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Woburn Author's True Crime Biography Lands National TV Segment, Front-Page Coverage, and Multi-City Signing Tour

Confidence of the Mob Tapes WGN-TV Chicago Feature as Fall Author Tour and Podcast Launch Approach

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WOBURN, MA — Two months after its debut, *Confidence of the Mob* — the true-crime biography of IRS legend Fred G. Pastore, written by his grandson Eddy Inserra — has secured national broadcast attention, front-page local press coverage, and a growing slate of retail signings and speaking engagements heading into a strong fall season.

The book chronicles Pastore's rise from an East Boston native to Group Supervisor of the IRS Intelligence Unit and Chief of Boston's Rackets Squad, and his eventual crossing into the world of those he once investigated. The story arrived in Inserra's hands through a box of classified IRS memos, surveillance photographs, FBI files, and personal records stored in the family attic in Woburn for decades.

National Broadcast: WGN-TV Chicago

On June 26, 2026, Inserra and his cousin Bobby Pastore taped a feature interview for Backstory, the history documentary series produced and hosted by WGN-TV anchor Larry Potash. A Massachusetts native who grew up in Lynn, Potash interviewed Inserra and Pastore separately and together at WGN-TV studios in Chicago, reviewing original documents and artifacts from the archive, including Fred Pastore's actual IRS badge. The segment is scheduled to air in late August or early September 2026. Select Backstory episodes air nationally.

Front-Page Press Coverage

On June 9, 2026, the Daily Times Chronicle ran a front-page feature on Inserra and the book, written by reporter Michelle Visco. The Chronicle distributes in print throughout Woburn, Reading, Winchester, and Burlington. Full story available online: https://homenewshere.com/daily_times_chronicle/news/woburn/article_b48a8d12-eb21-42b5-a9d2-014e4a97c0c8.html

Gangland Wire Podcast

In May 2026, the book was featured on Gangland Wire, the true crime podcast hosted by retired Kansas City Police Intelligence Unit detective Gary Jenkins. The episode, titled "Boston's Mafia Rackets, IRS Wars,

and Mob Secrets," is available at ganglandwire.com and on YouTube.

Signing Events

Since its May 2026 launch, the book has completed a strong slate of events: Used Book Superstore, Burlington MA, approximately 30 copies sold in a single two-hour signing with no advertising, walk-in audience only, with a return signing held June 20, 2026; Barnes and Noble, Burlington MA, June 13, 2026; Barbara's Bookstore, Vernon Hills IL, June 28, 2026, with WGN anchor Larry Potash attending the signing with his daughter. An author talk at I AM Books in Boston's North End is confirmed for September 24, 2026 at 6:00pm.

About the Book

The story at the heart of *Confidence of the Mob* begins with a Western Union telegram Fred Pastore sent directly to JFK and Robert F. Kennedy at the White House requesting an urgent meeting. It runs through undercover IRS operations inside Raytheon, the defense contractor, to root out a mob-run gambling syndicate threatening national security during the Cold War, and reaches its peak when Robert Kennedy personally demanded Pastore name his confidential informant. Pastore refused and was forced to resign from the IRS. The identity of that informant remained a family secret for over 60 years, until Inserra and his cousin Bobby Pastore uncovered it during their research.

"This isn't just a mob story; it's a family mystery," says Inserra. "My grandfather was a 6'4" imposing figure who was often the smartest person in the room. He was forced out of federal service during the Kennedy era and found himself using his intelligence to protect the people he was once sworn to catch. Finding the 'why' behind that shift is the heart of the book."

The book is based on classified IRS Intelligence Unit memos, surveillance photographs, FBI files, and personal records, supplemented by interviews with former IRS agents, a celebrated Boston attorney who is 99 years old and still providing firsthand accounts, and others who lived this history on both sides of the law.

Distribution and Availability

Confidence of the Mob is available at Barnes and Noble locations nationwide, Used Book Superstore Burlington, I AM Books (North End, Boston), and all major online retailers including Amazon and BarnesandNoble.com. With 4,000+ units in global distribution hubs across the US, UK, and Australia via IngramSpark, libraries and independent bookstores can order through Ingram Wholesale at a 55% discount, fully returnable. Paperback ISBN: 979-8-9950804-0-4 (\$16.99). Hardcover ISBN: 979-8-9950804-1-1 (\$34.99). Publisher: EI3 Publishing.

Upcoming: Companion Podcast

A companion podcast, also titled *Confidence of the Mob*, is in development for fall 2026, launching alongside the I AM Books author talk in September. The series will feature exclusive interviews with prominent local figures and law enforcement experts who lived through the era.

About the Author

Eddy Inserra is a Woburn-based author and Senior Product Manager. A serial entrepreneur, he co-founded itsmyurls, pioneering the "link in bio" social media space, and QR Blender. He has dedicated a decade to preserving the complex legacy of the New England IRS Intelligence Unit and his grandfather Fred G. Pastore.

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