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City Area Businessman Involved?

Katz Tied to N.E. Crime Leader

(This report was written by Worcester Telegram reporter Dave Morrison based on information gathered by Telegram reporters Bill Barry, Billings Kingsbury and Mary Weasing.)

Former Worcester restaurant owner Arnold L. Katz, scheduled to be sentenced today in San Francisco, ran a multimillion-dollar drug ring that allegedly included a prominent Worcester area businessman and a North Shore man identified by the FBI as a high-ranking member of New England organized crime, the Worcester Telegram has learned.

Documents filed in Suffolk Superior Court in Boston described the alleged drug activities of Katz and several of his associates shortly before his arrest in Weyboro in June, it was learned. At least one of the documents contains information from law enforcement offi-

cial detailing the activities over a period of six months or more.

The documents mention several persons previously linked publicly with Katz, as well as several others in Massachusetts, Connecticut and in the Southwest.

The Worcester area businessman is reportedly a close associate of Katz and criminally involved with him in drug trafficking, according to one of the documents.

Twenty-one persons are mentioned in that document as part of Katz's operation.

Continuing investigation

Robert M. Stutman, special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in Boston, said in an interview last week that his agency is involved in an "on going investigation" of the drug operation. He estimated that no

more federal indictments would be handed up for at least two months.

Although Stutman declined to disclose those under investigation, he described them as professional people who give the appearance of legitimate businessmen.

Leonard J. Henson, the assistant district attorney in Suffolk County who is handling the investigation, said he has not decided yet whether to bring charges against Katz.

That decision, he said, would depend on the disposition of the federal case against Katz. If he receives a light sentence today, Henson said he probably would bring criminal charges against Katz. But if he receives a heavy sentence, Henson said he may very well drop further prosecution against him.

The Telegram has learned that at least one of the documents revealed a scenario in which Katz and associates

drove cars at high speeds to avoid surveillance, held clandestine meetings, made numerous telephone calls between Massachusetts, Florida, California, Nevada, and Connecticut, and handled large sums of cash as part of their everyday operation.

North Shore Meeting

It also describes a meeting between Katz and the reputed organized crime figure that took place in a restaurant on the North Shore and was later moved to the man's home. Katz and the associate drove in what law enforcement agents viewed as a manner to stymie surveillance.

Katz and three others mentioned in that document have been indicted by a federal grand jury in San Francisco and arraigned in federal court there on drug charges.

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Conte said the presentation of evidence would involve many police witnesses. He declined to estimate the number of police witnesses scheduled to testify and refused to discuss the nature of possible other testimony.

Among targets of the raid who were named by Conte at a press conference in Framingham after the August raids was Mastrototaro, 61, of 15 Colonial Drive, Shrewsbury, and of Dennis. Mastrototaro, also known as Carmine Mastrototaro, was identified by Conte as possibly the No. 2 man to Raymond L.S. Patriarca of Providence in New England organized crime. Patriarca, a Worcester native, has been identified by the FBI and before Congressional committees as head of La Cosa Nostra in New England. Conte said at the press conference that Mastrototaro was found at his Dennis home but that no evidence was taken from him.

The Telegram has learned since the August raids that top-level figures in Boston and Springfield organized crime may figure in the Worcester grand jury presentation.

Federal Statutes

The Telegram also has learned since August that the FBI and postal authorities are among agencies applying federal statutes to some of the data unearthed by Operation Big League.

Also named by Conte in August were Worcester Police Officer Dennis M. Caforio of 24 Dell Ave., and Reyes of 93-95 Beacon St., a former director of the Latin Association for Progress and Action. Conte said drugs were seized at Caforio's home and gaming equipment at Reyes'. Police Chief Halstead Taylor said last night that Caforio is on administrative leave — a paid, non-working status — pending a decision by the grand jury.

Also raided in Worcester were the Green Street News and Smoke Shop, 99 Green St.; VT Books Inc., 103 Green St., and houses at 673 Franklin St.; 1 Jay St.; 111 Shrewsbury St.; 148 Coburn Ave. and 16 Holland Road. In Clinton, there was a raid at 303-305 Main St., the C&H Construction Co.

The dawn raids followed an eight-month investigation designed to crack a multimillion-dollar organized crime drug and gambling operation, officials said. State Police Sgt. Charles F. Henderson said after the raids that they were aimed at breaking the highest level of organized crime in New England. Targets of the search warrants were people, addresses and vehicles in Worcester, Shrewsbury, Clinton, Springfield, Agawam, Saugus, Brookline and Concord.

Law enforcement officials said the

League is ready for grand jury consideration," Conte said.

Any indictments returned in the case would remain secret until suspects are arrested or arraigned. The Telegram has learned that most of those who are indicted will be given an opportunity to appear voluntarily for arraignment.

It was learned that an elderly Brookline man, a former dentist reputedly tied to organized crime, may be the subject of grand jury action in Suffolk County or Worcester County or both. Operation Big League produced conspiracy evidence that could be brought in Worcester County and evidence of specific offenses related to the alleged conspiracy that would be brought before a grand jury in Suffolk County because that is the jurisdiction in which the alleged specific offenses occurred. Suffolk County is comprised of Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop.

It was disclosed at the press conference after the August raids that the seized articles included:

- Four computers allegedly used in illegal gaming;
- Pornographic films;
- An undetermined quantity of cocaine and marijuana;
- Financial transaction records on gaming, drug trafficking and other illegal activity;
- About \$15,000 in cash.

Sgt. Henderson, head of the State Police Special Services Unit, said Aug. 15 that evidence seized in earlier raids also could figure into the grand jury presentation.

Conte also said at the press conference: "In addition to the fallout from this investigation, we have gained a lot of intelligence, and a lot of information was passed off to numerous law enforcement agencies. Our mandate in this case was limited by the (state) statutes. But there was a great deal of fallout uncovered. All aspects of organized crime, from gaming and drugs, to porno shops and prostitution — you name it. It was all uncovered in one fashion or another in this investigation."

In addition to FBI officials and Sgt. Henderson, Conte named these people as key coordinators in the eight-month probe: Col. John R. O'Donovan, head of State Police investigative services; Detective Lt. Ralph DeFuria, supervisor of State Police detectives in Worcester County, and Deputy Chief Thomas L. Leahy Jr. of the Worcester Police Department.

U.N. Ambassador Kirkpatrick Hospitalized for Chest Pains

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Today, the astronauts will conduct extravehicular activities from Columbia's Canadian-built robot arm that will deploy and retrieve satellite shuttle passes its test flights and goes expected late next year. This is the first exercise of the flight, aside from launch and

70 Percent of Objectives

Thus, Hutchinson noted, about 70 percent of Columbia's flight objectives could be met by the shuttle has to return tomorrow.

Hutchinson said the errant fuel cell "literally ran it out of juice ... it caught fire." Draining the cell was necessary for safety reasons once its malfunction was discovered.

A problem appeared early with Columbia's auxiliary power units — the system whose failure last week caused a delay in Columbia's launch. But Hutchinson said the problems seemed to work themselves out and not affect Columbia's landing.

With all this conjecture on Earth, the shuttle went on with their scheduled activities. Hutchinson pressed no particular emotion over the possibility of a reduced mission.

Yesterday's launch — coming about a week after Columbia's trouble-free debut —

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But on Capitol Hill — where Democrats are taking advantage of Stockman's indiscretion — indications Stockman's troubles may be behind him. A source close to the Senate leadership said the leaders believe Stockman still go, and probably will.

Departure Predicted

"He won't be here when we get back," the source said.

Facing reporters at the White House, a serious ex-congressman said he took "a little break" from the comments reported in the issue of *The Atlantic* magazine.

In an article by William Greider, managing editor of the *Washington Post*, Greider criticized Reagan's 25 percent, three-year "Trojan Horse" aiding the rich side" economics as being nothing more than a "trickle down" theory of stimulating growth through tax breaks to the wealthy.

"I am staying on because I believe deeply that the president has charted a constructive course," Stockman said.

Quotes Were Accurate

Confirming the direct quotes in the article "The Education of David Stockman" by Greider, the budget director said, "Those were the words that I spoke."

But he said he was "somewhat shocked" to have learned of the "gross misunderstanding" of the ground rules. He said he had thought