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***As Family Secrets* sentencing continues, Chicago Crime Commission warns that Outfit is alive and well in Chicago**

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Chicago, IL – January 28, 2009 - This week, as convicted Outfit leaders receive their sentencing as a result the *Family Secrets* trial, the Chicago Crime Commission warns that organized crime is not going away. In fact, organized crime is alive and well and is an ongoing enterprise in Chicago.

“As a community, we are grateful to Federal law enforcement for their efforts in removing this scourge from our society,” according to J.R. Davis, Chairman of the Chicago Crime Commission. “That being said, law enforcement and community leaders must remain vigilant in addressing this dangerous criminal element. While the Outfit may be beat-up, they are far from dead,” he added.

Organized crime is a lucrative endeavor that includes gambling, narcotics trafficking, and prostitution and also extends into legitimate business ventures. “Make no mistake the Outfit isn’t going away just because some of its top mobsters are behind bars,” Davis continued.

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In fact, the Outfit is getting more sophisticated in how it carries out and covers up its crimes. “The modern generations of mobsters often blend in with the mainstream of society as lawyers, businessmen, bankers, and land developers. They represent a new class of the mob,” said Davis.

“The lessons learned in the *Family Secrets* trial have taught us that the Outfit is dangerous and resilient. Like a cancer, it will grow if left unchecked,” Davis concluded.

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