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Henry Hill Jr. (June 11, 1943 – June 12, 2012) was an American mobster who was associated with the Lucchese crime family of New York City from 1955 until 1980, when he was arrested on narcotics charges and became an FBI informant. Hill testified against his former Mafia associates, resulting in fifty convictions, including those of caporegime (captain) Paul Vario and fellow associate James Burke on multiple charges. Hill subsequently entered the Witness Protection Program but was removed from the program in 1987.

Hill's life story was documented in the true crime book Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family by Nicholas Pileggi, which was subsequently adapted by Martin Scorsese into the critically acclaimed 1990 film Goodfellas, in which Hill was portrayed by Ray Liotta. The crime comedy film My Blue Heaven is a heavily fictionalized version of Hill's life story, its screenplay written by Pileggi's wife Nora Ephron based on joint researched sessions with her husband.

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Wiseguy originally starred Ken Wahl as Vinnie Terranova, a Brooklyn native and Fordham University graduate who was a deep cover operative for the FBI under the supervision of senior agent Frank McPike, played by Jonathan Banks. The primary cast was rounded out by Jim Byrnes, who played an information operative known as Lifeguard (real name Daniel Burroughs) who assisted Vinnie in the field.

After the third season, Wahl departed from the series. Steven Bauer was brought in to replace Wahl as the lead, with Cecil Hoffman joining as a fourth regular cast member alongside Bauer and the returning Banks and Byrnes. Wiseguy ended its run midway through 1991 with three produced episodes left unaired.

The series was filmed in Vancouver, British Columbia, one of the first American television series to embrace "Hollywood North's" lower production costs compared to the United States. Over the course of its run, it would be nominated for seven Primetime Emmy Awards (including for Outstanding Drama Series) and four Golden Globe Awards, with Wahl winning Best Actor – Television Series Drama in 1990.

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Mitsubishi TV advertisement and the latter was used in Budweiser commercials.

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Thomas James DeSimone (June 6, 1946 – disappeared January 14, 1979) was an American criminal associated with New York City's Lucchese crime family who is alleged to have participated in both the Air France robbery and the Lufthansa heist. He also committed numerous murders, including killing William "Billy Batts" Bentvena in 1970. DeSimone went missing in 1979 and is believed to have been murdered.

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Jonathan Ray Banks (born January 31, 1947) is an American actor. He played FBI Special Agent Frank McPike in the television series Wiseguy (1987–1990). For his role, he was nominated for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series. Banks gained renewed recognition for his role as hitman and fixer Mike Ehrmantraut in the television series Breaking Bad (2009–2013). He reprised the role as a lead character in the spin-off series Better Call Saul (2015–2022) and its sequel film, El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie (2019). For playing Ehrmantraut, he received five nominations for the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series.

Banks' film projects include *The Rose* (1979), *Airplane!* (1980), *Frances* (1982), *Beverly Hills Cop* (1984), *Armed and Dangerous* (1986), *There Goes the Neighborhood* (1992), *Under Siege 2: Dark Territory* (1995), *Foolish* (1999), *Puff, Puff, Pass* (2006), *Identity Thief* (2013) and *The Commuter* (2018). He also appeared prominently in the fifth season of *Community* (2014) and provided the voice of Commissioner Jim Gordon in the video game *Batman: Arkham Knight* (2015), and Brit in the animated series *Invincible* (2025–present).

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