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# Mobster And An Art Theft Mystery

FBI: Gentile May  
Hold Heist Key

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HARTFORD — In court last week, his handcuffs off and his 250-plus pounds settled on a hard, wooden chair, wiseguy Robert Gentile turned to his wife and children in the gallery and complained.

“No razor,” the 75-year old Gentile whispered, scraping at his jaw with an imaginary razor. “No shave. No shower. No nothing.”

He had been locked up on drug and gun charges for four days, since Feb. 10, when FBI agents charged him and an associate with selling prescription painkillers.

When agents searched his house and a backyard shed, they found everything from pistols and silencers to two, 6-foot elephant tusks.

The weaponry alone constituted a “veritable arsenal,” a federal judge said.

But, arsenal aside, law enforcement interest in Gentile appears to lie elsewhere: The FBI suspects the old-school Hartford hustler could have inside information about the

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