# The Real Story of the Lufthansa Heist: Mafia, Murder, and the Untold Truth

In 1978, a group of Lufthansa employees stole \$5.87 million from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City. It was the largest cash robbery in U.S. history. The heist was planned and executed by a crew of Lufthansa employees and members of the Lucchese crime family.



## The Big Heist: The Real Story of the Lufthansa Heist, the Mafia, and Murder by Anthony M. DeStefano

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The story of the Lufthansa heist is a complex one, involving multiple players and a tangled web of events. This book tells the real story of the heist, from its planning to its aftermath. It is a story of greed, betrayal, and violence, and it is a story that has never been fully told before.

#### The Lufthansa Employees

The Lufthansa employees who participated in the heist were Jimmy Burke, Henry Hill, Tommy DeSimone, and Robert "Frenchy" Manri. Burke was the mastermind of the heist, and he recruited the other men to help him carry it out. Hill was a Lufthansa cargo agent, and he provided Burke with the information he needed to plan the heist. DeSimone was a hitman for the Lucchese crime family, and he was responsible for killing the Lufthansa employees who were witnesses to the heist. Manri was a Lufthansa mechanic, and he helped Burke disable the alarm system at the airport.

#### The Lucchese Crime Family

The Lucchese crime family was one of the most powerful crime families in New York City in the 1970s. The family was led by Paul Vario, and he was the one who approved Burke's plan to rob Lufthansa. Vario provided Burke with the money and the manpower he needed to carry out the heist.

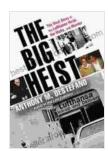
#### The Heist

The Lufthansa heist took place on December 11, 1978. Burke and his crew arrived at the airport at around 6:00 p.m. They were disguised as Lufthansa employees, and they were carrying weapons. The crew entered the Lufthansa cargo terminal and overpowered the employees who were working there. They then loaded the stolen money into a van and drove away.

#### The Aftermath

The Lufthansa heist was a major success for Burke and his crew. They got away with \$5.87 million, and they were able to avoid being caught by the police. However, the heist also led to a wave of violence. DeSimone killed several people who were witnesses to the heist, and Burke himself was eventually killed by his own crew.

The Lufthansa heist is a fascinating story of greed, betrayal, and violence. It is a story that has been told many times, but never before in such detail. This book tells the real story of the heist, from its planning to its aftermath. It is a story that will shock and amaze you, and it is a story that you will never forget.

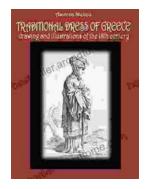


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