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The HUNT is on! **Carlo's "The Butcher" coming to the screen**

New York based Gentile Entertainment Group (GEG) and Jailbird Productions have acquired the motion picture and television rights to **The Butcher, Anatomy of a Mafia Psychopath** by New York Times best selling author, Philip Carlo.

The film adaptation titled, **HUNT** will focus on the investigation and heroic efforts of DEA agent **Jim Hunt** and his elite anti-drug unit, **Group 33**, to bring down and capture the mob's most notorious killer, Bonanno capo, **Thomas "The Butcher" Pitera**, responsible for an estimated 60 murders. The film will chronicle the three years Pitera spent in Japan studying martial arts with the devotion of a Buddhist monk and his ascent in the underworld as the mob's deadly assassin.

Academy Award nominee **Mickey Rourke**, soon to be seen as the villain in this summer's blockbuster, **Iron Man 2**, is in discussion for a featured role in the big screen version. ASAC **Jim Hunt** will be a consultant on the motion picture that has the full support and cooperation of the **Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)**.

"The story of Hunt's pursuit of Pitera is astonishing because it's all true", said **Andrew Orena**, one of the partners in **Jailbird**. "Pitera was the man behind the most horrific murders in Mafia history and if Jim Hunt and his team didn't bring Pitera down, the bodies still would be piling up."

Jailbird Productions and partners **Tommy Gallagher, Andrew Orena** and **Johnny Orena** and **GEG** principals **John** and **Anthony Gentile** have a slate of true crime themed film and graphic media projects being developed under their banner that also includes **The Blue Mob, The Orena Faction** and the mini-series **Lost Along the Way** (www.jailbirdproductions.com).

Acclaimed author Philip Carlo has also written the worldwide bestsellers, **The Ice Man, Confessions of a Mafia Contract Killer, Gaspire** and **The Night Stalker**.

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