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Mafia 'Junkyard' Bugging Detailed

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NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (AP) The bugging of the Mafia's trailer headquarters in a Brooklyn junkyard has revealed that almost 200 outwardly legitimate businesses here have been infiltrated by the underworld, District Attorney Eugene Gold said today.

"They run the full gamut of business activites in this city," he told a City Hall news conference. "You name it! There's hardly a business in the city not subject to it."

Authorities long have been aware of mob infiltration of business, but have run into tough sledding trying to establish specific links. Gold indicated he was relying on information overheard at the trailer. He said legitimate businessmen have given his investigation little cooperation.

"There is no doubt that the bugs and wiretaps were legal —both were court authorized," said Gold, predicting the first indictments in his investigation within 10 days. Service of 676 subpoenas was continuing.

Gold went to City Hall to receive Mayor John V. Lindsay's accolade as a "hard-hitting, fighting DA."

In turn, the prosecutor said he had received the mayor's full cooperation, and had made weekly reports to Lindsay in his year-long investigation of organized crime.

Both men urged businessmen to "come forward if they have been harassed, threatened, infiltrated or taken over by organized crime elements."

Twenty-four hours earlier, Gold had announced the bugging of the gray and blue trailer parked in the Bargain Auto Parts, Inc., junkyard on Avenue D in Brooklyn. He called it the mob's "summit headquarters."

Gold said the first lead to the trailer came last December when several police investigators were assigned to pose as Christmas tree vendors near a Brooklyn bar.

The prosecutor said his office has motion and still pictures taken from Nazareth Roman Catholic high school across the street from the junkyard that reveal "the comings and goings of prominent members of the five organized crime families of New York City and other people."

Gold also claimed to have more than 1.6 million feet of audio tape of telephone wiretaps and bugged conversations within the 40-by-15 foot trailer.

However, Gold denied reports that as many as 100 policemen were being subpoenaed in connection with the surveillance of the trailer.

"No policeman has been subpoenaed yet," he declared. "But wherever the investigation takes us we will go—anywhere within the criminal justice system."