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Castiglione (Castle), Frank
aka the Punisher

U.S.M.C.

United States Marine Corps

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM RECOMMENDATION

NAME: Castiglione (Castle), Frank

RANK: Captain

PLACE OF BIRTH: Queens, New York

CURRENT HOME: Queens, New York

HEIGHT: 6'-1"

WEIGHT: 202 lbs

EYES: Blue

HAIR: Black

MARITAL STATUS: Married, Two Children (Boy and Girl)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- * Five Tours in Viet Nam
- * Bronze Star Recipient for Heroism
- * Decorated with the Silver Star for Heroism
- * Four Time Purple Heart Recipient
- * Chief Instructor, Marine Commando Training, Upsate New York
Special Missions Base

COMBAT SKILLS

- * SEAL (SEa, Air, Land) Training
- * UDT (Underwater Demolition Team) Training
- * LRPA (Long Range PATrol) Training
- * Expert in the Art of Warfare
- * Master of Hand-to-Hand Combat

NARRATIVE:

Captain Frank Castle is an excellent choice for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He is a war hero with an exceptional record that demonstrates heroism and self discipline. He possesses a distinguished combat record, and is considered to be one of the Corps' very best.

The White House



*1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500*

Dear Captain Castle,

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to you on being named to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Your honorable and heroic career in the United States Marines has been a shining example for all U.S. Servicemen.

You and your family are formally invited to the White House for the award ceremony on August 18. I look forward to meeting you in person.

Once again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

President

The President
sent condolences.
Wants to
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WAR HERO RETURNS

Special to Queens Gazette — U.S. Marine Frank Castle has returned from his tour of duty in Viet Nam. He was twice decorated with both the Bronze Star and Silver Star for heroism, and four times with the Purple Heart. Castle says he plans to continue his career in the Marine Corps. He returned late last night into

Bruno Costa Mafia Family Are Prime Suspects

WAR HERO'S FAMILY BRUTALLY MURDERED IN CENTRAL PARK

New York — A mother and two children were killed and a father was wounded yesterday afternoon in New York's Central Park as the family apparently stumbled onto a mafia execution while strolling through the park for a picnic. All were shot at point blank range.

The dead children are Frank and Barbara Castle. Their mother was Maria Castle. Wounded was Captain Frank Castle, of the U.S. Marines. Captain Castle was home in New York on leave. He was to have received the Presidential Medal of

Freedom at the White House today.

The police report indicates that the family may have stumbled upon a mafia execution taking place in an isolated location of the park. Fearing witnesses, sources say, the killers opened fire on the family.

The Bruno Costa mafia "family" are the prime suspects for the killing. Mayor Herman Coleville said, "I'm appalled by this senseless attack on an innocent family. Every possible measure will be taken to capture these cold-blooded killers."

The White House said it will re-

VIGILANTE RUNS RAMPANT

New York — A mysterious vigilante has surfaced on the streets of New York City within the past three weeks. Police are still trying to determine which recent crimes are the work of the lone gunman, but it appears that he has killed several known criminals on New York's most wanted list.

Eyewitnesses have told police that the vigilante wears a battle suit with a large death skull across his chest. They have reported that he carries a powerful arsenal, including a high-

"THE PUNISHER" STRIKES AGAIN

Members of Bruno Costa Mafia Family Gunned Down

New York — The vigilante known as "The Punisher" apparently has dealt a mighty blow to organized crime.

Detective John Laviano confirms that powerful members of the Bruno Costa "family" were shot to death late last night in a boat house near the South Street Seaport. Laviano would not say whether "The Punisher" is a suspect. "The investigation continues," Laviano said.

"The Punisher," however, has

taken credit for the slaying of these members of the underworld.

A computer-printed statement received by *The Daily Bugle* this morning said, "The Punisher announces that Justice has been served. The Costa family has been terrorizing innocent, loving citizens for years. The law enforcement community wouldn't stand up to them, so I did. Their reign of terror is over. They have drowned in their own blood. All criminals will suffer the same fate."

MARINE HERO DESERTS

Family Murder Drives Capt. Castle into Seclusion

New York, Sept. 20 — U.S. Marine Corps Captain Frank Castle, whose wife and two children were brutally murdered last month in Central Park, has not been seen since his family's funeral on August 21. Despite his hardship, Marine officials say, they have no choice but to consider him AWOL.

Castle was home for a brief leave prior to a White House ceremony in which he was to have received the Presidential Medal of Freedom on August 18. His family was murdered August 17.

Castle's close associates in the Marine Corps are surprised by the hero's desertion, calling it very uncharacteristic for him. "Apparently the shock of losing his family has driven him into a state of solitude," said Dr. William Guglione, a Marine Corps psychologist. "He was a devoted family man. We can only imagine the post-traumatic stress he must



Artist's rendering of "The Punisher" from eye-witness accounts

LANTEC

COMPUTER CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Andrew Kensington, President and CEO

FROM: John Mulcahy, VP Computer Systems Operations

TOPIC: Computer System Break-In of March 19

DATE: March 23

Mr. Kensington,

This memo concerns the illegal entry into our computer system on March 19. My staff has added three new security measures to ensure that another break-in is impossible. I have no idea how this unknown "hacker" penetrated our system. I, and many experts, believed that the system was completely impenetrable. As of yet, I have no idea how someone could have cracked our security measures.

I can not believe this was an independent person acting alone. My best guess would be that one of our main competitors conspired to break into our system and steal pertinent information about our technology and operations. I will keep you informed as to the developments of our investigation.

For now, the system is completely safe. It can not be cracked.

J.M.

LANTEC

COMPUTER CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Mulcahy

FROM: Mr. Andrew Kensington, President and CEO

TOPIC: Immediate Termination of Employment

DATE: March 29

My Dear Mr. Mulcahy,

Please be advised that you have been terminated effective immediately.

Your memo of March 23 stated that our computer system was unbreakable. Yet two days later, the system was cracked again.

At this point, it's hard to say who is behind this. The only thing I agree with in your memo is the fact that it must be an organized conspiracy. One person could never do this alone.

Since you can not solve this problem, I am forced to find someone who can... immediately.

I appreciate your many years of service to Lantec Computer Corporation.

A.K.



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Northeastern Field Service Office

TO: James S. Robbins, Director
Bureau of Federal Investigations

FROM: Kevin Blake, Special Agent

DATE: April 27

RE: Recent Computer Break-Ins

I have been investigating the recent series of computer system break-ins of several organizations including a noted computer development corporation, a top-three motor vehicle manufacturer, and a Japanese electronics giant. My investigations have established a pattern to these illegal entries into highly sophisticated security programs that were viewed as 100% impenetrable. It seems that the same person or persons are responsible for each of these break-ins.

I find it hard to believe that a single "hacker" could crack the top-secret security measures of three of the most influential corporations in the world. I tend to believe that a mastermind group of skilled individuals is behind this. The technological and financial information that could easily have been uncovered and stolen is monumental. It could change the very face of the world economy. I must ask that you approve a full scale investigation before the "hacker(s)" strike(s) again.

During my initial investigations, I have uncovered evidence which suggests the crimes have originated somewhere on the West Coast, but I have a hunch the operation is based in New York or Boston. I will focus my investigation there.

I will share my evidence with you in person next week.

Respectfully,

Kevin Blake, Special Agent



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Northeastern Field Service Office

TO: Mr. James S. Robbins, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigations

FROM: Kevin Blake, Special Agent

DATE: May 9

RE: Computer System Break-In Investigation

Thank you for your time and suggestions during our meeting last week.

I have been concentrating my investigation in New York. The intelligence underground speaks about a legendary computer hacker named "Microchip." Rumor has it he is an amazing genius, capable of breaking any computer system. I am trying to determine if this person actually exists. Even the most serious members of the intelligence community have no idea who this person actually is. He seems to do a good job of concealing his identity.

I believe this is my best lead yet. I will focus my investigation on discovering the identity of this master hacker. There is much we could learn from him if he is discovered.

I'll keep you abreast of my activities.

Respectfully,

Kevin Blake, Special Agent



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**Bureau of Federal Investigations
Office of the Director**

TO: Mr. Alexander Conklin, Director of New York Operations

FROM: James S. Robbins, Director

DATE: May 12

RE: Possible Funding of Vigilante Activity

Alex:

I have received reports that a clandestine group of prominent individuals in New York City is secretly financing the vigilante known as The Punisher. I would like you to investigate this information and provide me with a full report by next week.

We can not tolerate vigilante activity. If this group, reportedly calling itself The Trust, actually exists, I want to know who is behind it. Talk to underground sources. Try to determine where this "Punisher" is obtaining his money.

I suspect that members of The Trust are high on the social and political ladders. See if you can uncover anything to this end.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Best regards,

James S. Robbins, Director



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New York Operations

TO: James S. Robbins, Director

FROM: Mr. Alexander Conklin, Director of New York Operations

DATE: May 18

RE: Possible Funding of Vigilante Activity

I have obtained an important piece of evidence which may prove that The Trust does indeed exist. A reliable informant provided this piece of paper, which I believe constitutes payments to The Punisher for the termination of criminals.

I am attempting to determine if this document is a hoax, or actually genuine. I will also try to establish where it came from. With the amount of alleged payments to The Punisher, the members of The Trust must have access to large amounts of cash.

I will update you on my investigation regularly.

Respectfully,

Alexander Conklin, Director
New York Operations

TO: Hawk Eye

FROM: Bear Claw

Here is a look at the month of August. Looks like money well spent.

"Services"

1. 8-3	Carlos Ramirez -- Drug Dealer	X
2. 8-5	Victor Analotti -- Drug Dealer -- Kids	X
3. 8-6	Stan Hamaltin -- Rapist	coma
4. 8-11	Earl "The Pearl" Conroy -- Pimp	apprehended
5. 8-14	Dominic Black -- Robbery, Elderly	X
6. 8-17	The Fang -- Suspected Serial Killer	X
7. 8-22	Bud Cable -- Armed Robber	apprehended
8. 8-28	Antonio Lobos -- Drug Runner	X

"Professional Fees"

1.	\$5,000
2.	\$7,500
3.	\$10,000
4.	\$5,000
5.	\$7,500
6.	\$50,000
7.	\$5,000
8.	\$7,500

\$97,500

As always, you can Trust me.

P.S. Let's hope he breaks a record in September

Office of the Mayor

City of New York

Chief David O'Reilly
Police Headquarters
311 34th Street
New York, NY 10016

Dear Dave,

This Punisher situation is getting out of hand. I can't have a highly armed vigilante running through the city murdering people who may, or may not be criminals. This type of thing could lead to a disaster which could blow up in all of our faces.

I want you to put your force on full alert. I want this maniac stopped before some innocent people are killed. Use all methods necessary to track down and apprehend The Punisher. If force is required, then so be it.

Report to me directly when you have any news. I want this problem resolved at once.

Thank you for your immediate and unfailing attention to this matter.

With Best Regards,

Herman Coleville, Mayor

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Mayor Coleville,

I received your letter today. With all due respect, I cannot agree with all of your statements.

The Punisher has eliminated or apprehended several known criminals who are considered highly dangerous. Regardless of his methods, he has helped this police force by extinguishing potential threats and problems. I agree that his methods are reckless. Perhaps we can work with him, not against him.

I thought you might like to see today's editorial page in the Daily Bugle. Seems like there is a lot of support for this guy. I don't need to remind you that you have an election year coming up.

Let's meet and discuss this in person at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Thomas O'Reilly, Chief

Op • Ed: Opinion & Commentary

Dear Editor:

It's about time we have someone with the guts to go out and clean up the city streets. This Punisher guy is a real hero, not like Daredevil or Spider-Man. Criminals are scum. They cannot be rehabilitated. Let's just waste them and get them out of the picture. Long live The Punisher!

Jim Wilk, Staten Island

Dear Editor:

In my opinion as an attorney, the person dubbed the Punisher is a reckless vigilante who is no better than the criminals he supposedly terminates. He has no right to take the law into his own hands. In this nation we have laws for dealing with offenders. I feel the Punisher should be stopped before innocent people are murdered. America is the shining light of the world because we abide by laws.

Matthew Murdock, Manhattan

Dear Editor:

The Bible says "an eye for an eye." The Punisher is taking matters into his own hands, and it's working. There are certain criminals who commit such heinous crimes that they do not have any right to live. I see nothing wrong with dishing out a little punishment "Punisher Style." If you murder, you should be murdered; if you sell drugs, you should be mur-

dered; if you rob innocent citizens, you should be executed, and if you rape, you should have your you-know-what blown off. Wasting time and taxpayers' money dealing with the scum of society makes no sense to me. Keep up the good work, Mr. Punisher. I stand firmly behind you.

Kip Voytek, Brooklyn

Dear Editor:

Though I can't agree with The Punisher's brutal method of justice, I can't deny the fact that he has stopped some of the most dangerous criminals in the city. Even if his actions have saved the fate of one innocent person, they are worth it. Maybe the only way to truly eliminate crime is to frighten the criminals themselves. The Punisher seems to be doing that. It's his personal war. All we can do is stay off the city streets and let him fight it.

Carol Baxter, Long Island

Dear Editor:

This vigilante is getting out of hand. When we just let anybody walk the streets with an automatic weapon, we are just being criminals ourselves. Let the cops deal with crime, that's what they're trained (and paid) to do. If the police aren't doing the job, it's because they're under-funded. If they didn't have to spend all this time

hunting for this "Punisher", then they would be able to capture drug dealers and other criminals. Last year, a stray bullet went through my windshield. Fortunately, it was a police bullet and I got a full refund from the city. What are the chances that every Tom, Dick and Harry vigilante is going to reimburse me for the damage they do?

Mary Capparatti, Brooklyn

Dear Editor:

Finally someone is making a dent in New York City crime. Not only is The Punisher getting rid of the crooks, but I'd bet there are kids out there who are thinking twice about a life of crime. I think the city ought to reward this guy for his work. He's a hero. After all, he's saving the police money by reducing crime as well as criminals, and he's making this city safer for decent folk. I'd contribute to a fund for The Punisher's continued efforts. If the police find him, I'll even help raise his bail.

Tim Rohaly, Staten Island

Dear Editor:

Many people have submitted letters to you both for and against the man nicknamed The Punisher. There are a plethora of valid arguments on each side. On the one hand I agree with those who say no one should be allowed to take the law into their own hands, but yet I cannot ignore the fact

THE PUNISHER CAPTURED BY POLICE

New York — The vigilante known as The Punisher was captured by police late last night in the grips of what one police officer called "the most air-tight stake-out ever staged in the history of modern police work."

THE PUNISHER SENTENCED TO LIFE ON RYKER'S ISLAND

New York — "The Punisher," New York's notorious vigilante, was sentenced to life in prison today by Judge Emmet Anderson.

The earliest possibility for parole would occur in 20-30 years, said

THE PUNISHER ESCAPES FROM PRISON

New York's Most Feared Vigilante Hits The Streets Again

New York — The Punisher escaped from Ryker's Island Prison late last night. Prison officials have no clue as to how New York's notorious vigilante managed to elude guards

Ryker's Island Prison

Prisoner Psychiatric Profile

Name: Frank Castle

Alias: The Punisher

Convicted Of: Murder, Vigilante Activity

Sentence: Life Sentence

Height: 6'-1"

Weight: 200 lbs.

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Black

History:

Frank Castiglione (Castle) was a Captain in the United States Marine Corps and served five years in the Vietnam war. For heroism in the line of duty he was decorated with both the Bronze and Silver Star and four times with the Purple Heart. After the war, he ran special training missions for Marine commandos in the upper New York State area.

His wife and two children were brutally murdered during a family picnic in Central Park. It is alleged that the Castle family stumbled upon a mob execution carried out by the Bruno Costa "family." He was so traumatized by his family's murder that he deserted from the Marines and went into seclusion. He surfaced a few months later as The Punisher, and set out on an anti-crime spree through New York that left many dead.

Psychiatric Evaluation:

After examining Frank Castle, I believe he suffers from tremendous mental illness, brought about by witnessing the bloody slaying of

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his family. He can not be entirely blamed for his condition. After years of perilous danger in Vietnam, and the shocking loss in Central Park, he has been driven mad by anger, hate and revenge. Undoubtedly he also suffers severe guilt and feelings of inadequacy for "failing" to protect his family.

He seemingly has no one to live for. A true loner in mind and spirit, his only goal in life is to rid the world of crime and criminals

I recommend advanced therapy on a daily basis. It may be the only way to prevent his inner turmoil from driving him over the edge into insanity.

Thus far, Castle has been uncooperative, but I believe I can reach him. My own service in Vietnam may help me build rapport with this most interesting and troubled patient.

I will continue my efforts on a regular basis.

Phillip Mackenzie, M.D.
Director of Prison Psychiatry

Special Notes:

Since the patient carries a severe hatred for criminals, and since the prison is of course filled with criminals, Frank Castle should be held in solitary confinement. He has already injured several prisoners without provocation. Some of Castle's worst enemies are within the prison walls. By letting them mingle, we are asking for a major problem that could lead to riots. Keep him isolated, or more prisoners will be injured; some may die.

Office of the Mayor

City of New York

Douglas Litke, Warden
Ryker's Island Prison
New York, New York

Warden Litke:

I am most disturbed by the recent escape of Frank Castle, alias "The Punisher." Once again I must contend with this mad vigilante running rampant on the streets of this city.

I do not understand how this happened. Ryker's Island is supposed to be completely escape-proof. We are not dealing with a superhuman mutant, Mr. Litke. Castle is a man, like any other. I want a full briefing from you tomorrow morning. I want an explanation for this careless mistake.

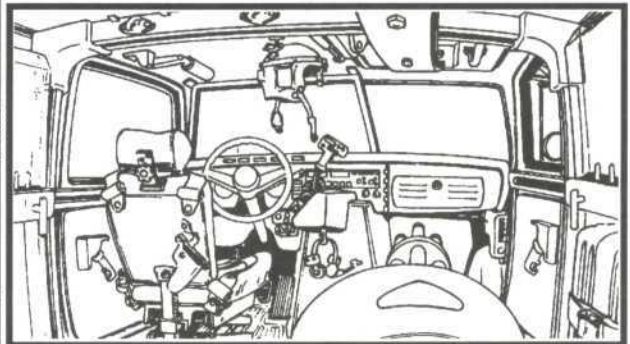
I will capture The Punisher again and send him back to Ryker's Island as an example for anyone else who thinks they can escape. It will be your job to keep him there once he is returned. If you can not keep him in custody, I will replace you with a warden who can.

This is an official warning to you. Never let this happen again.

With Best Regards,

Herman Coleville, Mayor

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TO: Alexander Conklin,
FROM: Robert Zimmerman, F
DATE: October 18
RE: The Punisher's Battle Van and Weapons Arsenal

BATTLE VAN:

Since The Punisher first hit the streets of New York, stories have circulated about his battle van, which is supposedly indestructible. According to testimony provided by criminals who have survived attacks by The Punisher, the van is equipped with a 4-barrel mini-gun, a grenade launcher, and a smoke screen. It is nearly impossible to track. It has a peel-away coat of paint, so it could be disguised as a TV repair truck one day and a police van the next. There seems to be some sort of computer-controlled tracking device on board. I have no idea how a man with a military background could construct such a machine. In my opinion, The Punisher is not acting alone.

Recently, I obtained a snapshot of the interior of the van taken by a passer-by during a Punisher incident. To my knowledge, this is the only picture ever taken of the van. I have submitted it to our technology section for analysis.

WEAPONS:

According to testimony from witnesses, including criminals who have survived encounters with The Punisher, he carries several weapons. His main weapon is the M-16 Combat Rifle, similar to the one he used in Vietnam. In addition, he normally carries a 14-round 9MM Browning Llama automatic pistol, and a Gerber Mark II Combat Knife. It is hard to predict what weapons The Punisher will be carrying at any given time. He often takes weapons from fallen opponents. The Punisher may be better equipped than any law enforcement agency.

Respectfully,

Robert Zimmerman, Field Agent



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PERSONALITY PROFILE**

Name: Fisk, Wilson

Occupation: President and owner of a spice business, criminal organizer and mastermind.

Identity: Fisk is publicly known to be The Kingpin, but his dual identity has never been officially proved.

Legal Status: Citizen of the United States with no criminal record.

Marital Status: Married

Known Relatives: Vanessa (wife), Richard (son)

Group Affiliation: Leader of a coalition of East Coast criminal organizations

Base of Operations: New York City. Fisk conducts both his legal and illegal operations from a midtown Manhattan skyscraper that he owns. He lives in a mansion in New York State's Westchester County.

Height: 6'-7"

Weight: 450 lbs.

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Bald

History:

Very little is known about the early life of The Kingpin. He has described himself, however as having been "an unpopular, obese child" before beginning his pursuit of bodybuilding. Fisk was raised in poverty, and his criminal career began early. It is widely believed that he murdered a man at the age of twelve, but this has never been proved. In his adolescence, he fanatically trained himself in various methods of bodybuilding and personal combat, finally focusing on the Japanese art of sumo.

He educated himself by stealing books from stores and libraries, and

Personality Profile: Fisk (Kingpin)
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became particularly fascinated with political science. He theorized that the key to success would be in using political techniques in organizing and directing groups of criminals. It was his adoption of these techniques that caused him to be thought of as a political "kingpin" of organized crime. Hence the name, which has stuck with him through the years.

Fisk is a very intelligent and cunning practitioner of crime. Although he has always taken pleasure in physical combat with his enemies, he has always recognized the necessity to never place himself in a situation in which the law can prove his responsibility for crimes. Fisk has never been convicted of a crime, and was only arrested once, for personally stealing an ancient tablet from Empire State University. Charges were dropped soon thereafter.

Fisk has always been careful to invest his ill-gotten money in legitimate businesses. The first company he owned completely was one dealing in spices from the Far East. Today, even though Fisk has built a vast legitimate business empire in various fields, he still professes in public to being merely a "humble dealer in spices."

After about a decade of being a criminal leader, Fisk had also achieved enough success in legitimate business to become a prominent member of New York society. It is at this point that he met, and married Vanessa (maiden name unknown), a beautiful woman not yet 20 years old. Whether or not Vanessa knew of his criminal activities when she married him is unclear; but she did know afterward. Their son, Richard was born within a year after their marriage.

During these years, The Kingpin was well known in underworld circles, but his criminal identity in the legitimate business world was not public knowledge. However, years later The Kingpin attempted to kill Daily Bugle publisher, J. Jonah Jameson, who then publicly exposed Fisk as The Kingpin. This revelation led to a major setback in The Kingpin's criminal and business operations. In addition, his wife Vanessa, sickened by his life of crime, gave him an ultimatum to reform his life or she would leave him. Unwilling to lose Vanessa, Fisk agreed to her terms, and the two retired to Japan. Mrs. Fisk even persuaded the reluctant Kingpin to cooperate with the Bureau and turn his files on organized crime over to us. Word of these files being released to law enforcement authorities got out, and the new leaders of the New York crime syndicate kidnapped Vanessa, who was then apparently killed by a Kingpin aide who correctly saw her as the only obstacle preventing Fisk from taking command again.

Personality Profile: Fisk (Kingpin)

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The enraged Fisk made a strong comeback, taking control of his former organization and making it more powerful than ever. We have uncovered several unconfirmed reports that The Kingpin backed Randolph Winston Cherryh, as a puppet candidate, in the mayoral election. Rumor has it that the costumed crime-fighter Daredevil discovered Fisk's wife Vanessa alive, though suffering from severe mental problems. Daredevil cut a deal with the Kingpin whereby he would return Vanessa if The Kingpin ordered Cherryh to decline accepting the office of the mayor. Considering Cherryh won the election, and refused to accept the mayoralty, this story seems as if it may indeed be true. If Daredevil returned Vanessa to the Kingpin's custody, it has been kept secret. Her whereabouts are unknown and no one in the Kingpin's organization is speaking about it.

Most recently, The Punisher has been attempting to infiltrate The Kingpin's organization. The Punisher sees The Kingpin as the root of the crime problem in New York.

Weapons:

The Kingpin sometimes carries a walking stick which contains a concealed laser beam weapon that fires a powerful pulse capable of vaporizing a handgun. The walking stick also contains concentrated sleeping gas to render an opponent unconscious.



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Northeastern Field Service Office

TO: Alexander Conklin, Director New York Operations
FROM: Stephen Griffith, Field Agent
DATE: February 7
RE: Kingpin Investigation

I haven't been able to gather any evidence against The Kingpin. He operates a completely legitimate business. He pays his bills on time, he has never had a tax problem with any of his companies. He must surround himself with excellent accountants who keep him out of trouble. His businesses are very clean. There doesn't appear to be any wrongdoing at all. I will have to dig much deeper in hopes of finding something we could use to indict him.

As far as his position in the organized crime syndicate, it's much of the same thing. Fisk never carries out a crime himself. He depends on fiercely loyal thugs to carry out his orders. He covers his tracks like a true professional. As of now, I have no concrete evidence that he is involved in any illegal activities. We all know he is a criminal, it's just going to be next to impossible to actually prove it.

I will continue around the clock surveillance. He has to make a mistake sooner or later. I plan to be there when he does.

Respectfully,

Stephen Griffith, Field Agent



Wilson Fisk
aka "Kingpin"

photographed by secret cameras
(not sanctioned by court order)
in his Manhattan HQ

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did you acquire your superhuman powers?

Spider-Man: It's been widely reported in the press, but I'll say it again. I was bitten by a radioactive spider. Somehow the bite gave me superhuman strength and spider-like abilities.

Council Member Ross: Spider-Man, your intentions have been widely questioned. Do you consider yourself an anti-crime activist?

Spider-Man: Of course I do. My intentions, for personal reasons, have always been to protect the citizens of New York City from crime and corruption. Sadly, I've been given a lot of bad press from J. Jonah Jameson at the *Daily Bugle*. He has always led many to believe that I can not be trusted. However, you'll never find a single instance where I've ever broken the law. I have used my abilities to serve this city and protect it from dangerous villains like Dr. Doom, Dr. Octopus and The Hobgoblin.

Council Member Woodall: How do you see out of your costume?

Spider-Man: I don't know what that has to do with crime-fighting. I'm not here to answer technical questions about my costume.

Council Member Battaglia: Getting back to crime-fighting, do you think you take the law into your own hands?

Spider-Man: No I don't. I merely pursue criminals, apprehend them and deliver them to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Just because I have superhuman strength and powers does not make me a great man. The laws are for the people including criminals, superhuman mutants, and every other person in the

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United States. My job is not to judge others, it's to see that crime is stopped and criminals captured and delivered to the justice system.

Council Member Woodall: Based on your definition of a crime-fighter, how would you classify The Punisher?

Spider-Man: I would consider The Punisher a serious threat to anti-crime efforts. He is driven by an insane rage that is very dangerous. He and I have had words on more than one occasion. We've even scrapped it out a time or two. He is a loner. He has stopped many criminals, and the fact that he has made the streets safer cannot be denied. Yet, I do not agree with his tactics. He takes the easy way out — he eliminates problems completely, no questions asked. His clandestine methods are bound to backfire. Other crime fighters are afraid to work with him. I do not believe he can be trusted. And every crime fighter knows you occasionally need someone around to watch your back.

Council Member Ross: Mr. Spider-Man, who do you consider New York's worst criminal threat?

Spider-Man: I would definitely say The Kingpin, and not just in a physical sense. Kingpin is a tough, smart criminal veteran who is very elusive. He surrounds himself with the best criminals and thugs his illegal money can buy. We've all been after him for years, but he has slipped away time and time again.

Council Member Battaglia: What other costumed crime fighter do you consider legitimate?

Spider-Man: Well, the X-Men are some of the best crime-fighters in the business. And Captain

Attorney General Benton Declares War on Organized Crime

Albany — New York State Attorney General Stanford Benton announced today that he will be supervising a task force to gain evidence for indictments of several well-known organized crime figures, including The Kingpin.

"I see organized crime as a plague destroying the city streets. I'm going after The Kingpin, the head of the crime syndicate, and I'm not going to rest until he is behind bars. Thus far, Kingpin has eluded the justice system, but that is about to change."

The determined Benton went on to say that he would be working in conjunction with the FBI to gather evidence that can be used in an indictment against The Kingpin and his closest associates. The crackdown is

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL BENTON DROWNS IN POOL

Albany — New York State Attorney General Stanford Benton drowned early this morning in the pool at Albany's Peak Performance Athletic Club.

Benton, who swims each morning at 6 am, was found by an employee of the club at approximately 6:20 am. David Kyle, who found Benton's body said, "I don't know what happened. I see Mr. Benton each morning. He seemed as fit as a fiddle."

An autopsy will be performed in an attempt to find the cause of death. City Hall is shocked at the news of the ambitious Attorney General's untimely death and already dozens of

New Attorney General Takes Office

Albany — New York State's new Attorney General Phillip Bates was sworn in this afternoon at the State Capitol Building. At a press conference that followed, Attorney General Bates promised to do his best to see that justice was served and criminals were taken off the city streets.

When asked about the Organized Crime Task Force begun by former Attorney General Benton, Bates said, "The so-called organized crime task force has been dissolved. I have seen no substantial evidence to support the theory that an organized crime problem exists in this state. We have pressing problems that must be dealt with right now. Organized crime is not one of them."

Bates promised to work closely with local law enforcement agents on consumer and mail fraud, which he termed "real and significant problems

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EDITORIAL

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Anyone who has read *The Daily Bugle* through the years knows that I've been a strong crusader against organized crime. I've used this newspaper as a vehicle to communicate the injustices I have seen as a result of mob organizations. In my time, there has not been a more powerful and corrupt leader of organized crime than The Kingpin. Recently I began an investigation into what some skeptics consider merely a New York myth. After a thorough and life-threatening secret investigation, I report to you that The Kingpin does exist. There is, indeed, a single ultimate leader of the criminal underworld.

As I progressed closer and closer to discovering his identity, my life grew more endangered, until an attempt was made on my life. I narrowly escaped death. My investigation is over and my conclusions are final.

The Kingpin is none other than Wilson Fisk, New York business owner and socialite. The same Wilson Fisk who has amassed a fortune with a legitimate business empire is also the sadistic, power-hungry, murderer The Kingpin.

During the week, I will present my facts to the public. I would not risk the reputation of *The Daily Bugle* by making uncertain accusations. I am positively sure, beyond the shadow of a doubt that Wilson Fisk controls criminal activity in New York.



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Northeastern Field Service Office

TO: Alexander Conklin, Director of New York Operations

FROM: David Hillman, Field Agent

DATE: December 27

RE: Wire-tapped Conversation Between Wilson Fisk "The Kingpin" and Dennis Marolla Concerning a New York Attorney Named Matthew Murdock. Threats Are Also Made Against The Vigilante Known As The Punisher.

As you know, I've been investigating Wilson Fisk, alias The Kingpin, for some time. After the court approved our intent to wire-tap his office phones, I immediately took action. I obtained this tape of a phone conversation on December 24.

This could be the evidence we need for our indictment. There's no way the DA can say this is ambiguous.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman, Field Agent



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TRANSCRIPT OF A WIRE-TAPPED CONVERSATION BETWEEN
WILSON FISK (THE KINGPIN)
AND ONE OF HIS ASSOCIATES: DENNIS MOROLLA
Agent David Hillman
Northeastern Field Service Office

DATE: DECEMBER 24

STARTING TIME: 8:42 PM

ENDING TIME: 8:45 PM

FISK: Yeah, Denny, what do you have for me?

MOROLLA: Merry Christmas, boss!

FISK: Never mind that. What about this attorney, Matthew Murdock?

MOROLLA: He's really sticking his nose where it doesn't belong. He's damaged our drug trade, and also penetrated our real estate.

FISK: You mean that stupid little apartment complex on the corner?

MOROLLA: Yeah. I had that lot owner ready to sell out without any problem. Then Murdock steps in and starts rallying the community into putting pressure on the guy not to sell out to The Kingpin.

FISK: Damn him! If I don't get that lot, it will ruin my deal to buy that entire block. I need that block to build the tallest building in Manhattan. That deal must go through.

MOROLLA: What do you want me to do about it?

FISK: You know what to do. Apply pressure on that owner until you choke him out of that building. I want it by tomorrow evening.

MOROLLA: Uh, excuse me, sir, but tomorrow is Christmas.

FISK: So?

MOROLLA: Well, I was wondering if I could have the day off to spend with my family.

Kingpin - Morolla Wire-tap

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FISK: Your family? Christmas is nothing more than a waste of a business day. NO - you can't have the day off. See to it that lot owner gets squeezed tonight. I want that building by tomorrow evening. I will build the tallest building in Manhattan - one that casts a big black shadow over the entire city. MURDOCK, MURDOCK! what else has he done?

MOROLLA: He also won a tenants' rights case that ruined a ten-million-dollar housing venture for us. Now he's working with some grassroots environmental group against our subsidiary company, KELCO. He's making progress there.

FISK: We'll win that case. I bought everyone off personally. I want to show Murdock that the Kingpin's justice system is more powerful than any court in the world.

MOROLLA: Uh, sir, I must remind you that you are violating your number one rule about distance by getting personally involved. Why don't you let me...

FISK: Murdock is beginning to plague me! He's eating at me and slowly ruining my business. He must be crushed. KILL HIM! He keeps eluding me. I'll get him. I have to get him.

MOROLLA: Calm down, Kingpin. I'll take care of it. I've got another issue to talk about.

FISK: You mean The Punisher, don't you?

MOROLLA: Yes, sir. He killed four of our top men last night. This guy is really slick, and he's got a personal vendetta against you.

FISK: Yes, I've been warned that this man is on my trail. He's not the first one, and he won't be the last. I'm not concerned. This Punisher is too emotional. He's trigger happy, doesn't use his head. Even so, he's a threat. Treat him like all threats - stamp him out.

MOROLLA: I'll do my best, but this calls for reinforcements.

FISK: Come on, Denny, he's just one man! Get rid of him.

MOROLLA: Yes sir, anything else?

FISK: No. I'll see you tomorrow evening. You know what I want for Christmas; now get it for me!

END

United States Senate
Judiciary Committee
Subcommittee on Organized Crime

TESTIMONY OF SAMUEL SCOLODA
DURING HEARING
ON ORGANIZED CRIME
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

SENATOR HUGHES: Please state your name for the record.

SCOLODA: Samuel Scoloda, but I go by Sonny.

SENATOR HUGHES: Mr. Scoloda, you were employed in the service of Wilson Fisk, alias The Kingpin. Is that correct?

SCOLODA: Yes. I worked for The Kingpin for seven years.

SENATOR HUGHES: What did you do for Fisk?

SCOLODA: I did everything for him. I didn't have a specific responsibility. If he wanted me to do something, I did it.

SENATOR HUGHES: Did you ever kill on orders from Fisk?

SCOLODA: Sure, I did. Like I said, I did

whatever The Kingpin asked. I killed people, crippled them or just gave them a good beating.

SENATOR HUGHES: Fisk gave you orders to murder and assault certain individuals?

SCOLODA: Yes, he does that kind of stuff all the time. Why do you think he's so powerful? He uses muscle, force and brutality to get what he wants. And he always gets what he wants.

SENATOR HUGHES: Why are you now testifying against him?

SCOLODA: Three reasons. Because he hung me out to dry when I got caught in one of his scams. Because I want to stay out of jail. And because your tough guy prosecutors in New York offered me a plea bargain I couldn't refuse, so to speak. And because your Federal Witness Protection Program says they can give me an indentity that he can't trace. 'cause if he finds me, I'm a dead man. That's four. Sorry. But you get the picture.

SENATOR HUGHES: Tell me how you got involved with Fisk.

SCOLODA: I was just a young kid out of high school. My brother was working for one of The Kingpin's close associates. It wasn't at all

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