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**THE INSIDE STORY OF ONE OF THE HOTTEST FBI SCANDALS IN HISTORY  
FROM THE JOURNALIST WHOSE REPORTING BROKE OPEN THE CASE**

# DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

*The FBI's Secret Thirty-Year Relationship  
with a Mafia Killer*

**by Peter Lance**

**On Sale: July 2, 2013**

“When do the crimes of a Mafia informant outweigh the benefits of his cooperation with law enforcement? Lance’s thrilling account of the murderous career of Greg Scarpa Sr. engages with that complex question and makes a convincing case that the cost of utilizing the “Grim Reaper” was far too high...This scrupulously investigated tale (Lance pored over more than 1,150 pages of previously secret FBI files) will have true crime fans on the edge of their seats.”

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“The use of criminals as paid informants is always a dicey proposition, and it becomes especially risky and morally ambiguous as law-enforcement officials move up the criminal food chain to try to nail organized crime figures. Lance, a former correspondent for ABC News, illustrates this point in a meticulously researched and frightening account of the long-term relationship between the FBI and vicious Mafia thug Gregory Scarpa Sr...After these stunning revelations, readers must ask if the information was worth the carnage that Scarpa continued to inflict”

—*Booklist*

"*Deal with the Devil* is a blistering account of a cunning and brutal Mafia capo who carried out numerous rackets, killed countless rivals and triggered some of New York's most violent gang wars, all while serving as a confidential informant for the FBI. Packed with revelations, it offers the most penetrating look into the inner workings of the Mafia since *The Valachi Papers*."

—Nicholas Gage, former organized crime reporter for *The New York Times*

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In **DEAL WITH THE DEVIL: *The FBI's Secret Thirty-Year Relationship with a Mafia Killer*** (William Morrow Hardcover; On Sale: July 2, 2013; \$29.99, ISBN: 9780061455346), five-time Emmy award-winning investigative reporter **Peter Lance** discloses the shocking true story of Colombo family capo Gregory Scarpa Sr. who spent more than thirty years as a paid Top Echelon FBI informant while committing or ordering more than fifty murders and wreaking havoc as a drug dealer, loan shark, bank robber, hijacker, and high-end securities thief.

Drawing on 1,153 pages of newly uncovered secret memos—which went to every FBI Director from J. Edgar Hoover to Louis Freeh—Lance documents how more than half of Scarpa’s homicides were committed in the period from 1980 to 1992, when his handler was former FBI Supervisory Special Agent R. Lindley DeVecchio, the celebrated case agent on the 1985-86 Mafia Commission prosecution, who ran two organized crime squads in the FBI’s New York Office. After four murder charges against DeVecchio were dismissed in 2007, a New York state Supreme Court judge described the FBI’s association with Scarpa as a “deal with the devil.”

In **DEAL WITH THE DEVIL**, Lance reveals many ground-breaking details including:

- Two years before Joseph Valachi (credited as the first Mafia turncoat) testified before a Senate committee in 1963, Scarpa gave Hoover the entire Mafia playbook—including the hierarchy of La Cosa Nostra, the secret induction rites, and the leadership of all five families.

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- During his years as an informant, the FBI facilitated insurance rewards and paid Scarpa fees that equaled more than \$1,000,000 (in 2013 dollars).
- Scarpa committed (or ordered) twenty-six murders while he was serving as an informant for Lin DeVecchio, including the violent rubout of his own brother Sal in 1987 and the drive-by slaying of his nephew Gus Farace, which triggered a 500-agent manhunt.
- Scarpa, who ran multi-million dollar drug, gambling, and auto theft operations, also stole millions in bullion, jewelry, stocks and bonds. While three separate Justice Dept. Organized Crime Strike Forces (in Chicago, Newark, and Brooklyn) were trying to convict him, FBI officials intervened to keep him on the street.
- Using FBI intelligence, Scarpa personally instigated and waged the third war for control of the Colombo family from 1991-92—a conflict that left fourteen dead and dozens injured. In fact, Scarpa was personally responsible for up to six of the homicides.
- One memo from 1980 proves that Scarpa was “reopened” as a source six months before DeVecchio claimed he’d been reopened in a 2011 60 Minutes interview. Scarpa’s son, Greg Jr., told Lance that his Machiavellian father had been paying Lin for information years before he was reopened.
- In another interview, Anthony “Gaspipie” Casso, onetime boss of the Lucchese family, told Lance that he got the address of several victims he murdered not from the so-called “Mafia Cops,” Lou Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa, but from Scarpa, who got them from FBI sources. Casso claims that he offered to testify against DeVecchio at trial, but the Brooklyn DA turned him down.
- New evidence uncovered by Lance demonstrates that Linda Schiro, Scarpa’s mistress—whose challenged testimony led to the dismissal of murder charges against DeVecchio in 2007—did not clear DeVecchio in three of the four homicides in the indictment, as initially reported.
- More than twenty years after J. Edgar Hoover pledged to end the FBI’s illegal Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO), a covert operation aimed at disrupting domestic targets, the Bureau continued to operate a de facto COINTELPRO against the Mafia using Scarpa, who acted as an agent provocateur to destabilize La Cosa Nostra from within.

With the same astounding capacity for penetrating criminal networks that marked Lance’s previous books, *1000 Years for Revenge*, *Cover Up*, and *Triple Cross*, **DEAL WITH THE DEVIL** is a page-turning work of investigative journalism that is not to be missed.

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

As a former ABC News correspondent, **Peter Lance** covered hundreds of stories world-wide for *20/20*, *Nightline*, and *World News Tonight*. Among his awards are the RFK Journalism Prize and the AP’s Sevellon Brown Award. In 2010 he was appointed research scholar at the Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies and he currently lives in California.

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