

## “He Just Robbed Who?”

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The thirty-seven-year-old New York man was a small-time crook, the kind who would mug little old ladies for the cash in their purses. But on Sunday, July 21, 1996, this crook messed with the wrong little old lady. According to the Chicago Tribune, the mugger bumped into a ninety-four-year-old woman in Greenwich Village and snatched her wallet. The NYPD later picked him up, and as they drove him to the station, police lieutenant Robert McKenna told the suspect, "You just robbed the mother of the biggest mob chieftain in New York."

The ninety-four-year-old woman was Yolanda Gigante, and her son is Vincent Gigante, described by authorities as head of the Genovese mob, the nation's most powerful Mafia family.

The police lieutenant later said, "When the perp heard that, he just slumped down into the back seat of the radio car. He had a sort of stunned, resigned look on his face, sort of saying, 'How could I be so stupid?'"

Whenever we sin, we get ourselves into more trouble than we bargained for.