

Sales price on Murder Inc. mansion in Fort Lee: \$5 million

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The sale of the Fort Lee manor built by Murder Inc. mobster Albert Anastasia closed Tuesday for \$5 million cash, according to the real estate agent who listed it.

It's Bergen County's most expensive single-family sale so far this year, said the agent, Joshua Baris of Prominent Properties Sotheby's International Realty in Tenafly. The sale was announced in June, but the price was not disclosed then.

The Mediterranean-style home at 75 Bluff Road was sold by Arthur Imperatore, founder of the NY Waterway ferry. He had originally planned to auction it in June, but accepted an offer the day before the auction was to take place. Baris declined to name the buyer, who he said bought the home in an LLC for privacy reasons. The 1.3-acre property, which has New York skyline views, is large enough to be subdivided, but Baris said the buyer has not decided what to do with it.

Photos: [A look inside Murder Inc. mobster's former Fort Lee mansion](#)

The seven-bedroom home, at 75 Bluff Road, was built in 1947 by Anastasia, the cold-blooded killer associated with the New York mob's Murder Inc. He had left New York City after a crackdown on organized crime.

Anastasia lived in the home for about a decade before he was gunned down in a barber's chair in a New York City hotel in 1957. No one was ever charged in that crime.

After Anastasia's death, comedian Buddy Hackett bought the home at a Bergen County sheriff's auction in 1958. Imperatore bought the property in 1970. His wife, from whom he was separated for many years, lived in the home until her recent death.

Imperatore's first business venture was the trucking firm A-P-A Transport Corp. of North Bergen, which closed in 2002. Imperatore also bought old Penn Central rail yards along the Hudson River waterfront in Weehawken and West New York in 1981, with a plan to redevelop the land. But he lost most of the property to

foreclosure in the 1990s. Roseland Property Co. of Short Hills, now a part of Mack-Cali Realty Corp., carried out his vision, leading the development of the mixed-use Port Imperial project.

Imperatore's NY Waterway gained international attention in January 2009, when its boats and employees led the rescue of 155 US Airways passengers whose jet ditched on the frigid Hudson River.