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### Vincent "Buddy" Cianci

Buddy Cianci, born in Providence, RI, in 1941, is now at Fort Dix, a federal jail in New Jersey. He is the former mayor of Providence and is known for having two faces. He was first elected mayor in 1974 and stayed in office until 1984 when he was suspended from the position. This was his first brush with the judicial system of many to come. He was convicted of "assaulting a man with an ashtray, lit cigarette and fireplace log." Cianci said that this man had been having an affair with his wife; he pleaded no contest to this accusation. During this 5-year suspension, Cianci became a highly rated and popular talk show host. This popularity got him reelected in 1991 as mayor of Providence again. He remained in office until 2002 when the FBI charged him with several accounts of "racketeering, conspiracy and extortion." He was eventually indicted on twelve federal counts. The investigation became known as "Operation Plunder Dome" and the FBI basically said that Cianci was "running a criminal operation out of City Hall."

While in office, Cianci did improve Providence and this helped him stay in office for so many years. He is praised for raising the image and economy of the city as well as for putting a lot of effort into revitalization projects. He is also known for attending lots of parades and other public events. This allowed him to keep his image of a friendly and innocent man with the city's welfare as his main concern. However, this was just to cover up all of the scandals and corruption that happened while he was in office.