

Organized Crime and the Connection to Illegal Gambling



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Introduction

- Who is this Guy?????
 - I am like you, I have an interest in Gambling
 - But, I am different.
 - Aim to Dismantle, Disrupt and Convict Organized Crime Members
- OPP has a long History in Investigating Illegal Gambling
 - Since 1942
- 1996 O.I.G.E.U. created
 - Joint Forces Operation with 40 members

Organized Crime Groups

- In 2009, Criminal Intelligence Service Canada estimated over 750 OC Groups across Canada.
- Criminal Code of Canada defines “Criminal Organizations”
 - Composed of three or more persons
 - Main Activities is to Commits a serious offence
 - Indirect/direct gain (includes financial)
- Aug 2010, Amends to the CC “Serious Offences” were updated and included most of the Illegal Gambling charges.

OC and IG

- OC require any Racket that is profitable.
 - Illegal Gambling is very profitable
- Little concern with Police Enforcement.
 - Generally low knowledge of Part VII of the CC
 - Lenient Court Imposed Sentences
 - Costly and Labour Intensive Investigations

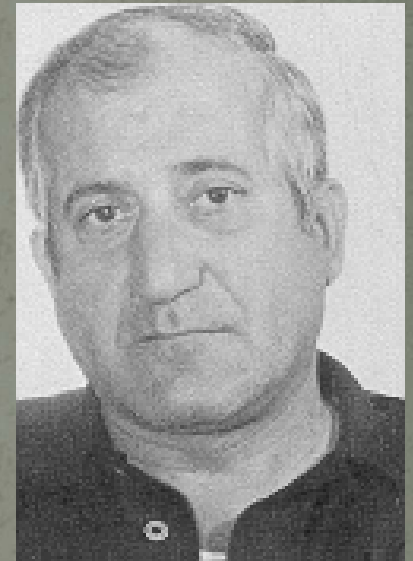
OC and IG

- Little concern with Severe Jail Sentences
 - (Changing since amendments to CC in August of 2010)
- Illegal Gambling
 - NO Product, Just a Service!!!!!!!
- Illegal Gambling Activities
 - VGM / VLT
 - Cardhouses / Underground Casino
 - Bookmaking or Sportsbook

Mustano Brothers and “Pops” Papalia



- Papalia was “God Father” of Ontario and “godfather” to Pat and Angelo Mustano.
- A Hamilton Police investigation named Project “Windfall” was targeting gaming activities and later the murders of Carmen BARILLARO and John (POPS) PAPALIA.
- May 31, 1997, PAPALIA was shot and killed outside of Galaxy Vending, Railway Street, Hamilton, Ontario.
- Pat and Angelo charged with first-degree murder and convicted of ordering the contract killings.



Controni Crime Family – Eddie Melo



- Murdered April 6, 2001. Cliffway Plaza, Mississauga, Ontario, in front of his gambling establishment.
- Known Enforcer for the COTRONI family.
- Shot while departing one of his gaming houses.
- Information from Project “JUICE” helped solved case.
- Charles GAGNE convicted for the murder.

“Independent Bookies”

- Carlo DiMatteo (11 Feb 60).
- Worked at the Brampton, Ontario Chrysler Plant. Known Bookmaker within the plant.
- Early June 2005, two known males threatened DiMatteo at his front door demanding 50% of the book.
- Late June 2005, found murdered in his home with a single gun shot wound to the head.
- Pasquale Ferrari and Salvatore Zingareillo convicted in 2009.

Recent Results of OPP assisted Investigations

- Project Derby
 - Asian Organized Crime in Kitchener and Peel Regions
 - 11 individuals charges with 44 CC Offences relating to Part VII of the CC
- Project Amethyst
 - TOC in the National Capital Area
 - Offshore Internet Bookmaking
 - 21 individuals charges with 54 CC Offences related to Part VII of the CC including Criminal Organizations.
- Project O-River
 - TOC / HA in the Greater Toronto Area
 - Offshore Internet Bookmaking
 - 32 individuals charged with CC offences related to Part VII of the CC including Criminal Organizations



Recent Results of OPP assisted Investigations

- Project Helensburgh
 - AOC in the Windsor Area
 - 11 individuals charged with 43 CC Offences related to Part VII of the CC
- Project Kwadrant (Calgary RCMP IPOC)
 - AOC in the Calgary, Alberta
 - Police seized 4.5 kilograms of cocaine, 2 Lamborghinis, 2 Porches, a strip mall and 4 homes
 - 5 individuals charged with Illegal Gambling, tax evasion, money laundering, possession of proceeds of crime and Criminal Organization charges

Trends with Organized Crime and Illegal Gambling

