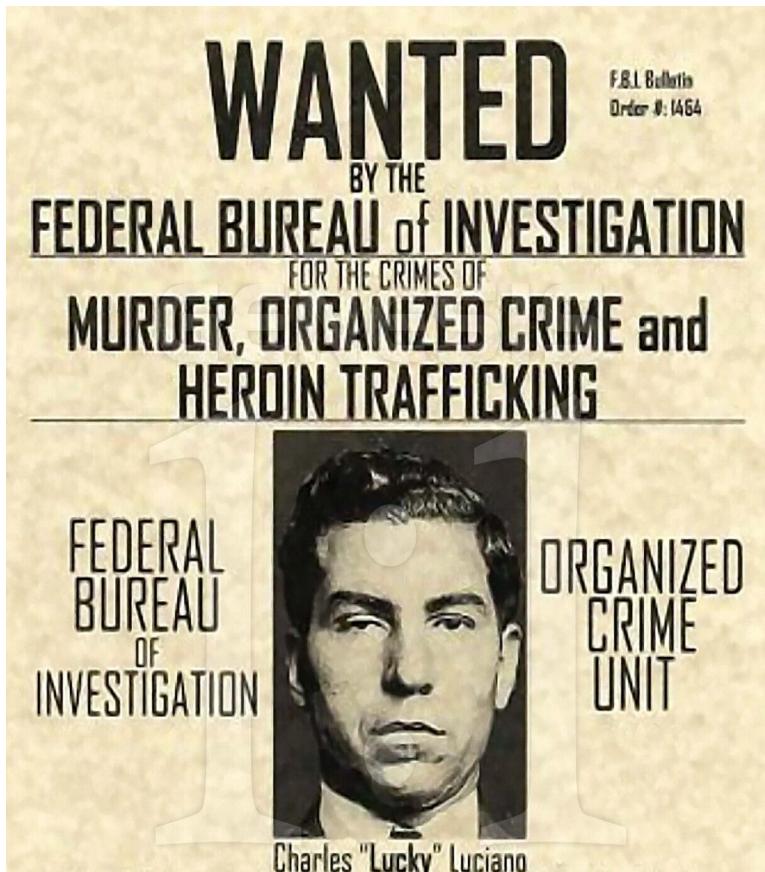


Crime - 'Lucky' Luciano

Read about Luciano and answer the questions:



Charles "Lucky" Luciano, a notorious Italian-American **mobster**, was involved in various criminal activities throughout his career, particularly during the Prohibition era. Luciano played a key role in the organization and expansion of **organized crime** in the United States. Some of the crimes associated with Luciano include:

Luciano was known for his involvement in **extortion** and **protection rackets**. He and his associates would extort money from businesses, particularly those in the entertainment and labor industries, in exchange for "protection" from violence or

other criminal activities. Luciano had a strong presence in the illegal gambling world, **overseeing and profiting from** various gambling operations such as bookmaking, casinos, and other betting activities.

During the Prohibition era, Luciano was involved in the illegal production and distribution of alcohol. He profited from the sale of **bootlegged liquor**, which was in high demand during the period when the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages were prohibited. Luciano was implicated in various acts of violence, including ordering and **carrying out hits** on rival gang members and those who posed a threat to his criminal enterprises. His involvement in the violent aspects of organized crime contributed to his rise in power within the Mafia.

- Why was he wanted? By who?
- What is the meaning of the vocabulary in bold?

Complete the following task. Match the crime vocabulary to the examples:

Match the examples to the crimes in the chart.

- A They took a rich man's son and asked for money for his safe return.
 B She went to her business partner's house and shot her dead.
 C Two passengers took control of the plane and made the pilot land in the desert.
 D After the party, the man made the woman have sex against her will.
 E We came home from holiday and found that our TV had gone.
 F A teenager got into the Pentagon's computer system and downloaded some secret data.
 G Someone tried to sell me some marijuana during a concert.
 H When the police searched his car, it was full of contraband cigarettes.
 I Someone threw paint on the statue in the park.
 J He said he'd send the photos to a newspaper if the actress didn't pay him a lot of money.
 K An armed man in a mask walked into a shop and shouted, 'Give me all the money in the till!'
 L The accountant was transferring money into his own bank account.
 M The builder offered the mayor a free flat in return for giving his company permission to build new flats on a piece of green land.
 N They left a bomb in the supermarket car park, which exploded.
 O Somebody stole my car last night from outside my house.
 P A man held out a knife and made me give him my wallet.
 Q A woman followed a pop singer everywhere he went, watching him and sending him constant messages on the internet.

		Crime	Criminal	Verb
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>blackmail</u> /'blækmeɪl/	<u>blackmailer</u>	<u>blackmail</u>
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>bribery</u> /'braibəri/	-	<u>bribe</u>
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>burglary</u> /'bɜːgləri/	<u>burglar</u>	<u>break in</u> / <u>burgle</u>
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>drug dealing</u> /'dræg diːliŋ/	<u>drug dealer</u>	<u>sell drugs</u>
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>fraud</u> /frɔːd/	<u>fraudster</u>	<u>commit fraud</u>
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>hacking</u> /'hækɪŋ/	<u>hacker</u>	<u>hack</u> (into)
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>hijacking</u> /'haɪdʒækɪŋ/	<u>hijacker</u>	<u>hijack</u>
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<u>kidnapping</u> /'kɪdnæpɪŋ/	<u>kidnapper</u>	<u>kidnap</u>
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>mugging</u> /'mʌɡɪŋ/	<u>mugger</u>	<u>mug</u>
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>murder</u> /'mɜːdə/	<u>murderer</u>	<u>murder</u>
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>rape</u> /reɪp/	<u>rapist</u>	<u>rape</u>
12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>robbery</u> /'rɒbəri/	<u>robber</u>	<u>rob</u>
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>smuggling</u> /'smʌglɪŋ/	<u>smuggler</u>	<u>smuggle</u>
14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>stalking</u> /'stɔːkɪŋ/	<u>stalker</u>	<u>stalk</u>
15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>terrorism</u> /'terərɪzəm/	<u>terrorist</u>	<u>set off bombs, etc.</u>
16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>theft</u> /θeft/	<u>thief</u>	<u>steal</u>
17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>vandalism</u> /'vændəlɪzəm/	<u>vandal</u>	<u>vandalize</u>

Watch the short documentary about Charles ‘Lucky’ Luciano and answer the following questions:

- As a schoolboy, what did he demand from the younger kids?
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- What were the first crimes mentioned that he became involved in?
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- Why was he described as ‘gangster chic’?
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- After he was arrested, why did the U.S. allow him to leave prison early?
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- Where and how did he die?
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Task:

Create a wanted poster like the one above. Create a criminal and draw their picture. Include a physical description of the wanted criminal and the crimes that they have committed. 150 words.