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ing at about 92 percent.

... the enthusiasm of two football players recalling their favorite bowl games. The headless, limbless body that floated into a Miami canal last month reminded Minimum of that other, similarly mutilated body that turned up last December. And who can forget the man who got angry with his roommate, sliced him up and tossed the parts along a highway?

As for tough old Roselli, it wasn't the first body to float into the annals of Miami crime in a drum, Minimum says. Ten years ago a lover's quarrel resulted in a man stuffing his girl friend into a drum, filling it with cement and Aqua Velva shave lotion. The drum was found resting against a dike and justice was eventually done.

Minimum is not pleased by such violent antics.

"We don't appreciate people committing murder and dumping a body in our country, regardless of who the people are, but especially if it's organized crime," Minimum says.

His department handled 168 homicides last year and boasted an 85 percent clearance record. As of July, 1976, the percentage was even higher, stand-

If Charles Zattereplace and Julio Ojeda have anything to say about it, Roselli's killing is not going to diminish the percentages. Both men are 28-year-old homicide detectives who vow with a school-boy's sincerity that they won't rest until Roselli's murder is solved. In the last four weeks, with the help of Washington agencies, Zattereplace and Ojeda have reconstructed Roselli's life in hopes of understanding his death. For the third time in eight years of marriage, Zattereplace worked out of town because of "awesomeness" of his case. Ojeda spent his Labor Day holiday at work.

"May be 10 years from now," Ojeda says, "I want someone to look at my file and say, 'He killed or everybody,' and BANG! that's the arrest!"

That Johnny Roselli was destined to walk on the dark side of life is never seemed in doubt. As a teenager in Boston, when his name was Filippo Sacco, Roselli was a runner for the numbers racket. He helped his stepfather burn down his home for the insurance money. He was arrested at age 22 for stealing about \$25 from someone. Then he changed his name and left for Chicago.

It would be 40 years until, in the late 1960s, Johnny Roselli would see his mother again, though he sent money to his family through an intermediary in

Chicago so his sisters could attend college.

By the late 1920s Al Capone was well established in Chicago. Newspaper men, politicians and cops were on the Capone payroll and a young man with Roselli's street savvy had little trouble finding suitable employment. He hired on as a gunrunner with the Capone gang. At age 26 Roselli was arrested for selling morphine to an undercover agent. He was acquitted because, after Roselli's arrest, no one could seem to find the arresting officer or informant in the case. They still haven't been found.

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