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## Suspect named in mutilation killings

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An owner of a company that occupied the Garfield warehouse where the dismembered body of a loan shark was found has been identified in federal court papers as "a major suspect" in the murder investigation.

Cosmo "Gus" Aiello, 52, of 24 Westover Ave., Caldwell, was charged in a federal indictment that alleged a conspiracy to counterfeit Lacoste shirts. A bail motion filed yesterday in Philadelphia with yesterday's indictment stated that "Aiello is presently a major suspect in the murder investi-

gation in Bergen County, N.J., of Cesare Bonventre," federal officials said.

Investigators say that Bonventre, 33, of Brooklyn, had been shot five times in the head and was dumped in a glue vat at the Industrial Latex Company glue factory in Wallington in early April. A mixer in the vat apparently was used to sever Bonventre's body at the waist.

Bonventre's body was found Apr. 16 stuffed inside two barrels in a warehouse at 20 Passaic St. Part of the building was occupied by T&J Trading Company, in which Aiello has an interest.

Law-enforcement authorities had identi-

fied Bonventre as a "capo" in the Bonanno organized-crime family and a key figure in a scheme to smuggle \$1.6 million worth of heroin through a nationwide network of pizza parlors.

Yesterday's federal grand jury indictment charges Aiello with conspiracy and five counts of wire fraud for allegedly manufacturing and distributing 168,000 counterfeit Izod Lacoste alligator-label knit shirts, worth more than \$4.5 million at retail.

The indictment further charges that Aiello and Harold Goberman of Cliffside Park, also known as Harry Harris and H. Goldman, a partner in the alleged counterfeit-

shirt scam, had the financial backing of the late Joseph A. Zicarelli.

Better known as "Joe Bayonne," Zicarelli was once the reputed boss of the Bonanno crime family in Hudson County. Zicarelli was named as an unindicted coconspirator, as was Goberman.

Zicarelli, a former Cliffside Park resident who died last year in Hollywood, Fla., was jailed in the early 1970's for refusing to testify about organized crime before the State Commission of Investigation. He had prior convictions on crimes ranging from bootleg-

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