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Writer claims to be a Capone



Christopher Loh Reporter

After his father died in his arms when he was 13, Boston resident Chris Knight began searching for his true identity when a family friend told him his father was the illegitimate son of the infamous Chicago gangster Al Capone.

In his book Son of Scarface: A Memoir by the Grandson of Al Capone, published in January, Knight discusses the implications the discovery had on his life.

"I feel like I've lifted a great weight off my shoulders," he said.

Although Knight is still trying to arrange a blood test for scientific proof, a private investigator and genealogist have produced enough evidence that he is "100 percent" certain he is Capone's grandson and the last living male Capone, which complicates any possible blood test.

Since the book's launch, a number of Capone family members have contacted Knight. Some have told him there are similarities to the story about his father while others have said they don't believe him.

Knight, originally from New Jersey, moved to Boston for graduate school 10 years ago.

"I think Al Capone was a very fascinating person even though he was a mobster and he killed a lot of people," Knight said. "But you know, I can't change history - what he did, who he was - but what I can do is tell people my story and hopefully they can reflect with me on the type of life that I had and my father and my search."

Video

Watch video of Knight talking about other aspects of his story below.



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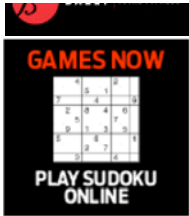
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