

# 'Mob fed' defendant passes on plea

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The crumbling murder case against a co-defendant of rogue FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio reached a new low yesterday when the accused killer laughed off a prosecutor's deal for two to six years in prison.

John Sinagra, 39, seemed eager to reject the manslaughter plea and take his chances with his lawyer's

pretrial motion to dismiss the case.

Sinagra faces life in prison if Justice Gustin Reichbach rules against him Monday and is later convicted at trial.

But he could go free if the judge finds prosecutors waited too long to act on a tip that he was involved, together with Joey Scarpa, the son of a Colombo soldier, in murdering an 18-year-old friend suspected of ratting

on Scarpa in May 1990.

DeVecchio is charged with providing the tip to Scarpa's mobster father, Gregory "The Grim Reaper" Scarpa, that led to the shooting of Patrick Porco.

The Sinagra case faltered after documents surfaced suggesting police and prosecutors had reason to suspect him as early as 1993 yet failed to act.

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