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Mother charged n kids' slayings

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Agent recounts Spilotro murders tale

Brothers lured to DuPage home by promises of higher mob ranking, then killed, FBI says

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The mob told Anthony Spilotro he was going to be promoted to a "capo," a street boss running a huge territory. His brother Michael was to become a "made" member, a trusted insider.

For the honors, the two were driven to a house near Bensenville—where mobsters jumped them, then beat and strangled them.

A federal agent gave this account in federal court Friday,

the first time the government has revealed what it believes happened nearly 20 years ago in one of Chicago's most notorious mob hits.

Authorities also revealed their source for the information—Nicholas W. Calabrese, a mob hit man-turned-informant who even implicated himself, confessing that he took part in 15 gangland murders, according to testimony Friday.

Calabrese's cooperation led to the indictment announced Monday of 14 reputed Outfit members and associates, half of them

in connection with 18 long-un-solved mob murders.

In testimony Friday at a detention hearing for reputed top mob boss James Marcello, FBI Special Agent Michael Maseth said Calabrese had implicated Marcello in the 1986 Spilotro murders as well as the 1981 homicide of Nicholas D'Andrea and two bombings.

Despite James Marcello's offer to let law enforcement intercept his telephone calls if he was released from custody, U.S. Dis-

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Michael (left) and Anthony Spilotro thought the mob was going to promote them, an FBI agent said. Instead, they were slain.