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## NORM: Lefty's former digs right for insecure

With features that include a bulletproof picture window and a hidden gun compartment, the former home of mobster Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal is up for sale.

The owners of the Las Vegas Country Club residence are listing it for \$725,000, real estate agent Aaron Auxier said.

At least one assassination attempt was made at the home, located at 972 Vegas Valley Drive, Auxier said. The floor-to-ceiling picture window overlooking the golf course has what appears to be a splintered effect from a bullet, he said.

The home was built in 1970 and purchased new by Rosenthal, who lived in it until shortly after his most serious brush with death: the October 1982 car bomb that incinerated his Cadillac in the parking lot at Tony Roma's on East Sahara Avenue.

Rosenthal ran the Stardust for the Chicago mob until he was placed in the state's Black Book, which barred him from working or entering Nevada casinos because of alleged ties to organized crime.

Rosenthal, whose character ("Ace" Rothstein) in the 1995 mob classic "Casino" was played by Robert De Niro, died Oct. 13, 2008, in Miami Beach, Fla. He was 79.

  
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Auxier said the secret gun compartment is located in a closet where Rosenthal's wife, Geri, kept her fur coats. Sharon Stone, cast as the wife of De Niro's character in "Casino," was nominated for a best actress Oscar.

When a fire at a neighbor's house badly damaged Rosenthal's in the mid-1970s, the Stardust reportedly remodeled it for about \$500,000. The door to the master bedroom is extra thick and opens out, not in, so it would be more difficult to kick in, Auxier said.

At one time, he added, the bedroom walls featured nine video screens that allowed Rosenthal to watch his house and keep tabs on the Stardust.

The homeowners are connected to mob hit man Tony Spilotro's family, Auxier said, but are not willing to be identified or interviewed. They are selling Rosenthal and Spilotro artifacts, including keys to a Cadillac owned by Rosenthal, to the mob exhibit going into the renovated Tropicana.

The home "has the feel of a 1970s Vegas mafia nightclub," Auxier said. "There's a lot of gold, mirrors, ornate features."





Mayor Oscar Goodman has said he spent a good amount of time in the house repping Lefty and Spilotro.

"It's a killer opportunity," Auxier said.

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