

Grand Jury Calls Giancana Guard

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CHICAGO, July 3—A Cook County grand jury subpoena has been issued for Mario DeStefano, bodyguard of slain crime syndicate leader Sam (Momo) Giancana.

Giancana was killed by a lone gunman, authorities say. They believe Giancana admitted the killer to his suburban Oak Park home.

DeStefano, 60, is free on \$100,000 bond while appealing his conviction in the 1963 murder of an underworld loan collector.

Investigators for Cook

County State's Attorney Bernard Carey requested the subpoena for DeStefano, "so we can determine exactly where he was the night and day following the murder," said Ralph Berkowitz, first assistant state's attorney.

Giancana, 68, was shot seven times in the basement of his home shortly before midnight with a .22 cal. gun. Investigators are certain he knew his slayer, since he had become "almost paranoid" about his personal safety in recent years, Berkowitz said, and there were no signs of forced entry.

Giancana allegedly was involved in a reported 1960 CIA plot to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. The syndicate reportedly was willing to be a part of the plot because of Castro's takeover of millions of dollars worth of mob gambling casinos, authorities say.

Most local law enforcement authorities, however, discount the CIA as a factor in Giancana's death. The agency has denied any role. Many believe the killing may have been ordered by Giancana's underworld associates.

DeStefano's service as a bodyguard to Giancana was apparently a somtimes thing, partly because of Giancana's extended periods of travel, when he allegedly sought investment outlets for mob

money. Because of his bond status DeStefano could not leave the state without court permission.

At the time of his death Giancana was scheduled for a fourth appearance before a special federal grand jury here investigating the sources and flow of underworld money. Some underworld insiders were afraid Giancana might eventually provide useful information to the jury, authorities say.

In addition to the subpoena issued for DeStefano—which has not yet been served—the grand jury has subpoenaed Charles (Chuckie) English and Dominic Blasi, who joined members of Giancana's family at dinner at the home the night of his death.