

# Mobster's set a date with feds

**F**EDERAL prosecutors are scrambling to obtain indictments against several businessmen and Colombo family mobsters by June 1 because of an unusual agreement of cooperation worked out with former Colombo capo Michael Franzese.

The deadline, sources say, stems from Franzese's demand last year when he agreed to testify against reputed Colombo boss Victor (Little Vic) Orena and many others in return for a one-year reduction in his 10-year prison term for racketeering.

Franzese has also told Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Andrew Maloney's office of allegedly shady dealings by several defense attorneys used by Franzese or members of his former crew, but sources say those allegations, if true, seem unprovable.

At the time of his deal, Franzese, who now is out of jail, had been an informer for three years and was set to be transferred to a minimum-security prison after testifying in Chicago at the racketeering trial of sports and talent agent Norby Walters.

Franzese testified that he met Walters through his father, imprisoned Colombo capo John (Sonny) Franzese.

"I don't want to be testifying for the rest of my life," said Franzese, whose Chicago testimony landed his "Uncle Norby" a five-year prison stretch.

Franzese, who produced several Hollywood movies while making millions of dollars on bootleg gasoline, is said to be in Hollywood writing his

mob memoirs with the idea of turning them into a movie or TV miniseries.

"I'm trying to stay pretty quiet now and away from organized crime," Franzese said last August.

But lately, sources say, Franzese has been spending most of his days giving information to federal prosecutors and agents from the FBI and IRS who are working up indictments against a number of "mob-connected" businessmen.

Sources said that because of the June 1 deadline, John Gleeson, who runs the organized crime unit in Brooklyn, decided to use Franzese in the investigation of his allegedly corrupt business partners and to forgo using him in the Orena probe, where his help was not essential.

The sources stress that Franzese could be used as a trial witness against Orena, a target of a separate investigation, even if Franzese does not testify in the grand jury so long as any indictment is filed by June 1.

Sources said the original deal — with the Organized Crime Strike Force — called for an even earlier deadline, but was extended when Franzese was given permission to return home earlier this year for the birth of his third child.

Last week, as Franzese helped the feds, the Suffolk County district attorney's office charged him with criminal contempt for refusing to testify be-

fore a state grand jury that indicted some of his old friends on loansharking and perjury charges.

Franzese failed to answer a subpoena to appear before the panel, which indicted nine members of a reputed Colombo family-operated ring that charged 200% interest on \$200,000 in loans.

Although the charge is a misdemeanor, the district attorney's office is serious about getting Franzese before the grand jury or in court to stand trial. Rackets bureau chief Ray Jermyn said his office is preparing court papers to bring him from California to Suffolk County.



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The lawyer son of convicted mob capo Anthony Scotto found out recently you can get in trouble for telling a potential witness to tell the truth.

John Scotto, who's set for trial next month in Los Angeles on extortion charges, had been free on \$150,000 bail until shortly after he met and spoke on a remote Santa Monica pier with a witness who had been wired by the L.A. district attorney.

Scotto, 28, patted down the witness, found the wire, told him to tell the truth and left.

When the prosecutor played a videotape of the episode in court, the judge agreed that Scotto's purpose was to intimidate the witness and revoked his bail.

# Man accused of vigilantism shot by bandit

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The accused "Remember Me?" subway vigilante, suspected last year of shooting two of three people he believed had robbed him, was wounded in the arm yesterday by a bandit who took his jewelry and money.

Clemente Jackson, 27, had gotten off an IRT No. 3 train at the Winthrop St. station in Brooklyn shortly after 1 p.m. when he was accosted by one of two men, according to transit police spokesman Al O'Leary.

After taking his valuables, one of the robbers told Jackson to leave the station.

As he walked away Jackson heard a shot but did not at first realize he had been hit in the left forearm, O'Leary said. Jackson was treated at Kings County Hospital for a wound described as minor.

Jackson drew the "Remember Me?" label when he was arrested last July and charged with the June 10, 1989, shooting of three people in the Grand Army Plaza IRT station. The shooter said, "Remember me?" before pumping shots at three men he believed had robbed him on a subway a day earlier. Two of the three were wounded, along with a 15-year-old bystander. All recovered.

Jackson denied he was the shooter when identified from a police sketch. A Brooklyn grand jury refused to indict him.

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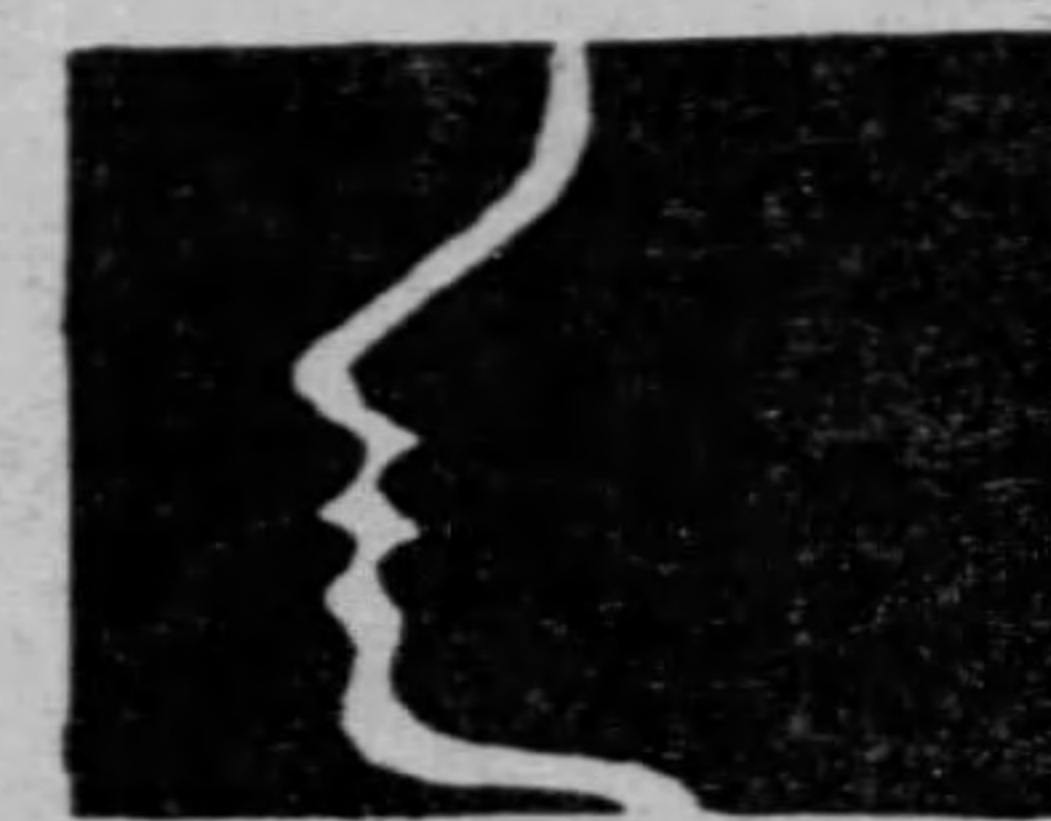
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