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GENOVESE FAMILY CAPTAIN INDICTED FOR RACKETEERING, ROBBERY, EXTORTION, FIREARMS, AND OTHER CRIMES

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"); and WEYSAN DUN, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Newark Office of the FBI, announced today that ANGELO PRISCO, a Captain in the Genovese Organized Crime Family of La Cosa Nostra, has been charged by Indictment with various crimes including racketeering, racketeering conspiracy, robbery, extortion, firearms crimes, stolen property crimes, and operating an illegal gambling business. According to the Indictment filed in Manhattan federal court:

From at least the 1970s through the present, PRISCO was a Soldier, and later a Captain, in the Genovese Organized Crime Family. As a Captain, PRISCO supervised, oversaw and profited from the criminal activities of his own crew of Genovese Family Soldiers and associates, operating in the New York City area and in New Jersey.

PRISCO committed various crimes on behalf of the Genovese Organized Crime Family. He oversaw and took part in a conspiracy to commit a string of home invasions and other armed robberies, during which the intended victims were robbed of cash proceeds of their businesses and other property. PRISCO also oversaw and participated in the extortion of a Manhattan-based construction business; possessed, sold and transported stolen property; and operated an illegal gambling business.

If convicted, PRISCO, 69, of Tom's River, NJ, faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Mr. GARCIA praised the work of the FBI's New York and Newark Field Offices; the Orange County, New York District Attorney's Office; the Westchester County, New York District Attorney's Office; the New York State Police; the Morris County, New Jersey Prosecutor's Office; the Rockaway Township, New Jersey Police Department; and the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.

 $\,$ Assistant United States Attorneys ELIE HONIG and LISA ZORNBERG are in charge of the prosecution.

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