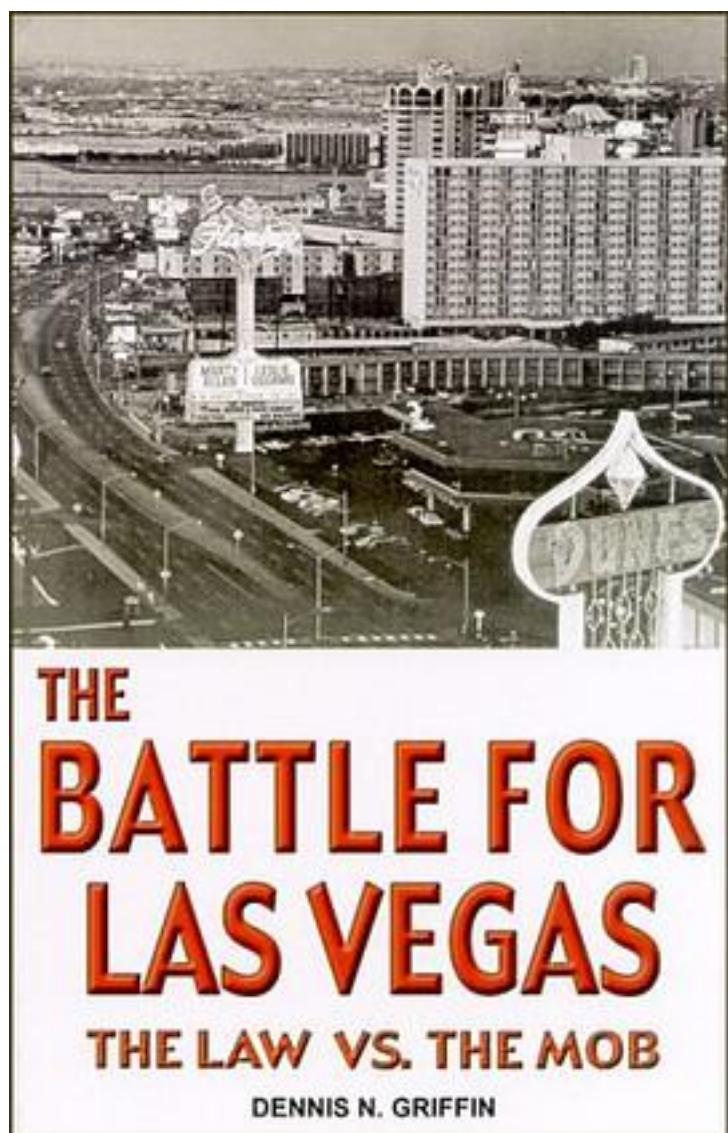


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From the 1970s through the mid-1980s, the Chicago Outfit dominated organised crime in Las Vegas. Unreported revenue, known as the 'skim' from Outfit-controlled casinos made its way out of Vegas by the bagful, ending up in the coffers of the Windy City crime bosses and their confederates around the Midwest. To ensure the smooth flow of cash, the gangsters installed a front man with no criminal background, Allen R Glick, as the casino owner of record, Frank 'Lefty' Rosenthal as the real boss of casino operations, and Tony Spilotro as the ultimate enforcer, who'd do whatever it took to protect their interests. It wasn't long before Spilotro, also in charge of Vegas street crime, was known as the 'King of the Strip'. Federal and local law enforcement, recognising the need to rid the casinos of the mob and shut down Spilotro's rackets, declared war on organised crime. This book relates the story of the fight between the tough guys on both sides, told in large part by the agents and detectives who knew they had to win.

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