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**U.S. ATTORNEY CHARGES FORMER ACTING BOSS OF GENOVESE
ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILY FOR 2003 MURDER, AND FIVE OTHERS
FOR RACKETEERING CRIMES**

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, JOSEPH DEMAREST, JR., the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and RAYMOND W. KELLY, the Police Commissioner of the City of New York, announced the unsealing in Manhattan federal court earlier today of a 13-count Indictment charging ARTHUR NIGRO, the former Acting Boss of the Genovese Organized Crime Family, and ANTHONY ARILLOTTA, a made member of the Genovese Organized Crime Family, with various racketeering crimes, including the 2003 murder of ADOLFO BRUNO. In addition, the Indictment charges Genovese Organized Crime Family member STEVE ALFISI with racketeering, and MARCOS CAIO, JAMES COUMOUTSOS, and GEORGE COUMOUTSOS with participating with ALFISI in an illegal gambling operation.

According to an Indictment unsealed earlier today in Manhattan Federal Court:

NIGRO, ARILLOTTA, and ALFISI are all made members of the Genovese Organized Crime Family, and NIGRO served for a time as the Acting Boss of the Genovese Family. In November 2003, in their capacities within the Genovese Organized Crime Family, NIGRO and ARILLOTTA murdered ADOLFO BRUNO in order to maintain

and increase their position in the Genovese Organized Crime Family, as well as to prevent BRUNO from providing information to law enforcement about crimes committed by members of the Genovese Organized Crime Family. NIGRO and ARILLOTTA are also charged with multiple extortions and other racketeering crimes in their capacities with the Genovese Organized Crime Family.

The Indictment also charges ALFISI with racketeering for his conduct with the Genovese Organized Crime Family including the operation of an illegal gambling business in New York along with co-defendants CAIO, JAMES COUMOUTSOS, and GEORGE COUMOUTSOS.

A chart listing the potential maximum penalties faced by each of the defendants on each count is attached.

The case has been assigned to United States District Judge P. KEVIN CASTEL.

NIGRO, 65, and JAMES COUMOUTSOS, 47, both from Bronx, New York, are currently incarcerated on federal and state charges, respectively. ARILLOTTA, 41, was arrested this morning in his hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts, and was presented in the District of Massachusetts. ALFISI, 45, CAIO, 39, both from Bronx, New York, and GEORGE COUMOUTSOS, 42, of Eastchester, New York, were arrested this morning and are expected to be presented this afternoon in Manhattan federal Court.

Mr. BHARARA praised the work of the Joint Organized Crime Task Force -- including agents of the FBI and detectives of the New York Police Department. Mr. BHARARA also thanked the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts State Police for their assistance in the investigation.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Organized Crime Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys JONATHAN NEW and MARK LANPHER are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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STATUTORY MAXIMUM SENTENCES

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Ct	Charge	Defendants	Potential Penalties
1	Racketeering Conspiracy	NIGRO ARILLOTTA ALFISI	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
2	Racketeering	NIGRO ARILLOTTA ALFISI	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
3	Murder In Aid of Racketeering	NIGRO ARILLOTTA	Mandatory Life, with possibility of death penalty
4	Murder to Obstruct Justice	NIGRO ARILLOTTA	Mandatory Life, with possibility of death penalty
5	Conspiracy to Extort	NIGRO ARILLOTTA	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
6	Extortion	NIGRO ARILLOTTA	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
7	Conspiracy to Make Extortionate Extensions of Credit	NIGRO ALFISI	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime

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8	Extortionate Extensions of Credit	NIGRO ALFISI	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
9	Conspiracy to Extortionate Credit	NIGRO ALFISI	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
10	Collection of Extortionate Credit	NIGRO ALFISI	Maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
11	Operation of an Illegal Gambling Business	NIGRO	Maximum sentence of 5 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
12	Operation of an Illegal Gambling Business	ALFISI CAIO JAMES COUMOUTSOS GEORGE COUMOUTSOS	Maximum sentence of 5 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime
13	Interstate Travel in Aid of Racketeering	NIGRO ARILLOTTA	Maximum sentence of 5 years in prison, and fine of the greater of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime