

Prologue

In my forty plus years in Hollywood, I have met a lot of people, many of whom I've forgotten and many more who are long gone. Imagine a boy from a small town in upstate New York watching television as a youngster and then meeting those actors and actresses in person as an adult. I knew Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Don Rickles, Red Skelton, Connie Stevens, and many more. I ended up doing favors for some of them and sometimes spoke to other people on their behalf.

I sometimes ask myself why I can't just be a normal person and live a normal life. But at the end of the day, I know I would not trade my life. I am what I was born to be.

When I read that I was being referred to as the Mob Boss of Hollywood, I wondered, who are these people we call "they" who say a lot of things they really know nothing about? I've been searching for them,

but I have not found them. If you find them, please let me know.

For nearly forty years I was a personal friend and associate of the famed underboss of the Colombo crime family, John "Sonny" Franzese. Sometimes I was referred to by Sonny and other New York mobsters as "our man in Hollywood." When I entered the federal prison in Lompoc, California, in 2010, a guard announced over the loudspeaker that I was "The Mob Boss of Hollywood."

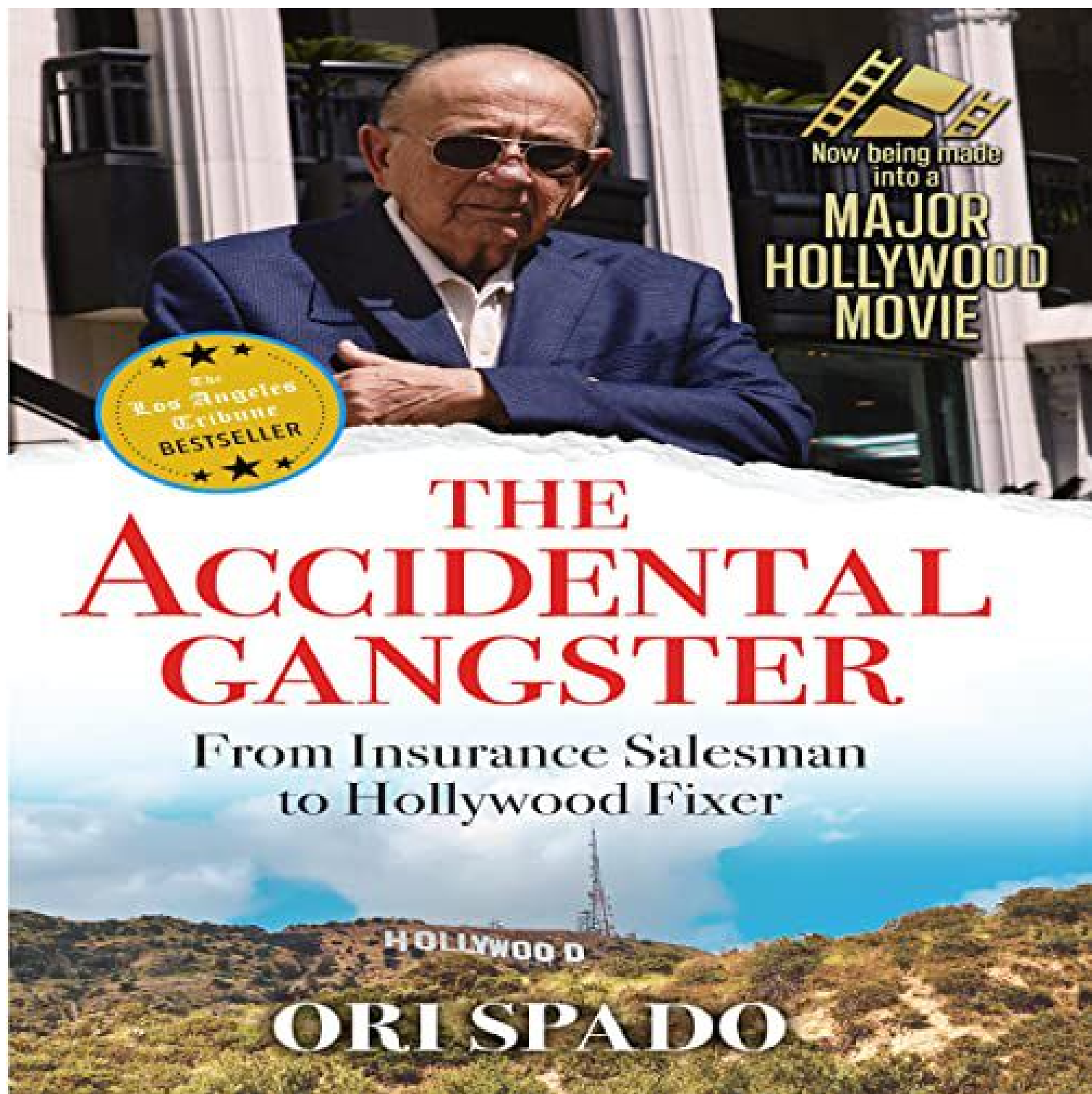
The truth is I wasn't a *made* member of any crime family. I had the opportunity to become *made*, but not the desire. I didn't want anyone to be able to "claim" me, as they say in *the life*. Besides Sonny, I was close to other well-known gangsters, including Jimmy Caci, who was from Buffalo but relocated to California, and England's Joey Pyle. I also met and was friends with Meyer Lansky, Carlo Marcello, and several others throughout the country.

I associated with lesser-known criminals as well who were con-men, thieves, robbers and killers. Please understand that the criminal-types I associated with weren't all bad, though. Many of them had good hearts and were true friends—I was proud to know them.

I made money—lots of it—through various scams, burglaries and armed robberies. I even earned by working as sort of a debt collector,



Orlando “Ori” Spado was born December 17, 1944, in Rome, New York. At 18 years old, Ori enlisted and proudly served in the United States military. He was honorably discharged in 1966. After a marriage and three children, Ori moved to San Francisco, where he married his second wife. After another divorce he moved to Beverly Hills, California, where he became known as a Hollywood fixer doing favors for A-List celebrities and others. Through various activities, Ori became known as the Mob Boss of Hollywood. In 2008, he was arrested on a Colombo family RICO indictment. Ori served 62 months at the U.S. federal prison in Lompoc, and then returned to Beverly Hills, where he is now involved in a film and entertainment. Ori spends much of his time encouraging others to stay away from the *life*. Go figure.



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