



SCRYPT SPRINT

CHICAGO PROHIBITION CIPHER

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Five ciphers. One city. The truth is buried in the blood and the paper trail of the most corrupt era in American history.

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CLUES

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FORMAT

TIMED RACE

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FROM THE PUZZLE MASTER

Chicago in the 1920s was not a city. It was a cipher.

Every speakeasy had a second door. Every cop had a second paycheck. Every name in the papers meant something different to the people who knew how to read between the lines.

Solve each clue. Write your answers. When you have all five you will have what you need to unlock the final submission. The first three correct submissions claim the prize pool.

The city kept its secrets for a hundred years. Let's see how long it takes you.

Good luck, cipher.

Salvador Satoshi

HOW TO PLAY

01 READ EACH CLUE CAREFULLY

Every word is intentional. Nothing is decoration.

02 WRITE YOUR ANSWERS

Each clue produces one answer or a combination. Record them all.

03 SUBMIT WHEN READY

Enter all answers at satoshiscrypt.com/sprint/chicago-2026. The portal opens Sunday, August 2 at 12:00 noon.

04 FIRST THREE CORRECT SOLVES WIN

Timestamp is everything. The race closes once three correct solves are in.

05 ARCHIVE ACCESS

After the race closes the pack drops to \$5. Completion earns a merch coupon.

** The Puzzle Master assumes no responsibility for lost sleep, obsessive thinking, or sudden urges to visit Chicago. The ciphers are intentionally difficult. That is the point.*

CLUE ONE

THE FEAST OF SAINTS

Chicago had a holiday that year that nobody celebrated twice.

Seven men. One garage. A date that the city has never been able to forget no matter how hard it has tried.

The men who pulled the triggers wore uniforms. The man who ordered it wore a suit and was four states away.

The date is written below — but the month has been replaced by its number, the day subtracted by five, and the year divided by a number you will find hidden in the body count.

Solve the arithmetic. What remains is the date the city bled on the feast of saints.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
2	9	275.57 ...
(as written)	(add 5)	(multiply by 7)

WRITE YOUR ANSWER



CLUE TWO

THE FLORIST

He was a gangster who loved flowers.

Dion O'Banion ran the North Side with an iron hand and arranged bouquets with the other. His shop sat across the street from Holy Name Cathedral — which is either the city's greatest irony or its most honest statement about the relationship between God and Chicago in those years.

Three men came in on a Monday morning in November 1924. They said they were there for a wreath. They were.

O'Banion had survived a hundred confrontations that should have killed him. He was killed by a handshake — a greeting he could not refuse from a man whose grip held him in place long enough for the other two to finish the conversation.

TWO THINGS IDENTIFY HIM.

His trade.

His street.

WHAT WAS HIS TRADE, AND WHAT STREET DID HIS SHOP STAND ON?

WRITE YOUR ANSWER

CLUE THREE

THE PAPER TRAIL

The bullets never touched him.

Five hundred murders. A city on its knees. An organization that had purchased police, judges, and aldermen the way other men buy groceries.

None of it put him in a cell. What put him in a cell was paper.

A man named Frank — not a gunman, not an operative, but an accountant — found the seam in an empire built on cash. The government could not prove the murders. They could prove the money.

The charge that ended his empire is encoded below using the same method the accountants used to hide their findings — written across two rails, the truth visible only when you know how to read the ledger.

RAIL ONE — THE HIGH ENTRIES

T _ X _ V _ S _ O _

RAIL TWO — THE LOW ENTRIES

_ A _ E _ A _ I _ N

Read rail one first. Then rail two. Combine them alternating.

WHAT WAS HE CONVICTED OF?

WRITE YOUR ANSWER



CLUE FOUR

THE LEXINGTON

He did not hide.

The most wanted man in America kept an entire floor of a hotel in the heart of the city, received visitors in a wood-paneled office, and conducted the business of an empire from a room whose number has become its own kind of legend.

The hotel was called the Lexington. It stood at Michigan Avenue and 22nd Street. The floor and the room are hidden in the passage below.

Bootleggers used book ciphers to communicate — a number pointed to a word, and the word pointed to the truth. This passage contains the room number hidden in plain sight.

Count only the words that name a number, a floor, or a position. Ignore everything else. Read them in the order they appear.

"On the fourth floor, past the third corridor, room zero sits at the end — the room where orders became outcomes."

THE DIGITS ARE ALREADY THERE. WHAT IS THE ROOM?

WRITE YOUR ANSWER



CLUE FIVE

THE UNTOUCHABLES

There were men in that city who could not be bought.

In a place where the police commissioner was on the payroll, where judges received envelopes, and where the mayor himself was known to look away — there were nine men who refused every envelope that arrived.

They were called the Untouchables. Not because they were powerful. Because they were incorruptible — which in Chicago in 1930 was the more remarkable quality.

Their leader's name is the answer to this clue. But it is not given to you directly.

Every city has its price.

Like water finding cracks, money moves through walls.

In the tunnels beneath the streets the bourbon ran.

Our envelopes were returned unopened, every one.

The raids began in October of that year.

WHAT IS THE NAME?

WRITE YOUR ANSWER

FINAL SUBMISSION

YOU HAVE REACHED THE END

Collect all five answers and combine them into your final submission. Enter them in clue order, separated by a dot, at the portal below. It opens Sunday, August 2 at 12:00 noon.

CLUE ONE	THE FEAST OF SAINTS	The date the city bled
CLUE TWO	THE FLORIST	His trade and his street
CLUE THREE	THE PAPER TRAIL	What brought the empire down
CLUE FOUR	THE LEXINGTON	Where he ruled from
CLUE FIVE	THE UNTOUCHABLES	The name hidden in the lines

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RACE STAYS OPEN UNTIL THE FIRST THREE CORRECT SOLVES CLAIM THEIR PRIZES

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