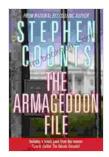
# The Armageddon File: Unveiling the Secrets of Tommy Carmellini

**Dive into the Enigmatic World of a Notorious Mobster** 



In the annals of organized crime, the name Tommy Carmellini looms large as a figure shrouded in both legend and controversy. From his humble beginnings as a petty thief to his rise as a ruthless mob boss, Carmellini's life was a whirlwind of violence, intrigue, and scandal.



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#### **Early Life and Criminal Beginnings**

Born in Sicily in 1900, Tommy Carmellini emigrated to Chicago as a young boy. Growing up in the city's tough Italian neighborhoods, he quickly fell into a life of crime. By the age of 18, he was already involved in everything from burglary to bootlegging.

Carmellini's criminal career escalated during Prohibition, when he made a fortune running alcohol shipments. However, his success attracted the attention of the authorities, and in 1925, he was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to prison.

### Rise to Power in the Chicago Outfit

Upon his release from prison, Carmellini quickly re-established himself in the criminal underworld. He became a trusted lieutenant to Al Capone, the infamous boss of the Chicago Outfit. Carmellini's cunning and ruthlessness earned him respect and fear within the organization. He played a key role in managing the Outfit's gambling and prostitution operations, and he was also involved in some of the most notorious crimes of the era, including the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

#### **Fallout with Capone and the Outfit**

As Capone's power began to wane, Carmellini grew ambitious. He challenged Capone's authority, leading to a bitter power struggle within the Outfit.

In 1930, Carmellini was shot and badly injured in an assassination attempt. Although he survived, he realized that his time with the Chicago Outfit was coming to an end.

#### The Armageddon File and Carmellini's Downfall

In 1932, Carmellini was arrested and charged with murder. The case against him was based on a handwritten confession known as "The Armageddon File," allegedly discovered by a farmer.

The Armageddon File contained incriminating details about several unsolved murders, including the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Whether Carmellini actually wrote the confession is still a matter of debate, but it served as a major breakthrough in the investigation.

Carmellini was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. He never revealed the source of the Armageddon File, and its contents remain a tantalizing mystery to this day.

### **Later Years and Legacy**

Carmellini spent the rest of his life in prison, where he died in 1967. His legacy as a ruthless mobster and enigmatic criminal continues to fascinate historians and true crime enthusiasts.

The Armageddon File remains a symbol of the often impenetrable secrets that lie at the heart of organized crime. Carmellini's association with the document, whether true or not, has cemented his place as one of the most intriguing and elusive figures in the annals of American crime.

#### **Key Takeaways**

- Tommy Carmellini was a notorious mobster who played a key role in the Chicago Outfit during the Prohibition era.
- He was involved in some of the most notorious crimes of the time, including the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.
- Carmellini's downfall was precipitated by the discovery of the Armageddon File, a handwritten confession that implicated him in several unsolved murders.
- The Armageddon File remains a mystery to this day, and its contents have been the subject of much speculation and debate.
- Carmellini's legacy as a ruthless mobster and enigmatic criminal continues to fascinate true crime enthusiasts and historians alike.

#### **Additional Resources**

FBI: St. Valentine's Day Massacre

American Mafia: Tony Carmellini

Crime Library: Tommy Carmellini



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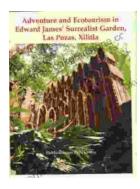


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