

# When Frankie Dap opened his yap

**I**T WAS SPRING 1987, and John Gotti, fresh from a stunning acquittal of federal racketeering charges, turned his sights on mob rival Vincent (Chin) Gigante.

Gigante, however, proved a much more difficult foe than the federal prosecutors, according to Peter Savino, the FBI's key informant in the Mafia "Windows" case currently on trial in Brooklyn Federal Court.

Gotti dispatched Salvatore (Sammy Bull) Gravano to meet Venero (Benny Eggs) Mangano, the underboss of the Genovese family, to demand a fair share of the mob's millions of dollars in window-replacement contracts with the New York City Housing Authority.

Gravano, who owns several construction companies, currently resides with Gotti at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, as both await a September trial on racketeering and murder charges.

Gravano sat down with Savino and Mangano at his Thompson St. social

club and "complained that his family was the only family not involved in" the bid-rigging scheme with the Housing Authority, according to an FBI report.

"That work is ours," said Mangano. He told Gravano to talk to Frank (Frankie Dap) Dapolito, a Gambino soldier who had supposedly agreed



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that the window scheme was Genovese territory.

A few days later, Dapolito admitted the agreement to Gravano, who yelled at him, reprimanded him for not checking with Gotti or Gravano, threw him out of their meeting, then pressed his case again with Mangano.

"Dapolito had no right to agree to anything, and Dapolito was wrong to do it," Gravano told Mangano, stressing that the Gambino "family would be in the window business, no matter what," said the FBI report.

The meeting broke up with Gravano promising to speak to Gotti, and Mangano promising to speak to Gigante.

The dispute was resolved much the way Gigante and Mangano had wanted it all along.

Two years later, Gravano, who has been acquitted of crimes nearly as often as Gotti, walked into the middle of the FBI's undercover operation as the muscle for a Gambino associate who was owed \$13,000 by a windows installer.

Sources said Savino, who wore a wire for nearly 18 months, taped incriminating conversations with Gravano shortly before the sting operation concluded. But by that time, the feds had reserved a place for Gravano in the racketeering case against Gotti.

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A few weeks back, Gang Land told of Anthony Sarivola, a former strongarm man known to Brooklyn hoods in the early 1980s as Tony Limo because he used to drive around mobster Anthony (Tony C) Carrozza.

Sarivola, who was convicted of extortion in 1982 and turned informer, is currently awaiting trial in Baltimore for stealing a small commuter airline while using the name Anthony Steele.

In 1984, however, Sarivola earned the nickname Tony Lie-mo' among

law enforcement officials because "Tony lied mo' than anyone else I ever met," recalled a former law enforcement official who worked with him.

At the time, the Brooklyn Organized Crime Strike Force was building a case against Colombo capo Michael Franzese when Sarivola approached an FBI agent and told him: "Franzese just tried to whack me. I was sitting in my car and they shot it up. I don't know how I got out alive."

When agents investigated and found Sarivola's car riddled with bullet holes, they couldn't figure how he survived either, so they quickly signed him up to work undercover against Franzese.

Two months later, Sarivola was wired up for a meeting he said he had finally arranged with Franzese to iron out their differences.

**W**HEN HE returned to the Strike Force offices, he played a lengthy taped conversation in which Franzese admitted loansharking and other crimes, including the unsuccessful attempt on Sarivola's life.

But as the tape played on, the two voices began to sound more and more alike, and the agents and prosecutors realized Tony Limo was playing both roles in a fantasy meeting, showed him the door, and named him Tony Lie-mo'.

## Power outage in Va. wings air traffic

WASHINGTON — A power outage at an AT&T long-distance switching facility in Arlington, Va., yesterday crippled a key air traffic control center from 1:35 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., delaying airline traffic here, in New York and along parts of the rest of the East Coast.

More than half of radio ground frequencies and other communications channels were knocked out at the Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center at Leesburg, Va., the Federal Aviation Administration said.

FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said there were delays "in and out of Washington and in and out the New York area. . . ."

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