connection: Younger brother is Vito Giacalone.

* Business affiliations: Home Juice Co. of Detroit, Detroit Stevedoring and Lightering Co.

* Criminal history: Sentenced to 10 years in a federal prison in 1976 for income tax evasion. Also served time for a 1979 extortion conviction.

In the 1950s, he spent about seven months in the Detroit House of Corrections for trying to bribe a police officer. In 1967, he spent seven days in the Wayne County Jail for refusing to answer questions posed by a one-man grand jury. Also had been charged with mail fraud and conspiracy in receiving fees from a Southfield firm in connection with a Teamsters hospital plan.

* Personal: Flashy in dress and cool in demeanor, Giacalone was called "a man who does what he pleases" by a federal prosecutor who tried to convince a judge to send Giacalone to prison after his tax conviction in 1976.

Giacalone's father sold fruit door-to-door from a horse-drawn wagon in Indian Village. He proudly rode and showed his Tennessee walking horses. A 49-year-old neighbor, who asked not to be identified, said he lives with his wife and the couple love flowers. "They have the most beautiful lawn in the complex," she said.

* Other: In 1978, federal and state investigators claimed he was Detroit's top syndicate enforcer, or street boss, in charge of seeing that the orders of the top management were carried out. Canada once deported him as an "undesirable alien." The former bartender was allegedly a numbers operator in the 1950s.

VITO W. GIACALONE

* Nickname: Billy Jack

* Age: 73

* Residence: Clinton Township

* Charged with: 13 charges of racketeering, conspiracy and extortion.

* Family connection: Brother of Tony Giacalone.

* Business affiliations: Home Juice Co. of Detroit, Detroit Stevedoring and Lightering Co.

* Criminal history: Convicted of gambling in 1959, as operator of the Lebanese American Club. In 1962, he was called the new gambling czar of Detroit in testimony before the Royal Commission on Crime in Toronto.

In 1964, he was charged with conspiracy to commit abortion. The case was thrown out. He served time for a 1977 conviction for possession of a concealed weapon.

In 1982, federal agents said, he headed an illegal sports gambling ring that made \$4 million during a four-month period. In 1987, Giacalone was sentenced to five years in federal prison on sports gambling conspiracy charges.

In 1994, he was sentenced to three years in prison for tax evasion. A neighbor, who asked that he not be named, said Thursday that when Giacalone returned home on monthly visits, he arrived in a limousine.

* Personal: A woman who answered the door at his home Thursday said she was his wife, but would not give her name. Surprised and shaken, she said: "I'm waiting for him to come home and explain it all." She described her husband as "a retired fruit seller."

* Other: In the 1960s, a national fruit juice firm bought out Giacalone for more than a half million dollars and fired his brother. The brothers were vice presidents of the Home Juice Co. of Detroit. Company officials said law enforcement authorities were harassing them because of alleged mob ties.

Before the sports gambling case, Giacalone had been identified by the FBI as the day-to-day administrator of Mafia gambling activities in Michigan. According to the federal grand jury indictment announced in June 1986, he had to be paid a tribute of "five big ones," or \$5,000, before anyone could set up a sports gambling business around Detroit.

ANTHONY J. TOCCO

* Age: 65

* Residence: Clinton Township; formerly of Grosse Pointe Park.

* Charged with: 13 charges of racketeering, conspiracy, extortion and obstruction of justice.

* Family connection: Son of William (Black Bill) **Tocco** , Prohibition bootlegger; brother of Jack W. **Tocco** .

* Business affiliations: Melrose Linen and Cadillac Overall Supply Co.

* Personal: Married; father of four.

* Other: Active in youth athletics in Grosse Pointe Park. Coached Little League and Babe Ruth baseball teams.

ANTHONY J. CORRADO

* Age: 60

* Residence: Clinton Township

* Charged with: 14 charges of racketeering, conspiracy, extortion, obstruction of justice.

* Family connection: Father of Paul Corrado, 32.

* Business affiliations: Once employed by Melrose Linen, a business formerly owned by Jack and Anthony **Tocco** .

* Personal: A neighbor who asked not to be identified said he enjoys deer hunting with his sons. "I think they're great people; anything like this is totally a surprise to me," the neighbor said. "They're just down-to-earth people."

PAUL CORRADO

* Age: 37

* Residence: Clinton Township

* Charged with: 20 charges of racketeering, firearms violations, extortion.

* Family connection: Son of Dominic (Fats) Corrado.

PAUL CORRADO

* Age: 32

* Residence: Grosse Pointe Farms.

* Education: Graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

* Charged with: Three charges of racketeering, obstruction of justice.

* Family connection: Son of Anthony (Bull) Corrado.

* Personal: At his home Thursday, a woman answered the door before a man pulled her away and slammed it.

NOVE TOCCO

* Age: 48

* Residence: Macomb Township

* Charged with: 19 charges of racketeering, extortion, firearms violations, obstruction of justice.

* Criminal history: Arraigned last week in federal court stemming from a 1992 incident at a skeet-shooting range.

* Personal: His 18-year-old daughter, Michelle, said Thursday: "My family doesn't want me giving out any information, but I can say these charges are false. My dad is a very loving man, a family man, and we don't want any trouble."

PETER J. CORRADO

* Age: 38

* Residence: Shelby Township

* Charged with: Two charges of extortion

* Family connection: Anthony Corrado's son and Paul Corrado's brother.

* Business affiliations: Cybersoft Limited, according to state records.

* Personal: Lives in an upscale brick house with gargoyles near the front door and a silver Cadillac in the driveway Thursday. A man who answered would not identify himself but said authorities had the wrong guy. A neighbor who would not give her name said, "All I know is that they are wonderful people."

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OTHERS INDICTED

* Frank B. Whitcher, 26, St. Clair Shores: One charge of extortion. His father, Frank Whitcher, said he was surprised when six officers arrested his son at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, but he believed his son recently had met some of the others charged. "He doesn't have a nickel. He's living in our basement, and he's behind on his car payments," the elder Whitcher said. "It's unbelievable he would be involved with these people." He said his son, a star athlete at Lakeshore High School who graduated in 1989, had gotten a job as a housepainter and was to start Thursday. "He finally got a break."

* Paul J. **Tocco**, 78, Clinton Township: Two charges of extortion. At his home, granddaughter Joanne **Tocco**, 17, had just returned from school. Asked about her grandfather, she said, "I don't think it's my place to talk about it." Neighbor Connie Frisk, 77, said the family are good neighbors and set off fireworks on the Fourth of July for the neighborhood to enjoy. "Mafia?" she asked. "Never!"

* Peter A. Corrado, 35, Macomb Township: Four charges of using a firearm during a violent crime and extortion. No one was home at the white brick ranch, so new that the yards haven't been sodded yet.

* John B. Sciarrotta, 39, Dearborn: Seven charges of conspiracy, extortion and using firearms in a violent crime.

* John M. Jarjosa, 57, Farmington: Six counts of extortion.

* Norman N. Bagdasarian, 63, Detroit: Two counts of extortion.

* Thomas Lenhard, 58, Whitmore: Two counts of extortion.

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