

Reputed Mafia Chief Slain in Brooklyn

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NEW YORK, July 16 (UPI) — Reputed Mafia chieftain **Thomas Eboli**, a one-time fight manager who rose to become a kingpin in the East Coast rackets, was killed gangland-style early today on a quiet residential street in Brooklyn.

The 61-year-old Eboli, who also was known as **Tommy Ryan**, was the latest to die in a rash of gangland murders that began with the April 7 shooting death of **Joseph (Crazy Joe) Gallo** in a Little Italy restaurant in lower Manhattan.

Since Gallo was killed, the prophecy of his sister that "the streets are going to run red with blood," has been followed by at least eight more underworld assassinations.

Eboli, heir to the crime empire of the late Vito Genovese, who died in prison in 1969, was found sprawled face up in front of a private residence. He had been shot at least five times in the head moments earlier, police said.

Detectives said they were planning to bring in organized crime figures for questioning. But a source in the Brooklyn district attorney's office described it as an "oddball killing," and said no Mafia family immediately could be singled out for suspicion.

In the Gallo shooting, "soldiers" of the Joseph Colombo family were suspected by authorities. Police believed that Gallo may have engineered the near-fatal shooting

of Colombo at an Italian-American unity day rally in June, 1971, and his own murder was motivated by revenge.

Eboli's body was found by two radio car policemen on routine patrol who were flagged down by an unidentified passerby after hearing shots and seeing Eboli's body on the pavement.

Eboli, known to law officers as a dapper dresser, was wearing a blue jump suit, a blue-and-white checked shirt, a three-stone diamond ring and an expensive watch when his body was found. A gold crucifix was around his neck.

Eboli allegedly had interests in gambling, narcotics and

numbers rackets. He also was said to be moving in on organized crime operations at the New York docks with three other reputed mobsters, **Carmine (the Snake) Persico**, **Michael Clemente** and **Sara Magavero**, sources on the waterfront said.

Detectives from the police department's Organized Crime Task Force said Eboli also held interests in several legitimate enterprises, including two record companies and a bagel bakery.

The Sicilian-born Eboli was once a boxing manager but in 1952 the New York State Athletic Commission revoked his license after he slugged a ref-

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eree and a boxing promoter in Madison Square Garden.

Eboli was arrested nine times between 1933 and 1966 on charges ranging from vagrancy to assault. All but two, the assault charge stemming from the incident at Madison Square Garden and a \$5 fine for disorderly conduct in 1945, were thrown out of court.

Eboli collapsed of a reported heart attack in the witness chair in 1969 while testifying before a New York State investigation commission hearing in Manhattan. Both New York and New Jersey investigative units have sought to question him since, but he claimed that his heart would not hold out.