

Witness v. Gotti alive & vengeful

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"You know how Gotti got his wings? This guy got his wings for whacking out a friend of mine, Jimmy McBratney, an Irish kid from Staten Island."

Edward Maloney, Jan. 20, 1983.

Eddie Maloney, a former member of a gang that kidnaped mobsters for money, is out to stage a hit—a legal one in court—on John Gotti.

couple of years ago after an arrest for drunken driving.

"He decided to put on a wire and a bulletproof vest and get even" shortly after he was shot nine times in the Cozy Corner bar in Maspeth, Queens on Oct. 2, 1982, one source said. "By that time, four members of his gang were dead and he decided to get even for them—and to keep himself alive, too."

He had also survived another rub-out attempt in a Manhattan bar three

about his request that Cestaro ask Gotti to "squash" a Gambino crime family murder contract put out on him after he and McBratney kidnaped a Staten Island loan shark for ransom in 1972.

So far, Maloney has kept himself alive, and gotten even with the following men who did him wrong, according to records of court cases in Queens, Manhattan and Brooklyn, and interviews with several sources:

■ Warren Schurman allegedly set

February to 25 years to life.

■ Nicholas Gregory, a participant in the \$11.2 million Sentry armored-car robbery in 1982, was recently sentenced to 12½ to 25 years in prison for the Oct. 2 attempted murder of Maloney.

■ Charles (Charlie the Jap) Errigo, Joseph (Papa Joe) Guagliano, and Cestaro were all indicted on heroin and cocaine conspiracy charges after Maloney taped them in incriminating