Mother, four children slain in Teaneck home

By PEG SHAW and BRET ISRAEL

Staff Writers

Five of the six members of the Wesley Diggs family were shot to death late yesterday in their Teaneck home.

Dead are Jean Diggs, 39, and her children, Audrey, 17, Allison, 16, Wesley, 12, and Rodger, 5.

Police Chief Robert P. Fitzpatrick said Diggs discovered the bodies about Carlton Ter. home after an overnight stay away.

All five had bullet wounds in their heads, Fitzpatrick said.

He said the bodies of the two boys were found in bed in one upstairs room, and the two girls were found in separate

bedrooms, also in bed. The body of Mrs. Diggs was found in the basement family room, he said.

Fitzpatrick said he didn't know when 4:30 p.m. when he returned to his 266 the murders were committed. A neigh-

bor said he last saw the two boys about 4 p.m. Friday.

Police said there were no suspects last night in the quintuple shooting. Bergen County Prosecutor Joseph C. Woodcock said it was possible that the deaths were a murder-suicide combination.

Dr. Lawrence J. Denson, the county's chief medical examiner, said after returning from the scene that he and medical examiner Louis V. Napolitano would begin taking X-rays at six this morning. Autopsies were to begin by

A longtime friend of the family yesterday said he had always thought of the Diggs as a model family.

Diggs, 40, is a former professional saxaphone player, who neighbors say owns a couple of bars in New York City. Mrs. Diggs is an Avon saleslady in the neighborhood. The older children were involved in school, athletic, and neigh-

borhood activities. Audrey, a senior at Teaneck High

School, had been on the girls' varsity basketball team and also played volley-

Her high school English teacher, Barbara Cunningham, said she was the sparkplug of the class. She was the best student and seemed to be the happiest, Mrs. Cunningham said.

"She was an absolutely beautiful girl who had very sensitive feelings about everything," the teacher said, adding that she had been especially interested

Neighbors said Allison, a high school junior, worked at the Acme Supermarket on Cedar Lane after school and on

Wesley, a seventh grader at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, was said to be good in sports, playing on school teams and with the Biddy Basketball

Neighbors described Rodger as a cute child who until a couple of months ago

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Michigan keeps results secret

Bergen trio in Hoffa lineup

By GEORGETTE WAGNER

were forced to appear in a Pontiac, Mich., lineup yesterday before a witness who allegedly saw the abduction of former Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

Authorities remained mute on the results of the 85-minute lineup, in which investigators reportedly sought to corroborate the grand jury testimony of another informant who claimed the trio participated in Hoffa's abduction and mur-

Scuffle at lineup

The three men, all associated with Teamster. Local 560 in Union City, were charged with violating a court order after a scuffle over the lineup procedure in the Oakland County Jail. U.S. Attorney Ralph B. Guy said charges were later dropped.

Salvatore Briguglio, 47, of Paramus; his brother, Gabriel, 36, of East Rutherford; and Thomas Andretta of Hasbrouck Heights were charged when their lawyer William Bufalino tried to bring video-tape equipment into the lineup

the presence of the equip-

Guy said U.S. District Court Judge James P. Churchill was called to the jail 25 miles north of Detroit to resolve the dispute and ruled against Bu-

dropped, Guy said, because the lineup eventually was conducted according to the court order Churchill issued last Thursday.

Guy said the results of the lineup would be forwarded to the Michigan federal grand jury investigating the July 30 disappearance of the Teamsters' boss from a suburban Detroit restaurant.

Nelson Gross at federal courthouse in Newark last week.

He was ordered jailed, then freed after three hours.

for the word

By ALLAN F. YODER

The Record Trenton Bureau

"I'm not going down there on my hands and knees be-

Embittered and angry, Nelson G. Gross was preparing

His hopes collapsed late last week in a tense session in a

But Gross had only a brief taste of prison. As swiftly

fore the judge, begging forgiveness and humbling myself.

last week for another attempt to stave off a term in federal

Newark courtroom, when a judge denied the latest in a

and quietly as he was taken into custody by federal mar-

shals, he was ordered released a few hours later by a high-

er court in Philadelphia, pending a hearing tomorrow on

dence and material improperly withheld by federal prose-

other 15 days to find out whether he must spend the next

two years of his life behind bars. On Dec. 22, U.S. District

Court Judge Lawrence A. Whipple will hear arguments on

imum-security penitentiary at Allenwood, Pa.; but it was-

enough to convince him jail was as unpleasant as he

eral jury in Newark found him guilty of conspiring to com-

mit election fraud and of advising a supermarket executive

Rise and a fall

ry, but to Nelson Gross, they represented a cruel fall from

The charges were conspiracy and subornation of perju-

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Gross spent three hours as an inmate at the federal min-

Gross's brief imprisonment came 20 months after a fed-

Gross's application for a reduction of sentence.

to lie about it to a federal grand jury.

Gross's lawyers are arguing that newly discovered evi-

If his appeal is not granted, Gross will have to wait an-

long string of appeals and ordered Gross behind bars.

Gross waits

That's why I'm going to jail."

his plea for a new trial.

thought it would be.

cutors entitle him to a new trial.

Friend of 'Tony Pro's'

Salvatore Briguglio, local 560 business agent, is reportedly a close friend of Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, a former union president who apparently is trying to take control of the Eastern Conference of Teamsters.

Provenzano was one of a group of men Hoffa told family members he planned to meet the day he vanished. Provenzano has denied such

The FBI also remained quiet about the presence of its agents at a Jersey City dump underneath the Pulaski Skyway. At least four agents parked cars on the site of Brother Moscato's dump Saturday. Agents have prowled over the dump since a search warrant was issued Tuesday.

The warrant had been issued to permit authorities to search for the body of Armand Faugno, 61, a Provenzano associate missing since 1972.

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Thomas Andretta, left, and Salvatore Briguglio, center, arriving yesterday afternoon at Oakland County jail in Pon-

tiac, Mich., where they and Gabriel Briguglio appeared in

court-ordered lineup. Preceding them is Steve Andretta.

Bufalino said he and his son were punched and beaten by federal authorities protesting the presence of the equip-

By BRUCE LOCKLIN Investigative News Editor

It's a likely place for digging up bur-The charges against the ied secrets — this 60-acre, trash-filled swamp that a federal search warrant calls "Brother Moscato's dump."

There's more than Jersey City garbage packed here near the Pulaski Skyway footings. This dump has a history almost as dirty as its contents, a story of mob arrogance.

No serious attempts have begun yet at sifting through the rubbish. Federal agents have been seen walking over the site, but so far, no bulldozers.

Officially, the search here is for the body of Armand "Cokey" Faugno, an

Englewood Cliffs mob figure believed slain three years ago.

Somehow, the Faugno case is believed linked to the search for Jimmy

Early reports were that three New Jersey men suspected of kidnaping Hoffa were also suspects in Faugno's disappearance, and that the solution of the old case could aid the Hoffa investiga-

Other sources say Hoffa's body is believed to be buried in the dump, and that the Faugno search is just a smoke screen.

Whatever turns out to be the real reason, the six-year story of Moscato's dump suggests it's not an unreasonable place to look for clues.

* * *

In 1969, the swampland property bordering the Hackensack River was leased by a company called PJP Sanitary Landfill, headed by a suspected mob figure, Philip "Brother" Moscato, 41, of Jersey City.

Federal and state law enforcement officials have identified Moscato as a mob associate and major loan shark. And before "Cokey" Faugno disappeared in December 1972, Faugno was believed to be the main source of Shylock money

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taking hold in Jersey By TAMAR LEWIN Staff Writer

Tony Pro?

Anthony "Tony Pro" Provenzano apparently is not having any trouble reassuming control over Teamster Local 560 in Union City, the second most powerful local in the country, although it has been almost 10 years since he last held union office.

Provenzano has taken the post of secretary-treasurer of the local, and there are reports that he will soon control all Teamster activity on the East Coast, as head of the Eastern Conference of the

In 1966, when Provenzano went to prison on a federal extortion conviction, he relinquished his power, at least in name, to his brother, Salvatore "Sammy Pro." His power had been considerable. Provenzano had been head of both the 13,000-member local and the state's 80,000-member Joint Teamsters Council, and second only to James Hoffa in the 1.8 million-member Inter-Brotherhood of Teamsters. Among the three jobs he had inherited, Salvatore Provenzano had a yearly

Anthony Provenzano was paroled in November 1970 but, under the Landrum-Griffith Act, he was banned from union activity for another five years, a period that ended last

salary of \$100,000.

Provenzano has wasted no time starting his comeback. At a union meeting on Nov. 25, sources say, Salvatore Provenzano resigned the presidency and was succeeded by another brother, Nunzio, for-

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By MICHAEL C. POLLAK

and R. CLINTON TAPLIN

Staff Writers

At St. Mary's Cemetery in

The 19-year-old Fairleigh

A friend got out of a car a

After a minute or two - al-

"I really wanted to see her

He talked about his shock



Staff Photo by Al Paglione

when he heard that Stephen Dietrich's only child was

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Philip Moscato's dump, at the foot of the Pulaski Skyway, has a history and may hide a body, investigators believe.

Run-ins with law no novelty for two in Mich. lineup

By R. CLINTON TAPLIN Staff Writer

More than a trace of exasperation crossed his face as bor racketeer, convicted con- Rutherford, and fellow Teams-Salvatore Briguglio opened spirator in a food stamp coun- ter Thomas A. Andretta of the front door of his modern terfeit scheme, business agent Hasbrouck Heights have been brick home on Paramus's af- for the Teamsters' stormy Lo- linked to the July 30 disapfluent Alpine Drive. Almost without prompting, he said:

"I was in Detroit before a grand jury . . . I've been bothered by reporters all day. I'm gation of the disappearance going back to Detroit to go be- and presumed slaying of for-

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The FBI said the search is

linked to the Hoffa investiga-

tion, but will not say how.

They have said no digging in.

the 47-acre site has been done.

seized a .38-caliber gun case

when they executed a search

warrant for a file in Brigug-

lio's union. The warrant was

issued along with search war-

rants for the dump and for a

safety deposit box in a Union

The Briguglio brothers and

grand jury last week along

with Andretta's brother, Ste-

phen, who was not ordered to

Robert Ozer, head of the

U.S. Organized Crime Strike

Force in Detroit, said he

would seek immunity from

prosecution for Stephen An-

dretta in exchange for grand

jury testimony. Andretta re-

portedly heard Provenzano

say he would kill Hoffa if Hof-

fa attempted to return to

Another focus of the investi-

leadership,

six employes of Gateway had been forced open.

gation surfaced Friday when about 3:32 p.m. The front door

participate in the lineup.

Andretta appeared before

City Bank.

Teamsters'

sources say.

A source said authorities

can I give a statement now . R. Hoffa.

Briguglio, 47, convicted la- brother, Gabriel, of East cal 560 in Union City, and one- pearance of Hoffa by two unitime bodyguard for Anthony dentified witnesses who have "Tony Pro" Provenzano, is a been testifying before a federprincipal figure in the investi- al grand jury in Detroit.

Transportation Co. appeared

before the grand jury in De-

troit. Two of those questioned

said they were asked, but

could not remember whether

from the trucking terminal.

Some believe the grand jury

body may have been taken

from Detroit in the drum. Oth-

er reports have suggested the

body may have been trans-

The Hoffa investigation has

taken a number of turns, in-

cluding the unfruitful search

29-acre site which an under-

world contact had told a Sen-

ate subcommittee investigator

Ramsey police report that

\$700 worth of jewelry was sto-

len from a Wyckoff Avenue

Police said Michael Staub of

446 Wyckoff Ave. noticed the

theft after returning home

home Friday.

by Michigan police of

was Hoffa's burial ground.

Appeared in lineup

The three men appeared in a lineup in Pontiac yesterday had his brushes with the law Trio in Michigan so a witness could determine also. whether they were the men seen in connection with the Hoffa disappearance.

For Salvatore Briguglio, the steel drum was missing lence, and murder. is looking into whether Hoffa's

wife in the \$116,000 Paramus jumped out with guns in hand home, is described by federal and forced Andretta from his officials as a soldier in the Vi- car. to Genovese organized crime ported east to New Jersey, but

some sources have disputed A confidential FBI report three years ago described Salvatore Briguglio as a loansharking associate of Armand "Cokey" Faugno of Englewood Cliffs, who has been missing since December 1972.

Reputed 'hit man'

reputed to be a 'hit man.' " A hit man is an underworld exe-

Salvatore Briguglio also has been identified as the liaison charge of all loan sharking in subsequently spent a year in party was held in Moscato's Hudson County.

In 1963 Briguglio, as a busi-

Briguglio also spent time be- \$35,000. hind bars after pleading guilty to a 1971 charge involving the counterfeiting of worth of food stamps and postage stamps. He served 14 months in the U.S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa.

Andretta, 38, married, the father of four children, and well regarded by his Hasbrouck Heights neighbors, has

Chase and arrest

One policeman recalls Anpolice lineup, grand jury in- dretta's arrest by Treasury vestigation, and news report- agents some five years ago. Provenzano, who ruled Local driver of the second car 560 in an era of terror, vio- forced Andretta to a stop, the officer recounted. Then the Briguglio, who lives with his driver and a fellow T-man

> "When I saw the two men pull guns I didn't know they were T-men, so I pulled my gun and pointed it at them, the policeman recalled. "But then they identified themselves, and Andretta was ar-

Andretta's police record money with the dump and othdates to 1957, when he was er interests, including a conconvicted in connection with struction company and two an armed robbery in Hoboken. restaurants, the Lil' Red Bugis a [Cosa Nostra] member 'His sentence - an indetermi- gy in Jersey City and the and labor racketeer, [and is] nate jail term and a \$100 fine Point After in North Bergen. — was suspended.

He was on probation for five years following a 1960 involvement in the theft of goods in interstate commerce. In 1968 man between Provenzano and he was arrested in connection Anthony "Tony Pro" Proven-Joseph "Joe Bayonne" Zicar- with possession of goods stolen zano was released from prison elli, who is reputed to be in in interstate commerce, and in 1970, the welcome-home

ness agent for Local 560, was ed guilty to loan-sharking Briguglio, planned the celeconvicted of trying to extort charges in a case involving

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exchange for a so-called son used car dealer who had Rutherford, the third man in the recent congressional hear- occupation is, or give any per-Briguglio, his younger sweetheart labor contract and borrowed \$5,000 and ended up yesterday's lineup, is a mem- ing on FBI investigations of sonal background. His lawyer, sentenced to two to four years. paying back more than ber of Teamster Local 560 the late Dr. Martin Luther William Buffalino of Detroit,

Beating alleged

federal officials say was reticent.

30 months in prison. Gabriel "Gabe" Briguglio, ing that out more every day," "

and, according to federal offi- King Jr. cials, an associate in Faugno's loan-shark operation. But preliminary inquiries indicate The case was one of the first that he has neither a police Mrs. Briguglio went over to swered the telephone and afin which authorities used voi- record nor a history of run-ins her husband, hugged him ter talking briefly with a re-

of speech patterns - to identi- The younger Briguglio re- can't identify you as someone fy suspects. The car dealer fused to discuss his situation, they saw. Don't worry, you'll contended that Andretta, who but his wife, Joanne, was less be back [as soon as the lineup a statement I can make," he

Faugno's enforcer, or collec- "What makes me mad is "But the damage is already tor, had beaten him severely that they [federal officials] done," he retorted, pointing to when he fell behind in pay- can just do this - just send the newspaper headlines. anybody . . . The media just someone here . . .," she said. "And what if they indict me? jump on you right away, put Andretta was sentenced to "We know how they can both- Keep me [in Detroit]? I don't your name [on radio and tele-

fore a lineup . . . How the hell mer Teamsters' boss James \$10,000 from a metals firm in Armand Faugno and an Edi- 36, of 46 Herrick St., East she added in a reference to He declined to say what his

Reassuring words

ceprints - electronic records with the law. reassuringly, and said, "They

is over]." er private people, we're find- have any money for bail . . .

would say only that the Briguglios and Andretta were

representatives of Local 560. At one point Briguglio anporter, hung up and turned to

"I don't know what kind of said. "What do they want to hear? I can say I'm innocent, but that won't mean a thing to vision], and make you live with that "

to know them well when he when two cars drove rapidly past him, and he followed. The past him, and he followed. The past him, and he followed. The

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loaned by Moscato.

Moscato knew Faugno from childhood — they were raised within a block of each other in Jersey City's Marion section, near the PJP dump.

Moscato, a 6-foot, 210-pound ex-paratrooper, made a lot of

Ties with Teamsters

Moscato has strong Teamster ties. When Teamster boss Jersey City bar. Local 560's In July 1973 Andretta plead- business' agent, Salvatore

> bration with Moscato. For years, Moscato and his partners in the PJP dump brazenly violated state environmental regulations. And when the dump began to fill up, the refuse was piled on adjoining land not leased by

> The partners collected fees for garbage dumped on the state's Pulaski Skyway rightof-way and on a 47-acre site reserved for cemetery use by the Newark Archdiocese.

Both church and state found it hard to deal with Moscato. Newark Chancery officials asked Moscato to stop dumping and to pay a fee for the damage already done. One monsignor who was involved believes PJP made promises

easily, but didn't keep them. In 1973, state officials won a court order blocking PJP from using the land under the skyway. But a year later, the state had to go back to court when new dumping was reported there.

Tendency to burn

Almost from the beginning, Moscato's dump was regarded as a menace by state officials. Frequent fires sent clouds of black smoke over the skyway, threatening safety.

Then engineers became concerned that garbage stacked on the skyway's footings could cause the elevated highway to sag or even fall.

In 1970, PJP was fined

dan was outraged.

"That place has been a least 12 fires at the dump in around the site. four years.

Early difficulties

with PJP, they found political Schwartz said.

was a man with clout in Hud- the PJP dump. son County, John Hanly. Then the county's commis-

sioner of institutions, Hanly North Bergen found some has a big mouth. was a grandson of Hudson boss John V. Kenny. City Hall Jen quietly advised the health department to back away from the PJP dump. Hanly's tie to the dump was

never proven, although the state listed him as a part owner for almost a year. Last year, in an unrelated case, Hanly was sentenced to two years in prison for embezzling county funds. His grandfather died last June.

Whoever the principals with Moscato in PJP were, they had a gold mine in the dump | Mon. thru Sat. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. for three years.

One former state health inspector, who used to check the site, said that PJP charged garbage trucks \$25 a load and that the daily gross income was as high as \$5,000.

Known for danger

The ex-inspector, John Vertino, said that Moscato's dump was well known as a dangerous place.

"When there was a fire there, they kept some of the firemen overnight, to make sure the fire didn't start up again," Vertino recalled.

\$12,500 for polluting the air "Those firemen had to hide champagne cases marked was rebated, however, when out. They'll bury you in that ordered the cases destroyed. inspectors found conditions garbage if you get too close to

Three years later, another One former deputy attorney smoky fire broke out and Jer- general remembers being sey City Mayor Paul T. Jor- greeted with intimidation tactics when he went to check the dump after a big fire.

Lawyer Theodore Schwartz detriment to Jersey City since drove up in a state car and it opened in 1969," Mayor Jor- told a man standing at the dan said then, reporting at dump that he wanted to walk

Schwartz remembers the dump guard giving him a clear warning:

"He said, 'You better watch But when the dump first yourself, sonny.' And he opened and Jersey City health pulled his jacket back. He had officials tried to get tough a gun. It didn't bother me," bling charges.

Moscato's partner, Paul cy - the Alcoholic Beverage a figure ever to become a ma-Cappola, told a health inspec. Control Commission - had a jor racketeer. And an undertor that one principal in PJP run-in with Moscato involving world source said that if Hoffa

Moscato's Point After bar in the last to know, because he

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with a particularly big fire. somewhere, because they "For Airline Use Only." The The fine was the largest on knew that with this type of ABC investigated and discovrecord. Most of the money people, you've got to watch ered that customs agents had The load was supposed to be dumped at the PJP landfill.

But somehow the bottles were retrieved and showed up at the Point After. The restaurant was fined \$1,800.

Officially, the PJP dump has been closed for more than three years, but there are occasional reports of new dump-

Moscato has been letting friends and relatives handle most of his New Jersey interests for more than a year. His home base lately has been Lauderhill, Fla., a suburb of Fort Lauderdale, where he was arrested recently on gam-

New Jersey police sources In 1971, another state agen- regard Moscato as too flashy or Faugno were buried in the ABC inspectors checking PJP dump, Moscato would be



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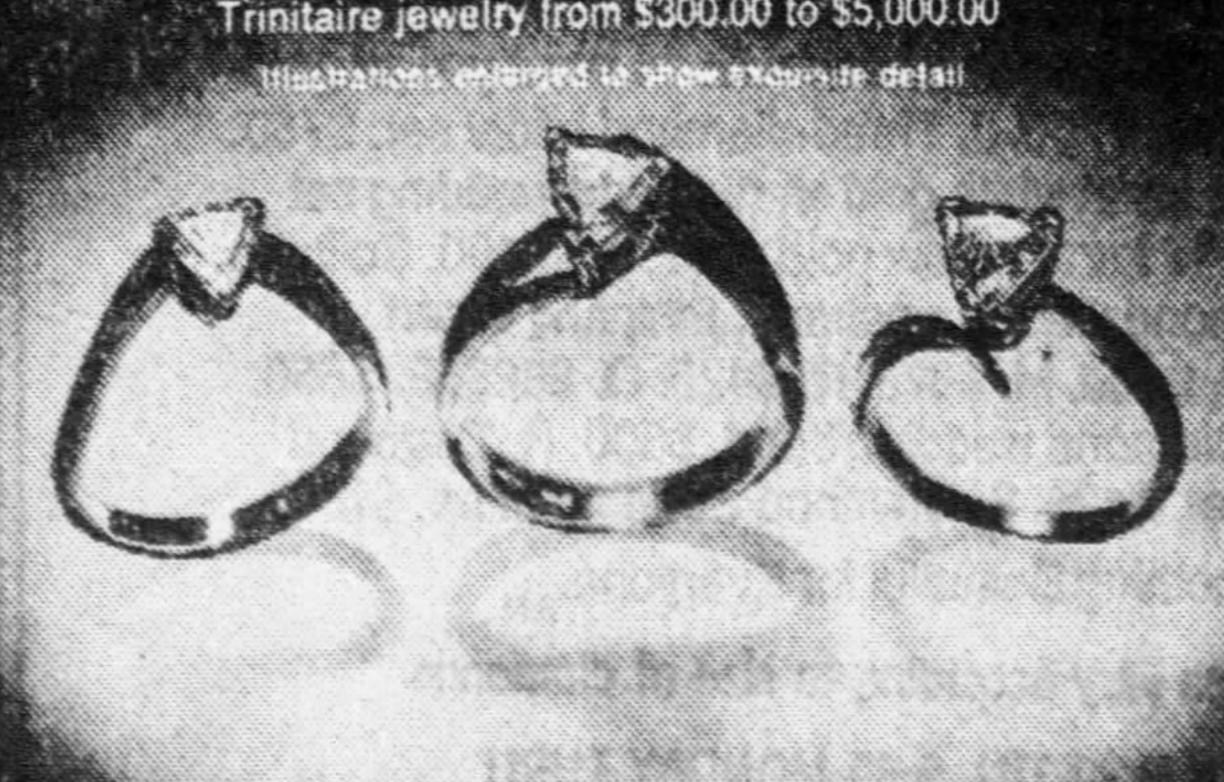


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