The Slot Rochester Riot: A Tale of Gambling, Gangsters, and Violence

In the early hours of January 21, 1964, a riot broke out at the Slot Rochester, a gambling den in Rochester, New York. The riot was sparked by a dispute between two rival gangs, the Rochester and the Syracuse. The violence quickly spread, and soon the entire building was engulfed in flames. By the time the fire was put out, one person was dead and dozens more were injured.



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The Slot Rochester

The Slot Rochester was a gambling den located at 140 Plymouth Avenue in Rochester, New York. The building was a three-story brick structure that had been built in the 1870s. The first floor of the building was occupied by a bar and a restaurant. The second and third floors were used for gambling.

The Slot Rochester was one of the most popular gambling dens in Rochester. It was known for its high-stakes poker games and its slot machines. The den was also a popular hangout for gangsters and other criminals.

The Rochester and Syracuse Gangs

The Rochester and Syracuse gangs were two of the most powerful gangs in Rochester in the 1960s. The Rochester gang was led by Salvatore "Sammy" Frangiamore. The Syracuse gang was led by Joseph "Joe the Barber" Valenti.

The two gangs were bitter rivals. They often fought over territory and gambling profits. The Slot Rochester was a particularly contentious location, as both gangs claimed it as their own.

The Riot

On the night of January 20, 1964, members of the Rochester and Syracuse gangs got into a fight at the Slot Rochester. The fight quickly escalated into a full-blown riot. Chairs and bottles were thrown, and soon the entire building was engulfed in flames.

The Rochester Fire Department was called to the scene, but the firefighters were unable to put out the fire until the building had been completely

destroyed. By the time the fire was out, one person was dead and dozens more were injured.

The Aftermath

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In the years after the riot, the Rochester Police Department cracked down on gambling dens and organized crime. The city also passed a new law that made it illegal to operate a gambling den. As a result of these efforts, gambling in Rochester declined significantly.

The Slot Rochester Riot was a turning point in the history of Rochester. It led to a crackdown on gambling and organized crime, and it helped to make the city a safer place to live.

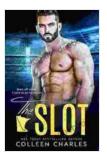
Legacy

The Slot Rochester Riot is still remembered today as a dark chapter in the history of Rochester. The riot exposed the city's deep-seated problems with gambling and organized crime. It also led to a crackdown on gambling dens and a new wave of reform in Rochester.

The Slot Rochester Riot is a reminder of the dangers of gambling and organized crime. It is also a reminder of the importance of law enforcement and community involvement in preventing crime.

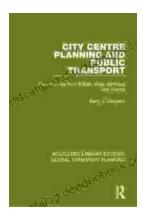
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