

him a waiter and a person of no political power. He also added he never visited DeLucia in prison under any aliases and didn't even know which institution he was at.

A year later during the testimony of the congressional committee investigating Paul DeLucia's parole Paul Ricca admitted that he had a longtime friendship with Peter Fosco. He also added their wives were close friends and constant companions. However, DeLucia said he had no interest in politics and never had any dealings with Fosco. Both Peter Fosco and his right hand man, Ned Bakes, would be called before the committee to testify. Ned Bakes was a former deputy sheriff in Cook County who had been a lieutenant and precinct captain for Fosco. It was also reported that Bakes operated a handbook in the 20<sup>th</sup> ward for the crime syndicate. When Peter Fosco appeared before the congressional hearing, he admitted he was a close friend of Paul DeLucia and that they both had summer homes close to one another. DeLucia's summer home was at Long Beach, Indiana and Fosco's was located in Beverly Shores, Indiana. Once again, he denied he had anything to do with Paul Ricca's parole. After the hearings, it was discovered that an aide of Peter Fosco had been an emissary for a key exchange of the money used to free DeLucia.

Soon after, in 1948, the Chicago Crime Commission received information that Capone hoodlums Joe Foggi and Jake Guzik were controlling a handbook at 726 South Wabash Avenue. It was revealed that Peter Fosco and Joe Colucci were getting a "cut" of the business.

In 1950, Peter Fosco was subpoenaed to testify along with 24<sup>th</sup> Democratic ward committeeman Arthur X. Elrod, in a senate crime investigation committee headed by Senator Kefauver. Fosco denied he had any business dealings with Paul Ricca and Tony Accardo. Listed in government reports is a FBI informant giving information that a confidential source advised that Peter Fosco put up Fred Roti as his candidate for the State Senate, Fifth Illinois District, in April 1950, Primary. This source stated that Roti operated handbooks and was tied up with gambling elements. The previous candidate was first offered \$10,000.00 to withdraw by representatives of the syndicate and later \$15,000.