

Suspected mobsters offered plea deals

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NEW YORK - Federal prosecutors have offered plea deals to all but two of 62 suspected mobsters arrested three weeks ago in New York, authorities said.

Members of the reputed Gambino crime family and their associates were offered prison terms ranging from four months to nearly 20 years, New York Newsday reported Thursday.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn said the plea offers were given to 60 defendants named in a recent 80-count racketeering indictment.

Of the 62, only Charles Carneglia, 61, and fugitive Nicholas Corozzo, 67, who face murder charges, were not given plea offers, officials said.

Attorney Joseph Corozzo of Manhattan, who is representing his father, Joseph Corozzo, 66, said he didn't even open a letter containing the government's plea offer. He expressed anger that his father was accused of drug dealing.

"I threw it in the garbage," Corozzo said. "If they want to drop the drug charges, then I will talk to them."

Nineteen of the defendants, including acting Gambino boss John D'Amico, 73, acting underboss Domenico Cefalu, 61, and consiglieri Corozzo, were held without bail, the newspaper reported.

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