## The Bratva

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#### 1 Introduction

The Russian Organized Crime Began In Russia , In The Period of the "Tsars". And Was Re-Enforced when the "Vor V Zakone" Came out of Prison labor Camps Known As "Gulags"

When World War 2 Ended , With The Death Of "Joseph Stalin" , And The Fall of The Soviet Union It Was The Best Time For The Russian Organized Crime Groups , to Spread and to Establish a Firm Base For Their Upcoming Businesses

Fun Fact = Russian Organized Crime Controlled about 2/3 of Russia's Economy

## 2 History

The Russian Mafia Dates Back To Russia's Imperial period(1700), Where Most of The Population Were Peasents, And Anyone Who Stole Anything From The Government, Was a Folk hero Relative to The poor Population, and Earned a "Robin Hood" Status. After A while, these thief's Grouped Together to Create a Business Together.

#### 3 World War 2 and Stalin

Stalin sent all criminals to prison , where they started their journey on becoming a "Vor V Zakone" . Vor V Zakones Can be identified By their Complicated Tattoos. Stalin Started to Recuit people from prison to fight against Hitler , when Hitler closed up on the city , but for the Vor V Zakone , working for the goverment was breaking their "thieves code", so they refused to , and stayed in prison , and where known as "Sukas/Bitches".he d The Bitches as they where called , started to create their own crime groups inside the prison ,bitterness between crime groups , erupted into a series of Wars , called "Bitch Wars",Killing people daily , The prison Officials though this was a good way to get rid of criminals , after the death of Stalin 8 Million inmates were released from prison.

# 4 Migration

During the period of 1970-1980 , this is when soviet-Jews migrated into Brighton Beach in America . Brighton Beach Had so many Russian people Living there , that it was nicknamed "Little Odessa", this was the focal point of Russian Organized Crime . During that time , Evsei Argon was the Boss of Russian Organized Crime , and on May of 1985 Argon Was Assasinated , in which Marat Balagula took the leadership . Balagula later fled the country because he was accused of a Fraud Scheme , but he was later found in Frankfurt, Germany in 1989, he was then sentenced 8 Years in jail. Balagula had a 360,000 Fraud Scheme. In 1992 Nayfield took hes place , partnering with the polish Al capone "Ricardo Franchinini" , setting up heroin business . In 1990 , his former Friend , Monya Elson , was out of prison and started hes own business of heroin , Resulting in a Turf War!

## 5 Growth and internalization (1992-2000)

Afterb Several meeting of the top Vor V Zakone (Thiefs in law), they decided to send "Vyacheslav Ivankov", another Great Vor V Zakone to America (Brighton Beach). Ivankov or Know as Little Japanese , arrived at Brighton Beach in 1992, and within a year, he was able to make Great connections with The Italian Mob and The Colombian Drug Cartels , Extending Miama , Los Angeles , and Boston. Ivankov's Arrival Ended the turf war, between Monya Elson and Boris Nayfield. Boris Nayfield was arrested in January of 1994, and elson in Italy in 1995. Ivankov was also arrested in 1995, and was sentenced 10 years in jail. Back in Eastern Europe, Semion Mogilevich, arranged meetings in a neighborhood in Prague, Czech Republic. The Main of the party was to Celebrate the Birthday of Victor Averin. One Police Officer Realized there was a plan to kill Mogilevich, He quickly Called Backup and The police Raided the Place, and All Mobsters where Moved To Hungary . Sergie Mikhaliov , The Leader of The Solntsevskaya Bratva , one of the Strongest Russian Gangs, was arrested in Switzerland, in October of 1996. He was Released 2 Years After, Because there was not enough proof against him. Ludwig "Tarzan" Fainberg, was a Jewish Ukrainian arms/weapons Trader.He Had a Friend Called Juan AlMeida, A Colombian Mobster. Tarzan Wanted to assist Juan in hes Drug Traficking, so he wanted to supply him with a Russian submarine, and 3 Russian Helicopters . Alexander Yasevich , an associate of Russian and Undercover DEA Agent , was able to stop both Tarzan and Juan . Tarzan was sentenced a life sentence , but Juan was only Sentenced 33 Months.

## 6 Still Present, Still powerful

Even after the death of Aslan Usoyan , Very Strong Vor V Zakone , The Russian Mafia was still strong, Powerful and standing on both feet. 3 people where released in 2004

- 1. Vyacheslav Ivankov
- 2. Marat Balagula
- 3. Johanithan Pochival Slokavich

Ivankov was Arrested Again in same Year , Because He Killed 2 Turks. 4 years later he was Asassinated , He was shot to the stomach by a sniper rifle. In 2009 The FBI suspected 2 Mafia leaders

- 1. Yevgeny Dvoskin = Leader of Russian Crime Group in Europe
- 2. Konstantin "Gizya" Ginzburg = gangster That was Prison mate with Ivankov

Semion Mogilevich was Placed on top 10 wanted List to The FBI.

"He was Most powerful Gangster in 1998" — Monya Elson Mogilevich was accused of Multimillionare Fraund Scheme , he defrauded the investors of hes own company called "YBM Magnex International", with 150 Million in hes pocket . Many people Say that Mogilevich was good friends with Vladimir Putin in the 90's

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