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Reputed Crime Chief Accused of Extortion In Collecting a Debt

Associated Press

Russell Bufalino, a reputed organized crime leader, has been indicted on federal charges of conspiracy and extortion for using threats of violence in trying to collect a debt, the Justice Department announced yesterday.

Bufalino and three other men were named defendants in a sealed indictment returned by a federal grand jury in New York City Tuesday and unsealed yesterday.

Bufalino, 71, of Kingston, Pa., was identified by federal officials in 1973 as the head of one of five Cosa Nostra families operating in Pennsylvania. The Immigration Service has attempted for nearly 20 years to deport Bufalino to Sicily, saying he was born there and brought to the United States as an infant. He says he was born in this country.