

Herman Garcia

“Life and Times of Herman Garcia, The California Kid”

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction, and the truth is that no character, fictional or in real life, can stand up to the exploits in the life of Herman Garcia.

“California Kid” is a slice from the life of Herman Garcia, Jr. This two-fisted leading character combines the flair and machismo of a Latino riverboat gambler with the compassion and concern of a contemporary community activist. His turf is Monterey Street, a brawling red-light district in the Northern California town of Gilroy.

At age 21, a family tragedy makes Herman the reluctant proprietor, of the family’s business, “Garcia’s” – the only poker parlor in the state of California allowed to play 5 card stud roll your own, more commonly known as California Stud.

The Story of Herman Garcia is one of night and day. By day he cared for his children and helped in the community, but by night, it was like someone shined a bat signal into the sky. He came to the rescue of policeman and civilians and often himself. Herman was not a violent person unless he was provoked: and when the violence erupted, it was exactly that, a volcanic eruption. After countless attempts on his life, the word went out, “Herman is impossible to kill!” To poker players, Herman was a relentless competitor who showed little mercy to the professional or amateur player. To criminals, he became a ghost.

As a concerned entrepreneur, Herman realized the degenerate conditions of Monterey Street had a negative effect on his business. Cleaning up the area became part of Herman’s mission to restore the business and the community to decency. He sensed the police cared little about his part of town and attempted to work alone to clean things up. After an attempted robbery at the club, Herman is convinced by his old family friend, Santiago, that he must get the police involved in the efforts to restore Monterey Street. Herman Garcia the “Crime fighter” was born!

Crime Fighter

- Nominated for the Presidential Medal of Freedom (highest civilian honor in U.S.)
- Received Presidential Letter of Commendation from President George Bush Sr.
- Letter of Commendation from White House “Points of Light Program”
- Commendation from City of Gilroy for “eliminating criminal elements”
 - Broke up three organized crime syndicates
 - Has made over one thousand arrests while never using a gun
 - Been in over one thousand fights defending himself and victims of violence
 - Targeted for execution by the most powerful and deadliest crime syndicates in the state while assisting FBI task force on organized crime

Most incredibly, all of this was done as a civilian! He never accepted monetary compensation, salary, rewards, or commissions on his arrests!

Professional Poker Player

- Arguably the best Five Card Stud player of all-time
- Third generation professional poker player (Great Uncle, Father and Son)
- Father legalized Stud Poker in California on May 10, 1962 (California Stud)
- Founded California Card Club Owners Assoc. (largest lobbying group in Sacramento for the industry)
- Published California Stud a historical account of poker playing in the U.S. (focusing on California's Card Clubs)
- Managed and owned is card club for 30 years

In many ways, the "California Kid" story is a modern day western. It's the story of the good guys versus the bad guys with a central character, who has the flair of a riverboat gambler and the panache of a Doc Holiday.

We now have purpose to negotiate a deal, that resolve is to fund the environmental mission in preserving and protecting our natural resources for the next generation.

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WRITTEN AND DEDICATED TO OUR CRIME FIGHTING DAD!

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