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Respected law enforcement leader to head Chicago Crime Commission *Bilek outlines aggressive crime fighting plans including new Most Wanted program*

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Chicago, IL –Sunday, May 23, 2010 -The Chicago Crime Commission announced the appointment of Arthur J. Bilek as the organization’s new Executive Vice President. At a Chicago news conference Bilek announced his intention to initiate an aggressive new plan to combat crime in the Chicagoland area.

“Under the direction of Chairman Davis and the organization’s board of directors, I will focus on fighting crime and corruption throughout the Chicagoland area,” stated Art Bilek, Executive Vice President of the Chicago Crime Commission. “Additionally, it is my plan to use my position as a platform for making the public aware of serious crime and corruption and to work with law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois to combat criminality,” he added.

Bilek announced that under his leadership, the Chicago Crime Commission would reinstitute a program that began in the 1920s. “Scheduled to be introduced later this summer, our new “Most Wanted” program will utilize updated technologies to identify, publicize and disseminate information on the most wanted offenders in the Chicagoland area,” Bilek said.

Later this year the Chicago Crime Commission will expose the identities of the ruling hierarchy of the tightly controlled Chicagoland drug gangs. “It is our intention to expose these gangs and show how they import and distribute narcotics, and how their multi million dollar operations are directly responsible for the violence on Chicago’s streets,” Bilek continued.

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Additionally, the Chicago Crime Commission will address the ongoing problem of illegal video gambling machines in taverns, restaurants and other locations throughout the Chicagoland area. “The purpose of this initiative is to expose and begin to eradicate these illegal machines that are allegedly owned and operated by members of Chicago’s Organized Crime Syndicate,” Bilek added.

“This is a great day for the Chicago Crime Commission,” declared J.R. Davis, Chairman and President of the Chicago Crime Commission. “As Executive Vice President Art Bilek will be a great asset to the organization and will reinforce our mission of fighting crime and corruption,” he added.

Mr. Bilek is considered to be one of the most knowledgeable and experienced persons in the field of organized crime in Chicago. “His initial exposure to organized crime was as a special investigator for the Cook County State’s Attorney, working as one of the arresting officers in the Summerdale Police District’s “Burglars in Blue” scandal. Bilek also worked on the Chicago Outfit’s infamous “floating crap game” and led the successful raid and arrest of Mafia Don Rocco Fischetti,” Davis said.

“Under the leadership of Sheriff Richard Ogilvie, Bilek was named police chief and reorganized and reformed the corrupt Cook County Sheriff’s Police Department and drafted legislation for improving law enforcement and crime fighting in Illinois,” Davis continued. “Bilek also contributed to academia by developing and writing the curriculum for the first baccalaureate program in criminal justice in the United States and served as founder, chairman and professor of the University of Illinois, Chicago, Criminal Justice Department,” he added.

“Bilek also served as the first corporate director of security for the Hilton Hotel Corporation and later as the Vice President and Corporate Director of Security and Investigations for the First National Bank of Chicago. He has been involved with the Chicago Crime Commission for over 25 years and is a life member of the commission,” Davis concluded.

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