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STINK IN MOB TRIAL

What if the Mafia "commission" case that brought down the heads of the five families in New York back in 1985 turned out to be tainted? What if prosecutors under Rudy Giuliani knowingly held back information at the "commission" trial, which had been given them by their top Mafia government informant, serial killer Greg Scarpa, and yet used other information he provided as key evidence to their case? Because we still live in a democracy, two lawyers, Mathew J. Mari and his partner Anthony DiPietro, have taken it on. They've filed an appeal for the resentencing of the single, alleged "commission" member still alive (and still locked up), accused Colombo family boss Carmine Persico.

Mari told me, "His 100-year sentence was based on information now known to be false because (prosecutors) withheld evidence for 30 years that could have helped him prove his innocence."

Such as? Recently uncovered FBI reports, which assert that Persico was not, in fact, the head of the Colombo family.

Such as the government failing to disclose evidence proving that Persico and two other family heads were never part of the "commission," such as failing to disclose that the "Killing of a boss does not require the approval of said commission," such as failing to disclose that the U.S. Attorney's office, headed by Giuliani, enlisted tainted rogue FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio and his serial killer informant Scarpa to gather evidence for them.

And finally, such as not disclosing known perjured evidence. Imagine, such a thing.