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ORGANIZED CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA -  
FACT OR FICTION

WHEN I FIRST TALKED TO SOME OF YOU ABOUT COMING TO CHARLOTTE TODAY I INDICATED I WOULD DEVOTE MY COMMENTS TO THE TOPIC OF DRUG ABUSE. SINCE THAT TIME, HOWEVER, I HAVE RECONSIDERED, IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS.

FIRST, I WOULD NOTE THAT JUST THIS WEEK A COMBINED TASK FORCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS MADE ABOUT FIFTY ARRESTS FOR NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS AND HOPEFULLY DISRUPTED A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG RING OPERATING IN NORTH CAROLINA, A RING THAT WAS INVOLVED IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD IN "ORGANIZED CRIME".

SECOND, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT ONE OF YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS RECENTLY RAN A RATHER LENGTHY ARTICLE TITLED "NORTH CAROLINA ORGANIZED CRIME - FACT OR FICTION", QUESTIONING WHETHER THERE IS IN FACT ORGANIZED CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA OR WHETHER IT IS MERELY A FIGMENT OF SOMEONE'S IMAGINATION - MINE, I SUPPOSE. "... (N)OW," HE SAID, "ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT MORGAN, THERE IS ORGANIZED CRIME RIGHT HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA, 'SPREADING

ITS TENTACLES' INTO SUCH STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES AS CIGARETTE SMUGGLING, NARCOTICS, PROSTITUTION, THEFT RINGS AND EVEN LEGITIMATE BUSINESS."

I'M REALLY NOT SO SURPRISED THAT HE HAD THAT REACTION TO THE REPORTS WE HAVE MADE RECENTLY BECAUSE FOR A LONG TIME WE HAVE BELIEVED THAT IT COULDN'T HAPPEN HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA, EVEN THOUGH WE'VE SEEN IT ELSEWHERE.

WE'VE ALL HAD THE ATTITUDE EXPRESSED SO WELL BY THE STAGE MANAGER IN THE PLAY "OUR TOWN", WHO AT THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD ACT OBSERVES THAT IN "OUR TOWN", "(E)VERYBODY LOCKS THEIR HOUSE DOORS NOW AT NIGHT. AIN'T BEEN ANY BURGLARS IN TOWN YET," HE SAYS, "BUT EVERYBODY'S HEARD ABOUT THEM." THE DAY WHEN THAT OBSERVATION CAN BE MADE ABOUT CRIME, EVEN ORGANIZED CRIME, IS GONE IN NORTH CAROLINA. INSTEAD, IN THE WORDS OF "THE MUSIC MAN", "WE'VE GOT TROUBLE RIGHT HERE IN RIVER CITY WITH A CAPITAL 'T' " AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU TODAY.

SINCE I BECAME ATTORNEY GENERAL MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AGO, I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING REPORTS FROM THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT MANY CRIMES IN OUR STATE WERE BEING COMMITTED BY HIGHLY ORGANIZED PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS. I HAD ALSO BEEN RECEIVING REPORTS THAT PEOPLE AND CORPORATIONS WITH CONTACTS WITH MAJOR NATIONAL CRIMINAL SYNDICATES WERE COMING INTO NORTH CAROLINA AND SETTING UP VARIOUS BUSINESSES, BUYING BUSINESSES, OR PURCHASING REAL ESTATE.

THESE REPORTS FURTHER INDICATED THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS GENERALLY WERE FRUSTRATED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE DEGREE TO WHICH THESE CRIMINALS WERE ORGANIZED AND THE VALIDITY OF THESE REPORTS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I WAS CONCERNED AND WANTED TO FIND SOME WAY FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE.

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAD EARMARKED MONEY TO HELP THE STATES STUDY THE EXTENT OF ITS ORGANIZED CRIME PROBLEM AND AFTER LAYING SOME PRELIMINARY GROUNDWORK, I REQUESTED SOME OF THIS MONEY TO HELP US DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM IN NORTH CAROLINA.

WE FORMED AN ORGANIZED CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL, AND THE FIRST PROBLEM WE FACED WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE MEANT WHEN WE SAID ORGANIZED CRIME. AFTER CONSULTING WITH SEVERAL NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERTS ON ORGANIZED CRIME,

WE REALIZED THAT ORGANIZED CRIME WAS NOT CONFINED TO THE MAFIA. THERE ARE MANY OF THESE ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS, PERHAPS NOT AS ORGANIZED OR SOPHISTICATED AS THE MAFIA FAMILIES, BUT ORGANIZED NONETHELESS. THEREFORE, FOR PURPOSES OF OUR STUDY, WE DEFINED "ORGANIZED CRIME" AS ANY CONTINUING CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY ORGANIZED TO REAP SUBSTANTIAL PROFITS FROM UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES.

THIS DEFINITION DISTINGUISHES ORGANIZED CRIME FROM SOCIAL CRIMES COMMITTED OUT OF NEED AND PSYCHOPATHIC CRIMES COMMITTED BECAUSE OF MENTAL DISORDERS. IF TWO PROFESSIONAL CROOKS GET TOGETHER TO ROB A BANK, THIS IS ORGANIZED TO AN EXTENT BUT UNLESS THE TWO CROOKS CONSPIRED IN A CONTINUING FASHION ON NUMEROUS JOBS AND USED OTHERS IN THEIR ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES, WE DON'T FEEL THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ORGANIZED CRIME.

ANOTHER THING WE TRIED TO DETERMINE IS WHY ORGANIZED CRIME, AS WE DEFINED IT, WAS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER TYPES OF CRIME AND WHY IT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH DIFFERENTLY. IT WAS SOON APPARENT THAT ORGANIZED GROUPS WERE COMPOSED OF PROFESSIONAL, SKILLED CRIMINALS WHO FORMED OR WORKED IN AN ORGANIZATION, EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT BE LOOSE, TO HELP THEM PERFORM THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND EVADE DETECTION. IN MANY INSTANCES, SUCH AS WITH DRUG OPERATIONS AND LOTTERY

OPERATIONS, WE FOUND THAT ARRESTING STREET PUSHERS OR NUMBERS WRITERS HAD ALMOST NO EFFECT ON THE OPERATIONS.

ANOTHER DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTIC OF ORGANIZED CRIME IS THE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES THAT ORGANIZED GROUPS USUALLY ENGAGE IN. THESE INCLUDE YOUR SO-CALLED "VICTIMLESS CRIMES" - GAMBLING, NARCOTICS, BOOTLEG WHISKEY, AND FENCING STOLEN GOODS. IN ORDER TO OPERATE A LOTTERY, YOU MUST HAVE WRITERS, RUNNERS OR PICKUP MEN, AND AT LEAST ONE "BANK". A SUCCESSFUL FENCING OPERATION REQUIRES A WIDESPREAD NETWORK TO GET THE STOLEN GOODS AND DISPOSE OF THEM FAST AND EFFICIENTLY. THE VERY NATURE OF THESE ACTIVITIES REQUIRES ORGANIZATION.

BECAUSE GAMBLERS DO NOT REPORT THEIR BOOKIES, ADDICTS DO NOT REPORT THEIR PUSHERS, AND THE BUYER OF STOLEN GOODS DOES NOT REPORT HIS SOURCE, AN ORGANIZED CRIME OPERATION CAN EXIST IN A COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME IN RELATIVE SECRECY. THE ABSENCE OF COMPLAINTS, THEREFORE, DOES NOT MEAN THE ABSENCE OF ORGANIZED CRIME.

TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ABOUT ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS OPERATING IN NORTH CAROLINA, MEMBERS OF MY STAFF CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE SURVEY WHICH CONSISTED OF INTERVIEWING LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAW OFFICERS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SURROUNDING STATES, ACTUALLY TALKING TO CRIMINALS, AND STUDYING POLICE RECORDS AND FILES. EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ABLE TO GATHER AND ANALYZE WHAT WAS KNOWN ABOUT ORGANIZED GROUPS

OPERATING IN NORTH CAROLINA, THERE IS STILL MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT THE DEGREE OF ORGANIZATION WITHIN THESE GROUPS.

WHAT DID WE FIND AS A RESULT OF OUR SURVEY? ONE AREA WHERE CRIMINAL GROUPS IN NORTH CAROLINA APPEAR TO BE MOST ORGANIZED IS IN THE AREA OF HARD NARCOTICS. JUST THIS WEEK, AS I MENTIONED A FEW MOMENTS AGO, SOME FIFTY ARRESTS WERE MADE IN THIS STATE INVOLVING A HEROIN RING REACHING INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA. MANY OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE CONSIDERED MAJOR DEALERS IN THE STATE. THE DETAILS OF THIS OPERATION CANNOT BE FULLY REVEALED AT THIS TIME BUT IT APPEARS THAT THIS RING IS A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF HEROIN ON THE EAST COAST.

WE FOUND THAT MANY OF THE MAJOR HEROIN DEALERS IN THE STATE HAD SET UP THEIR OWN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS. ONE MAN IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA WHO WAS CONSIDERED BY THE CHARLOTTE POLICE TO BE THE MAJOR HEROIN DISTRIBUTOR IN THE AREA HAD TWO MEN WORKING UNDER HIM THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED LIEUTENANTS IN HIS ORGANIZATION. EACH OF THESE LIEUTENANTS HAD HIS OWN GROUP OF STREET PUSHERS THAT DISTRIBUTED AND SOLD THE HEROIN ON THE STREETS. THE MAN AT THE TOP WAS THUS INSULATED FROM THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE PUSHERS AND, IN FACT, THE PUSHERS ON THE STREET DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHO THEY WERE REALLY WORKING FOR. ONE OF THESE LIEUTENANTS WAS REPORTEDLY MAKING \$100,000 A YEAR FROM THE OPERATION.

A DRUG OPERATION SUCH AS THIS IS TYPICAL IN THE MAJOR CITIES OF NORTH CAROLINA AND BELIEVE ME, IT IS ORGANIZED. THESE MAJOR DRUG DISTRIBUTORS ARE TIED IN WITH EACH OTHER TO SOME EXTENT, AT LEAST IN PROCURING LARGE QUANTITIES OF DRUGS. WE ALSO FOUND THAT MANY OF THE MAJOR HEROIN DISTRIBUTORS WERE INVOLVED IN OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS GAMBLING ENTERPRISES AND PROSTITUTION RINGS.

WE FOUND THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF CRIMINALS THAT HAVE BEEN CALLED THE "DIXIE MAFIA" RESIDE AND OPERATE HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. THIS APPEARS TO BE A LOOSELY ORGANIZED GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS THAT CALL ON ONE ANOTHER AND ASSIST ONE ANOTHER IN EXECUTING ROBBERIES AND BURGLARIES, DISPOSING OF STOLEN GOODS, FLIM FLAM AND FRAUD OPERATIONS, AND EVEN NARCOTICS. ONE MEMBER OF THIS GROUP WHO FREQUENTS THE CHARLOTTE AREA, HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR NARCOTICS DISTRIBUTION, BURGLARIES, TRANSPORTING STOLEN PROPERTY, AND WAS RECENTLY CONVICTED OF A CONTRACT MURDER HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THIS GROUP WAS ARRESTED IN CHARLOTTE RECENTLY WITH A MACHINE GUN IN HIS CADILLAC. HE WAS WANTED IN ALABAMA FOR SAFE ROBBERY; HE WAS A SUSPECT IN IOWA FOR CONSPIRACY, WHICH INVOLVED THE KILLING OF AN EX-DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND IS SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS BANK ROBBERIES.

ANOTHER ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUP THAT IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING BROKEN UP NOW BY ARRESTS, INVOLVED A GANG OF BANK ROBBERS. THESE MEN OPERATED IN A RATHER HIGHLY ORGANIZED FASHION IN PULLING THEIR JOBS. THE BANKS WERE THOROUGHLY CASED BY SOME MEMBER OF THE GROUP, CARS WERE SUPPLIED BY ANOTHER ELEMENT, AND STILL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT THE ROBBERIES.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE REFER TO AS ORGANIZED CRIME INVOLVED A CLANDESTINE DRUG LAB THAT WAS DISCOVERED RECENTLY IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA. AT LEAST FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS OPERATION. THEY WERE ORDERING CHEMICALS COMMONLY USED TO CUT COCAINE AND HEROIN IN LARGE QUANTITIES, AND IT APPEARS THAT THEY HAD A LARGE AND SOPHISTICATED OPERATION.

IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA, AS WELL AS IN SEVERAL OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE, KNOWN DRUG DEALERS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED IN THE LAST YEAR OR SO AND IT APPEARS FROM ALL INDICATIONS THAT THESE ASSASSINATIONS WERE PART OF A POWER STRUGGLE TO GAIN CONTROL OF DRUG DISTRIBUTION IN ANY AREA.

KNOWN BOOKMAKERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THIS AREA AS WELL AS IN MANY OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE. WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT FOR A BOOKMAKER TO BE SUCCESSFUL, HE MUST BE PART OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT ALLOWS HIM TO RECEIVE A LINE AND TO LAY OFF BETS. A BOOKIE WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED IN THE PIEDMONT WHOSE OPERATIONS WERE KNOWN TO EXTEND INTO MANY TOWNS IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.



WE ALSO KNOW THERE ARE HIGHLY ORGANIZED LOTTERY OPERATIONS GOING ON IN THE STATE. ONE SUCH OPERATION WAS RECENTLY UNCOVERED AND SEVENTEEN ARRESTS WERE MADE IN FOUR DIFFERENT CITIES IN CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA. STILL, IT WAS NOT FELT THAT THESE ARRESTS GOT TO THE MAJOR RING LEADERS OF THIS OPERATION.

WE HAVE FOUND SEVERAL LARGE FENCING OPERATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA. WE KNOW THAT SOME OF THESE FENCING OPERATIONS ARE HIGHLY ORGANIZED IN THAT THE PROFESSIONAL FENCE HAS A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS, HAS MEN WORKING FOR HIM TO STEAL SPECIFIC MERCHANDISE, AND HAS WIDESPREAD CONTACTS THAT ENABLE HIM TO GET RID OF THE MERCHANDISE FAST AND EFFICIENTLY WITHOUT EVER HAVING TO TOUCH THE STOLEN GOODS HIMSELF.

IN THOSE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE MAJOR ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILIES EXIST, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY SENT IN STRIKE FORCES COMPOSED OF FEDERAL ATTORNEYS AND COMBINED FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS. THESE GROUPS HAVE COMBINED WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HAVE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON SOME OF THESE CRIME FAMILIES. THIS IS THE SAME METHOD THAT WAS USED TO UNCOVER THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG RING IN WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE THIS WEEK.

ONE UNFORTUNATE RESULT OF THESE SUCCESSES, HOWEVER, IS THAT MANY OF THESE SYNDICATE MEMBERS ARE DRIVEN INTO OTHER STATES TO FIND NEW BASES OF OPERATION AND NEW SOURCES OF INCOME.

WE HAVE FOUND SUBSTANTIAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN AT LEAST TWO GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE BUYING BUSINESSES AND REAL ESTATE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND MAJOR SYNDICATE FAMILIES OUT OF STATE. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT CERTAIN CRIMINALS IN THIS STATE HAVE DIRECT CONTACTS WITH MAJOR ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILIES IN OTHER STATES. RECENTLY A KNOWN MEMBER OF A CLEVELAND ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILY MOVED TO THIS STATE AND PURCHASED A MOTEL AND APPEARS TO BE ACTIVE IN GAMBLING OPERATIONS.

IN THE AREA OF CIGARETTE SMUGGLING, A REPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE INVESTIGATION COMMISSION STATED THAT ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILIES IN NEW YORK HAD NOW ALMOST COMPLETELY TAKEN OVER THE CIGARETTE SMUGGLING BUSINESS. THE PROFITS IN THIS RACKET ARE ENORMOUS. AS YOU MIGHT KNOW, MOST OF THE CIGARETTES ARE BOUGHT RIGHT HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA, YET THESE RACKETEERS ARE NOT VIOLATING ANY OF OUR LAWS. THERE IS A STRONG INDICATION THAT AT LEAST ONE WHOLESALE CIGARETTE COMPANY IN THIS STATE IS ALREADY CONTROLLED BY A NEW YORK FAMILY, AND THE NEW YORK POLICE TELL US THAT THE NEXT STEP FOR THE SYNDICATE WILL BE TO TRY TO INFILTRATE THE TOBACCO COMPANIES THEMSELVES. ALSO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF CIGARETTES ARE BEING HIJACKED AND ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, TRUCKING COMPANIES CAN NO LONGER GET INSURANCE TO HAUL CIGARETTES. THE PROBLEM OF CIGARETTE BOOTLEGGING IS A PROBLEM TO NORTH CAROLINA SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE CALIBRE OF PERSON THAT IS

COMING INTO OUR STATE AND DOING BUSINESS HERE. THESE PEOPLE MUST BE WATCHED CLOSELY TO PREVENT THEM FROM GAINING A Foothold IN THIS STATE AND MAKING NORTH CAROLINA A BASE OPERATION.

IN CONCLUSION, WE FOUND THAT ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS WERE OPERATING IN NORTH CAROLINA AND MANY WERE RATHER HIGHLY ORGANIZED. WE DO NOT WANT TO EXAGGERATE THE PROBLEM IN THIS STATE AT THIS TIME BUT WE DO FEEL THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DETECT ORGANIZED GROUPS AND PREVENT THEM FROM GAINING A STRONG FOOTHOLD IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ORGANIZED CRIME MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO UNCHECKED. WHEN AN ORGANIZED CRIME OPERATION IS ALLOWED TO GO UNCHECKED, IT HAS MANY EFFECTS ON THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. IT PROVIDES A MODEL OF SUCCESS FOR IMPRESSIONABLE YOUTH IN OUR GHETTOS AND POOR AREAS. IT HAS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO STREET CRIME THROUGH ENCOURAGING NARCOTICS ADDICTS TO STEAL, PROVIDING FENCING OPERATIONS FOR BURGLARS AND SHOPLIFTERS AND BY ENGAGING DIRECTLY IN BURGLARIES AND HIJACKINGS. WHEN ORGANIZED CRIME IS ALLOWED TO GAIN ENTRY INTO LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES, HONEST BUSINESSMEN AND CONSUMERS ARE THE LOSERS. THE HONEST BUSINESSMAN CANNOT <sup>compete</sup> ~~operate~~ WITH THE ORGANIZED CRIME OPERATION BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE THE VAST UNTAXED RESOURCES NOR DOES HE USE THE ILLEGAL METHODS THAT ORGANIZED CRIMINALS WILL NOT HESITATE FOR A MINUTE TO USE. THE PUBLIC TAX BURDEN IS

INCREASED WHEN ORGANIZED CRIME DRAINS BILLIONS OF UNTAXED DOLLARS FROM OUR ECONOMY - DOLLARS THAT COULD BE USED FOR EDUCATION, HOUSING, RESEARCH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE ALL MUST DO TO HELP COPE WITH THIS PROBLEM. THIS SURELY IS AN AREA WHERE AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A TON OF CURE. ONCE THE ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATE IS ALLOWED TO GET ITS FOOT IN THE DOOR OF YOUR BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO REMOVE IT. THERE IS A NORMAL REACTION AMONG BUSINESSMEN THAT IT CAN NEVER HAPPEN TO ME. THUS, FEW COMPANIES TAKE ANY ACTIVE STEPS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST EXPLOITATION.

THOSE OF US CONNECTED WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MUST DO MANY THINGS TO CONTROL AND PREVENT ORGANIZED CRIME IN NORTH CAROLINA. WE MUST FIGHT FOR NEW LEGISLATION AND GREATER APPROPRIATIONS TO FIGHT ORGANIZED CRIME. WE MUST EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO THE DANGERS OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND INFORM THE PUBLIC OF WHAT ORGANIZED CRIME IS DOING AND MAY DO FURTHER.

THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS SET UP AN ORGANIZED CRIME INTELLIGENCE DIVISION AND HAS ASSIGNED AGENTS TO WORK FULL TIME ON ORGANIZED CRIME. SEVERAL OF THE LARGER CITIES IN OUR STATE HAVE SET UP INTELLIGENCE UNITS TO CONCENTRATE PRIMARILY ON ORGANIZED CRIME.

AS WORKING AND PROFESSIONAL MEN, YOU, YOURSELVES, MUST SEEK OUT AND RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN YOUR MIDST. YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE YOUR BUSINESS AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS TO ESTABLISH WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO HELP YOU KEEP INFORMED OF CRIMINAL TRENDS AND ASSOCIATES IN YOUR INDUSTRY. YOU SHOULD DETERMINE AS BEST YOU CAN FOR YOUR TRADE ASSOCIATION OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH IN A BUSINESS TRANSACTION THAT YOU SUSPECT IS LESS THAN TOTALLY HONEST. YOU MUST COME FORWARD AND INITIATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THOSE YOU SUSPECT ARE INVOLVED IN ORGANIZED CRIME. YOU MUST HELP US OBTAIN THE SUPPORT WE NEED TO FIGHT ORGANIZED CRIME.

THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT ORGANIZED CRIME IS "FACT, NOT FICTION". WE DO HAVE "TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY" AND UNLESS WE MOVE FAST AND EFFECTIVELY AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ELEMENTS IN OUR STATE, WE MAY AT SOME NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE, HAVE TO QUOTE ANOTHER LINE FROM "THE MUSIC MAN", WHICH DECLARES "OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN GONNA HAVE TROUBLE" TOO.