

Sources: Drug dealer's ready to rat on Whitey

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As if the rats weren't enough, now reputed Winter Hill Gang boss James "Whitey" Bulger has to worry about a molecat...

The Herald has learned that organized crime investigators and prosecutors have added convicted South Boston drug dealer Paul Dolecat's Moore to their growing list of witnesses against Bulger.

The Herald reportedly learned that in a two-year state police, DEA and FBI investigation, charged the mobsters controlled illegal gambling in greater Boston. New witnesses against Bulger, 66, and reputed Patriarca family Mafia boss Fran-

cois P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme, 61. Both reputed bosses were indicted on racketeering charges in January and are fugitives.

Federal prosecutors said they expect a grand jury to issue a superseding indictment today containing new charges against Bulger, Salemme and the alleged close friend and go-between for both men, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, 60.

The original indictment, based on a two-year state police, DEA and FBI investigation, charged the mobsters controlled illegal gambling in greater Boston by charging "rent" to local bookmakers.

Now, sources said, witnesses have testified before the grand jury that Bulger and Winter Hill also controlled the drug trade in South Boston. Enter the Polecat.

Moore, 45, of Plymouth, pleaded guilty to being a top organizer of a cocaine ring in South Boston after a massive federal raid in 1990 netted 51 defendants, drugs, guns and cash.

But sources said Moore was reportedly disillusioned with being a stand-up guy for Bulger, who escaped being charged in the 1990 bust. Those hard feelings could be a boon for prosecutors.

familiar with Moore said. Moore's testimony could dovetail with that of another witness, convicted marijuana trafficker David Lindholm.

The Herald reported yesterday that Lindholm, 45, is expected to testify that he was "kidnapped" by the Winter Hill Gang and brought to a meeting with Bulger, sources said.

Lindholm is expected to testify that a gun was put to his head and that Bulger told him that he would have to pay Winter Hill a cut if he wanted to stay alive. A low-level North End Mob associate, Jerry Matricca, has also agreed to testify for the government, sources said.

Government rolls out a Dream Team of rat witnesses

By RALPH RANALLI

It began in January with a couple of bookies and was pooh-poohed by defense attorneys, but the government's witness list in the case against Mob bosses James "Whitey" Bulger and Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme is now formidable and growing.

The list includes a former drug dealer with close ties to Bulger, two former high-level bookmakers, a marijuana smuggler who is already a seasoned government witness and a North End hood who was once caught between Bulger's Winter Hill Gang and Salemme's Patriarca Mafia family.

Several will testify that Bulger's and Salemme's gangs exacted tribute from anyone in three illegal lucrative businesses: drug dealing, bookmaking and loansharking.

The following is the government's "team" roster.

- **Burton "Chico" Krantz: Where it all began.** Krantz, 57, of Newton, was one of Boston's premier bookmakers until he was targeted by the State Police Special Services Section as a way to get at Bulger.

He "flipped" after troopers raided the safety-deposit boxes containing his \$2 million cash "retirement fund."

- **James Katz: Krantz II.** Chico was the big catch, but Katz's similar testimony about paying "rent" to both Bulger and Salemme for staying in the bookmaking business provided valuable corroboration and critical mass for the organized crime probe.

- **Anthony Ciulla: The Big Guy.** The 300-pound, 51-year-old former Stoneham resident was part of the Winter Hill Gang's Suffolk Downs horse-race-fixing scheme in the 1970s and a key witness against gang member John "Johnny" Martorano.

- **Paul "Polecat" Moore: The Insider.** Moore was a top drug dealer in South Boston but was reportedly disillusioned with being a "stand-up guy" for Bulger after his wife wasn't "taken care of" when he went to prison on drug charges. "He knows where some serious bodies are buried," one source said.

- **William David Lindholm: The Hunted.** A marijuana trafficker with toney Milton roots, Lindholm will testify he was kidnapped and a gun was held to his head during a meeting with Bulger, in which Whitey demanded tribute.

- **Jerry Matricia: The Squeezed.** Matricia can testify from firsthand experience about the ties between Winter Hill and the Patriarca family — he was called on the carpet by the Italian bosses for swindling their close Irish friends.

- **Thomas Hillary: The Wiseguy.** Hillary grew up in the household of legendary Mafia boss Raymond L.S. Patriarca and has a longtime knowledge of family activities, particularly by Salemme.