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SUBJECT: CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

FILE: 62-28915

SECTION 5



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 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri**

FILE NO. 62-2830

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/27/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/27/33	REPORT MADE BY: L. J. Reuber
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS			CHARACTER OF CASE: Miscellaneous Murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Jesse Donaldson, Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General advised Roy Sherrill held up and robbed mail train at Paola, Kansas, June, 1918, was arrested September, 1918 for the robbery, and sentenced to 25 years U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Escaped subsequently and operated with the Al Spencer gang in the Osage Hills of Oklahoma; was captured McAlester, Oklahoma in 1925; returned to prison. Associates: Information concerning Harvey Bailey secured. Clement Braley, alias F. C. Barnes unknown. Complete history of Sherrill on file at office of Postal Inspectors and Detective Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri.

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This investigation was conducted upon instructions of Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Bureau who had received information by telephone from the St. Louis office that an informant named Ingraham had advised that Roy Sherrill who was traveling with Harvey Bailey and Clement Braley alias Barnes and two other men whose names were unknown had advised Ingraham that he had killed Frank Nash and Special Agent Caffrey at Kansas City, Missouri. Ingraham had also advised that the Postal Inspector named Jesse Donaldson, now attached to the Washington office, knew Sherrill and could furnish information concerning him.

DETAILS: This Agent contacted Mr. Jesse Donaldson, Deputy Second Assistant Postmaster General, Room 506 Post Office Building. A photograph of Roy Sherrill that had been secured from the Division of Identification was exhibited to Mr. Donaldson and he immediately recognized Sherrill as being the individual who, with four other men, held up and robbed a mail train at Paola, Kansas in June of 1918. Mr. Donaldson stated that he personally worked on this case, and to his knowledge, Sherrill was arrested near Denver, Colorado in September, 1918, after having driven an automobile through two posses; that at the time of his capture he was badly wounded.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>L. P. Oliver</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-149	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 5 1933
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Mr. Donaldson stated that all of the other individuals implicated in this mail robbery were dead, with the exception of a St. Louis gangster named King, alias Knight who also received 25 years for mail robbery. Mr. Donaldson advised that Sherrill escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas shortly after his incarceration there; that after his escape he joined the Al Spencer gang which was then operating in the Osage Hills of Oklahoma; that Sherrill was subsequently captured some time around 1925 near McAlester, Oklahoma and returned to prison. Mr. Donaldson advised that at the time Sherrill was arrested near Denver, Colorado, in 1918, Eva Lewis was in the car with one George/Eudaley, that Eudaley and Sherrill were very friendly; that Eudaley had served time in the Jefferson City Penitentiary for bank robbery. Mr. Donaldson advised that Roy Sherrill was also known as Gabe Sherrill, that he was the son of a Baptist minister who lived at Terre Haute, Indiana, and that his father may be living there at the present time; that Roy Sherrill has a younger brother named Ray Sherrill who has been connected with Roy Sherrill in numerous store robberies in the past. Mr. Donaldson advised that Sherrill is a vicious outlaw who is an expert shot with any kind of firearms and that in his opinion Sherrill would not hesitate to shoot on the slightest provocation.

Mr. Donaldson advised further that Harvey Bailey was a well-known gangster who had robbed a bank at Fort Scott; that Bailey was serving time in the Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas at the time Sherrill and his companions held up the mail train at Paola, Kansas. Mr. Donaldson states that to his knowledge Bailey and Sherrill were rather intimate acquaintances. Clement Braley alias F. C. Barnes was not known by Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. Donaldson advised that he has lost track of the individuals mentioned above since 1925, however, that all information in the possession of the Post Office

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Inspectors is on file at the office of the Post Office Inspector in Charge at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Donaldson advised further that Thomas Higgins, Chief of the Detectives, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, has complete knowledge of the activities of Roy Sherrill and Bailey and would no doubt be able to give valuable information concerning their acquaintances and their present whereabouts.

Mr. Donaldson advised that the informant ~~Graham~~ was unknown to him.

For the information of the Kansas City Office, the Bureau is forwarding copies of the photograph and fingerprints of Roy Sherrill.

The necessary investigative activity in connection with the facts related in this report is being left to the discretion of the office of origin, consequently no leads are being set up by this office.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the attached report of Agent Rauber, dated June 27, 1933, concerning Roy Sherrill, alleged to be one of the group who killed Agent Caffrey and police officers at Kansas City, inquiry of Division Six developed that their records on Roy D. Sherrill failed to show that he had been released from the Penitentiary at Leavenworth but that apparently his sentence was reduced from 25 to 10 years and that his time would be near expiration.

Inquiry of the Prison Bureau elicited the information that after Roy D. Sherrill had been returned to the penitentiary subsequent to his escape his sentence was reduced from 25 to 10 years; that he was released on conditional pardon on February 7, 1930 and all conditions were discharged January 1, 1931; that, therefore, he has been out of the Penitentiary since 1930.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

V. W. Hughes.

Try & find out the reasons for reduction in his sentence from 25 to 10 years.

7/30/33 J. G. N

*Mem. Division
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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois
June 27, 1933

AIR MAIL

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ⁰FRANK NASH, Escaped Federal Prisoner,
I. O. #1166.

Attention is directed to the Chicago Office letter dated June 22, 1933, which dealt with certain investigations made in regard to the telephonic communication of the Kansas City Office, to the effect that Central 5990, Chicago, Illinois, and Melrose Park 645, Melrose Park, Illinois, had been called on the telephone from the Southern Club in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The list of calls which were appended to the letter, and which were made from the number Melrose Park 645, were all the calls recorded up to June 15, 1933. Today, for the first time, calls made on and later than June 15, 1933, were available. Among the calls noted was one which was made on June 16 to Jackson 9702, Kansas City, Missouri, which appears to be the number of the Horseshoe Tavern, and the call was listed as having been made to one Fritz Mallory. The other numbers called on June 16, which were numerous, and on June 17, 18, 19, are being checked by the Chicago Office, in order to obtain the name and address of the subscribers and such investigation will be conducted, as is deemed necessary.

It is suggested that appropriate attention be given to the possible identity of this Fritz Mallory at the Horseshoe Tavern in Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Bureau
Oklahoma City.

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203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

June 27, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
MISCELLANEOUS.
MURDER OF SPECIAL AGENT R. J. CAFFEY.
St. Paul File No. 62-888.

Please secure and forward to the St. Paul Office immediately two photographs of MAX PHILLIPS, Kansas City Police Department Register #20399. It is desired that a complete description as to scars, marks, etc., be furnished with the photographs.

It is also requested that two of the most recent photographs of FRED BARKER, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department #8204, and ALVIN KARPIS, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department #8006 be furnished to the St. Paul Office.

If photographs were taken of the body of FRANK NASH, after his death, it is desired that at least one copy of these photographs be furnished the St. Paul Office for use in the investigation. This request is made because of the information that NASH'S appearance had been changed and the photograph appearing on I.O. #1166 did not bear a strong resemblance to him. Kindly advise the calibre of the cartridge used by the killers at Kansas City. This information is desired because there is some indication that NASH, KARPIS, and BARKER may have been the individuals robbing the bank at Farmington, Minnesota, on May 16, 1933, at which time \$17,000.00 were stolen. Prior to the robbery, the robbers discarded a number of cartridge boxes and some cartridges, and the information requested is for the purpose of comparison.

It is desired that the photographs requested be furnished to the St. Paul Office at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

OGH:EC
CC Bureau

R. C. COULTER, ACTING,
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 28, 1933

M H PURVIS
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 24, 1933

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

GUS T JONES
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

Re Frank Nash, F.P.

HAVE APPARENTLY RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT T J HIGGINS IS WRONG AND IS THE PROTECTION IN KANSAS CITY AND THAT IT IS SUICIDE TO CONFIDE IN HIM STOP THIS INFORMATION COMES FROM HIGHPOWERED CRIMINALS AM AFRAID VETTERLIS CONFIDENCE MISPLACED SUGGEST CONFER WITH HIM ON THIS AND GOVERN YOUR ACTIONS ACCORDINGLY

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Oklahoma City Okla June 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.
Kansas City, Mo.

Frank Nash,
O.C. File 98-151.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our telephone conversation this morning: We have what we are confident is absolutely reliable information to the effect that Frank Nash engineered the recent Lansing, Kansas, prison escape plot; that he did so in behalf of his old friends and associates, Harve Bailey, Jim Clark and Bob Brady, who were among the escapes, and who are still at large.

There is no doubt but that they would come to his rescue in return for the assistance rendered. We think this angle should be given serious attention. I enclose pictures of Bob Brady, Harve Bailey, Jim Clark and Ed Davis.

The information given above comes direct from the original informant who put the finger on Nash for us.
I write this in haste, so excuse bad typing etc.

Very truly yours,

R.H. Colvin
Special Agent in Charge

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Director
United States Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Confirming long distance telephone conversation had this afternoon with Special Agent Cowley at the Bureau, the following data is submitted:

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Special Agent M. W. Meekins at Toledo, Ohio inquired as to this matter of the Superintendent of the Toledo, Ohio Police Identification Section and was advised that CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias FRANK MITCHELL alias PRETTY BOY SMITH alias PRETTY BOY FLOYD was sentenced at Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio in Common Pleas Court 11/24/30 for the crime of Bank Robbery committed at Sylvania, O. The sentence indicated was twelve to fifteen years confinement in the Ohio State Prison. Floyd escaped December 10, 1930 at Kenton, Ohio while being transported to prison. He was 23 years of age in 1930 and the Toledo Police Department submitted his fingerprints to the Bureau at Washington. His Toledo Police Department number is 21458.

Def. in file 653
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In addition to the above, Floyd was taken into custody on this charge at Akron, Ohio with two other persons, John King and Bert Walker. King was returned to Toledo and received a sentence in the Ohio State Prison and Walker was electrocuted for murder of an Akron, Ohio policeman.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Donaldson
R. B. Donaldson, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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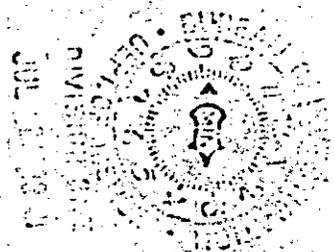
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio



June 30, 1933

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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with the telephone conversation had with Mr. Cowley of the Bureau on June 29, 1933 concerning the matter of CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, please be advised that Special Agent H. D. Harris ascertained from Warden Thomas, Ohio State Penitentiary that they have no official record of the above individual, although Warden Thomas has some general knowledge of his activities and reputation. He advised that in view of the fact that subject did not reach the institution after having been sentenced to it, there is no file on him and no official notation of his having been sentenced.

From Mr. S. M. Current, Superintendent, Bertillon Bureau, Ohio Penitentiary, there was secured photograph and fingerprints of subject, enclosed herewith. These had been secured by Mr. Current from the Toledo, Ohio police department. Mr. Current also has a file on subject, indicating his correct name to be Charles Arthur Floyd, with the following aliases: Frank Mitchell; "Pretty Boy" Smith; Charles Arthur Boyd. His fingerprint classification is 1 U 00 19.
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Under date of January 22, 1932 a letter was received from Wm. J. Burns International Detective Agency, 165 Broadway, New York City, per C. W. Chapman, asking if a reward had been offered for subject by the Ohio Penitentiary, the information being desired for use in an article to be published in the American Bankers Association Journal, Protective Section for February 1932. This letter indicates that subject had been implicated in numerous bank robberies in Oklahoma. It cites his conviction of November 24, 1930 following the robbery of a bank at Sylvania, Ohio his sentence to 12 years in the Ohio Penitentiary and his escape on December 10, 1930 while enroute to the penitentiary.

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Letters have also been received asking for photographs and/or fingerprints from the following:

Grady C. Anderson, Constable, McAlester, Oklahoma (Also requesting copy for Joe L. Wheeler, Chief of Police, Canadian, Oklahoma).

Frank Hale, Sheriff, Montgomery County, Mount Ida, Arkansas.

Nath Barkett, Sheriff, Plainview, Texas.

W. M. Friedlander, U. S. Marshal's office, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

There is transmitted herewith photostatic copy of the fingerprints and photograph of Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases.

Very truly yours,



N. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc. (1)

Name—Charles Arthur FLOYD
 Alias—"Pretty Boy" Smith—Frank Mitchell
 Age—24 in 1931, height 5' 7½", weight 158, dark chestnut hair, light blue eyes.
 Tattoo—Red Cross Nurse and Rose at Left Forearm Front.



Bowling Green, Ohio, May 15th, 1931.
 (Circular 8A by Toledo Police)

REWARD

FLOYD is wanted for the murder of Patrolman Ralph Castner, who was shot on April 16th, 1931 and died April 23rd, 1931.

The Commissioners of Wood County offer a reward of \$1,000.00 for the arrest and conviction of Floyd, alias Mitchell.

Subject has record at St. Louis, Mo. as No. 22318; Kansas City, Mo. as No. 16950; Kansas City, Kans. No. 3999, Pueblo, Colo. as No. 887; Missouri State Prison as No. 29078; at Toledo, O. as No. 21458, Akron, O. as 19983.

Extreme caution should be used when approaching Floyd, alias Mitchell, as he will not hesitate to shoot.

Address all information to the undersigned.
 Bruce C. Pratt,
 Sheriff, Wood County,
 Bowling Green, Ohio.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash. Chi. File 62-1649

WERNER HANDEL
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
July 1, 1933.

FORWARD BUREAU PHOTOGRAPH VERNE C MILLER SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER
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Department of Justice

801 Title Guaranty Bldg.
Saint Louis, Missouri
July 1, 1933

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

In Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (Obstruction
of Justice; endeavor to return Federal
prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agent in Charge
T. D. Quinn informed this office that Mr. H. C. Ingraham
is presently located at the Havelin Hotel in Cincinnati,
Ohio. Mr. Quinn instructed him to keep this office ad-
vised of any new address, which he promised to do, and
this information will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau
and the Kansas City Office by this office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Clegg

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-1-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-29/33	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. DOWD.
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner - FRANK NASH).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone number 623W, Pampa, Texas, in name of Arthur Swanson, Pampa, Texas, who is superintendent of fabrication of the Cabot Shops, Inc., Pampa. A. W. Babione, a recent resident of Pampa, Texas, and owner of Green Buick Sedan bearing 1933 License #445708, motor 2512356, has been employed for seven years as an oil driller with Crea & Hoover Drilling Company. The latter firm ceased operations at Pampa, Texas in April, 1933, leaving Babione without employment. Babione and family departed from Pampa in his car on June 8, 1933, stating he was going to visit and reside with his mother-in-law, a Mrs. Farmer at Webb City, Missouri. Swanson and Babione appear to bear good reputations at Pampa, Texas.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Office, dated June 26, 1933.

DETAILS:

Before conducting this investigation at Pampa, Texas, Agent conferred with R. H. Routh, Amarillo, Texas, in charge of the State Highway Patrolmen, assigned to the Panhandle, and L. T. Keffer, License & Weight Inspector of the State Highway Patrol, both of whom are highly regarded and reliable, and have been cooperating to the fullest extent with the Dallas Office. They stated that Burger and Pampa, Texas are considered two of the worst hide-outs in Texas for gamblers, bank robbers and underworld characters, and their experiences have been that the sheriff's office, police department and constables at both places, particularly Pampa, cannot be relied upon, and advised against contacting any of the peace officers while at Pampa, Texas.

In this connection, Sgt. Routh and L. T. Keffer volunteered to accompany Agent to Pampa, Texas and assist in every way possible, and stated that Postmaster Coell, Sherman White, County Attorney (the latter who has called them in

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from time to time on confidential investigations), and Carson Loftus of the business men's association at Pampa, would be reliable sources of information.

Telephone number 623W mentioned in reference letter, is in the name of Arthur Swanson, 417 North West Street, Pampa, Texas. The 1933 Pampa City Directory lists him as Arthur Swanson (wife Anne), Supt. Cabot Shops, Inc., home address 417 North West Street. Agent ascertained from Postmaster David E. Cecil that Swanson is well known to him; that he came to Pampa, Texas, from Baltimore, Maryland, and has been for the past six years employed with the Cabot Carbon Company; that the Cabot Shops, Inc., is a subsidiary. Mr. Cecil stated that the Cabot Carbon Company is an important industry and has four or five plants in the vicinity of Pampa, Texas, their main office being at Pampa; that Swanson who is superintendent of fabrication, has been with the company since his arrival at Pampa; that he bears an excellent reputation and he never heard anything derogatory to his character.

Agent interviewed Carson Loftus, Manager of the Better Business Bureau and Retail Credit Men's Association, Pampa, Texas. He stated that he was well acquainted with Arthur Swanson, who is about 36 years of age and lives with his wife (no children) at 417 North West Street, Pampa, Texas, he having lived here for the past six years. He exhibited Swanson's file which indicates that when it was last checked on April 2, 1930, Arthur Swanson was Superintendent of Fabrication of the Cabot Carbon Company and earning a salary of \$300.00 a month, excellent record of paying bills, high character and reputation. According to Mr. Loftus, Arthur Swanson is still with the Cabot Carbon Company as Superintendent of Fabrication and highly regarded by that company.

At the Southwestern Telephone Company, in the absence of Mr. E. Hooks, Manager, Agent interviewed his secretary Miss L. Carter and ascertained that telephone number 623 W has been in the name of Arthur Swanson for more than three years and the records do not indicate any long distance calls during the month of June, 1933. According to Miss Carter no record is kept of incoming long distance calls when placed station to station except when made collect; that long distance station to station paid calls are handled like local calls, the Pampa operator ringing the number in the regular way.

In order to verify that Arthur Swanson was still with the Cabot Shops, Inc., Agent called the main office at Pampa, Texas, by telephone and was told that Mr. Swanson was at the time at one of the plants supervising some work. No name or message was left for him.

Sherman White, County Attorney, Gray County, Pampa, Texas, when interviewed by Agent, stated that he knew Arthur Swanson who was known at Pampa as Art; that the latter enjoys a good reputation at Pampa, Texas.

The City Directory of Pampa, Texas for the year 1933 reveals the name of Allen W. Babione (wife Mary) occupation driller, residence 917 East Browning Avenue. The telephone books lists the name of A. W. Babione, 917 E. Browning, telephone No. 12673.

At the office of the tax collector, Pampa, Texas, the records indicate the following information:

Tax receipt No. 3758, March 31, 1933
New 1933 license 445708
Old 1932 " 512460
1930 Buick Sedan, engine No. 2512356
registered by A. W. Babione, 917 E. Browning, Pampa,
weight 4500 pounds, tax paid \$21.60.

Texas 1932 license plates 512460, were registered January 1, 1932, by J. M. Sanders, box 74, Pampa, Texas, for the above car. Sanders transferred title in the car on April 26, 1932 to the Rose Buick Company, Pampa, Texas, and on May 26, 1932, car was transferred by the Tom Rose Buick Company to A. W. Babione, 917 E. Browning, Pampa, Texas.

At the Tom Rose Buick Company, Pampa, Texas, Agent interviewed Peter Sitton, who verified the sale of the above described Buick to A. W. Babione. He stated that the transaction was financed through the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, and the records failed to indicate any default in payments, it being his impression that the car has been fully paid for by A. W. Babione. Mr. Sitton stated that Babione moved from Pampa in the early part of June, 1933; that he (Sitton) was a neighbor of Babione, while the latter lived at Pampa, Texas, and never heard his reputation questioned.

Mr. David E. Cecil, postmaster, stated that he was slightly acquainted with A. W. Babione and wife; that as far as he knew their reputations at Pampa was good. Babione left forwarding address at the post office 6-8-33 to 311 E. Daughtery Street, Webb City, Missouri.

Mr. Carson W. Loftus, Manager, of the Better Business Bureau and Retail Credit Men's Association, Pampa, Texas, stated that he was acquainted with A. W. Babione; that his character and reputation while at Pampa was considered good; that Babione moved from Pampa in the beginning of June, leaving a grocery bill of \$350.00 unpaid. In this connection Mr. Loftus stated that Babione has been out of work since April 1933; that Babione according to the record on file in his office, first applied for credit at Pampa, Texas on December 16, 1929; that he is a man of about 45 years of age, wife's name Mary, and two children; that Babione has been employed for about seven years with the Crea & Hoover Drilling Company, salary \$250.00 per month.

At the Southwestern Telephone Company, Pampa, Texas, Miss L. Carter, Secretary of E. Hooks, Manager, advised Agent that telephone 1257J has been in the name of A. W. Babione, 917 E. Browning, Pampa, since October 22, 1932; that the records do not indicate any long distance calls during June, 1933; that the bill has been paid in full and telephone disconnected June 8, 1933.

Sherman White, County Attorney, Pampa, stated that he slightly knew A. W. Babione; that his wife was better acquainted with them inasmuch as Mrs. A. W. Babione appeared to be an active worker for the Methodist Church at Pampa, Texas, of which church Babione and his wife were members. Mr. White telephoned to his wife in the presence of Agent, and she advised that she never heard anyone speak unkindly of Mr. Babione and his wife; that Babione was out of employment since April, 1933, with no prospects at Pampa, and he and his family moved to Webb City, Missouri, where they were going to live with Mrs. Babione's mother.

Agent ascertained from Mr. Carson Loftus, whose name already appears in this report, that G. B. Crea, 920 East Francis Street, Pampa, and a partner of the firm of Crea & Hoover Drilling Company, that he and his wife left Pampa a few days ago to visit his mother Mrs. Martha Crea at Woodsfield, Ohio, and that they would be gone for a month. Also that L. Hoover, the other partner of the firm was at Houston, Texas.

By telephone Agent communicated with Mrs. Hoover, 1118 E. Francis Street, who stated that she was well acquainted with A. W. Babione and family. Agent interviewed her at her home. She stated that she often heard her husband Mr. Hoover and his partner Mr. Crea state that Babione was a good sober and industrious worker; that Babione first was employed by the firm of Crea & Hoover Drilling Company at Holdenville, Oklahoma in 1926 and 1927; that for the past five years Babione has been in their employ at Pampa. She stated that his salary was \$9.00 per day, and he was one of the men who had steady employment until April 1933, when the firm was forced to cease operations pending better conditions in the oil fields of Texas. She further advised Agent that Babione since April 1933 has been out of employment and hard pressed financially; that he told her and her husband that he would go back to his wife's mother, a Mrs. Farmer, who had a little place at Webb City, Missouri, and remain there until conditions got better, unless he received some kind of employment in the meantime. According to Mrs. Hoover, about three weeks ago Babione came to her husband and borrowed \$100.00, stating that he decided to move to Webb City, Missouri; that her husband gave him the money, and Babione, his wife Mary, boy 14 years old named Herbert and a girl 10 years old named Frances, departed from Pampa in Babione's Buick Sedan.

No attempt has been made by this Agent to interview Arthur Swanson, Pampa, Texas, relative to the alleged telephone call placed at Joplin, Missouri, at 8:27 P.M., June 17, 1933, from telephone No. 1169, which is the Cottage Inn, to telephone 623W, the latter in the name of Arthur Swanson, Pampa, Texas. If the Kansas City Office deems it advisable to interview Mr. Swanson, this matter will be given appropriate attention by the Dallas Office.

According to Sgt. Routh, Amarillo, he discreetly ascertained that there is no indication that Arthur Swanson or A. W. Babione were ever arrested at Pampa, Texas or in trouble of any kind at that place.

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June 19, 1933.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I am submitting the following criminal history relative to HARVEY J. BAILEY one of the prisoners who escaped recently from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

Subject as Harvey J. Bailey, #6590, arrested PD, Omaha, Nebraska, March 23, 1920, charge investigation - highjacking and burglary; pending.

As J. J. Brennan, #751, arrested SO, Fort Scott, Kansas, July 12, 1932, charge bank robbery; as Harvey Bailey, #3045, received State Pen., Lansing, Kansas, Aug. 17, 1932, crime bank robbery; sentence 10 to 50 years. "*Escape 5-30-33*"

Notations: WANTED: As Harvey J. Bailey, for bank robbery; notify V.B. Condit, Manager, Nebraska Bankers Association, 1336 Garfield Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notified 7-19-32.
WANTED: As Harvey Bailey, for Escape. Notify SP, Lansing, Kans."

A copy of his photograph and fingerprint card also is attached.

Respectfully,

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Alias J. J. Brennan ; John Brown

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Harvey Bailey

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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I am submitting the following criminal history relative to PAT BRADY one of the prisoners who escaped recently from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

Subject as Pat Brady, #4451, received SIR, Hutchinson, Kans., Apr. 4, 1919, from Sedgwick Co., crime grand larceny (auto); sentence 5 years.

As Robert G. Brady, #---, arrested SO, Oklahoma City, Okla., Mar. 22, 1922, charge burglary; disposition not given.

As J. H. Taylor, #---, arrested Vinita, Okla., (County Attorney's office), Aug. 12, 1922, charge forgery - conjoint robbery; held in Craig Co. Jail for trial.

As Bob Brady, #1809, arrested PD, Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 20, 1922, charge jail breaking at Nowata, Okla.; returned to Nowata, Okla.; as Robert G. Brady, #12714, received SP, McAlester, Okla., Dec. 18, 1922, from Oklahoma Co., crime forgery; sentence 5 years.

As J. H. Taylor, #15494, received SP, McAlester, Okla., Oct. 10, 1925, from Nowata Co., crime robbery; sentence 10 years - 5 years concurrently.

As Bob Brady, #223, arrested SO, Guymon, Okla., Sept. 26, 1931, charge bank robbery; as Bob Brady, #1785, arrested PD, Amarillo, Texas, Sept. 26, 1931, charge bank robbery; to Texhoma, Okla.; as Bob Brady, #24913, received SP, McAlester, Okla., Nov. 22, 1931, from Texas Co., crime robbery, firearms; sentence 35 years.

As Robert Brady, #9550, arrested PD, Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 19, 1932, charge fugitive - escaped from Oklahoma Pen.; released to Sheriff, Liberty, Kans. for kidnapping and robbery and larceny of motor vehicle; as Bob Brady, #L-258, arrested PD, Liberal, Kans., Dec. 19, 1932, (at Des Moines, Iowa), charge hijacking, car theft and kidnapping; as Bob Brady, #3337, received SP, Lansing, Kans., Jan. 14, 1933, from Seward Co., crime grand larceny, auto - habitual; sentence - life.

Notations: "One previous charge of auto theft at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, S.I.R., Hutchinson, Kans., #4451, paroled.
 WANTED: As Bob Brady, #24913, Oklahoma St. Pen., escaped 1933 A.M.
 7-23-32. Notify SP, McAlester, Okla. Information received
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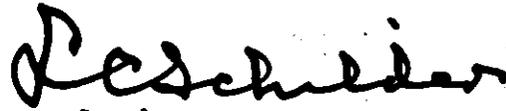
ALSO WANTED: As Bob Brady, #24913, SP, McAlester, Okla., for hi-jacking and car theft. Information received 10-13-32. Notify PD, Liberal, Kans. Notified 12-30-32.

ALSO WANTED: As Bob Brady, for bank robbery. Notify SO, Stockton, Mo. Information received 12-22-32. Notified 12-29-32.

WANTED: As Bob Brady, for Escape. Notify SP, Lansing, Kans."

A copy of his photograph and fingerprint card also is attached.

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

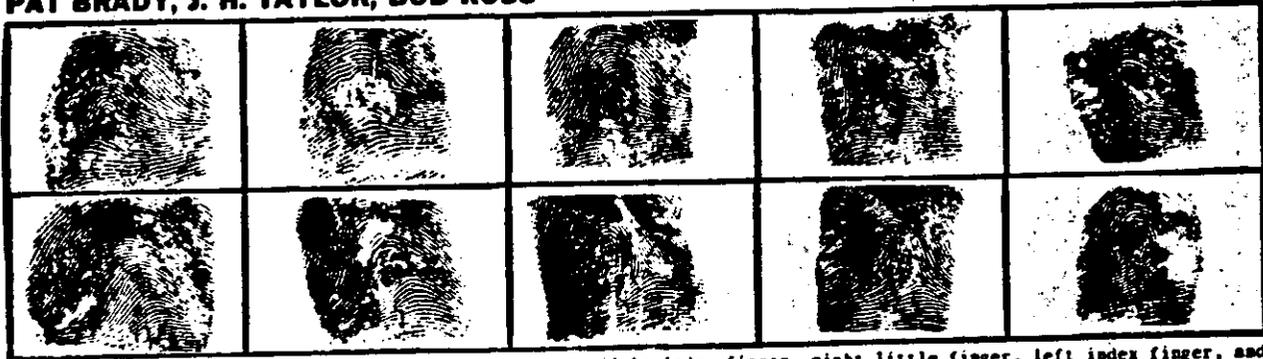
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**ROBERT G. BRADY, aliases BOB BRADY,
PAT BRADY, J. H. TAYLOR, BOB ROSS**



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DESCRIPTION

Age, 29 years
Height, 6 feet 1 1/2 inches
Weight, 187 pounds
Build, large
Hair, black to gray
Eyes, brown
Complexion, dark
Nationality, German-Irish
Occupation, salesman
Scars and marks:
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ct cic ball 1st finger
111- long ct cic back of
neck right side

Bob Brady



CRIMINAL RECORD

As Pat Brady, #4451, received S.I.R., Hutchinson, Kansas, April 4, 1919, from Sedgwick County; crime, grand larceny; sentence, 5 years.
As Robert G. Brady, arrested Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 22, 1922; charge, burglary.
As J. H. Taylor, arrested Vinita, Oklahoma, August 12, 1922; charge, forgery conjoint robbery.
As Bob Brady, #1809, arrested police department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 20, 1922; charge, jail breaking at Nowata, Oklahoma. Returned to Nowata, Oklahoma.
As Robert G. Brady, #12714, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, December 18, 1922, from Oklahoma County; crime, forgery; sentence, 5 years.
As J. H. Taylor, #15494, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, October 10, 1925, from Nowata County; crime, robbery; sentence, ten years - five years concurrently.
As Bob Brady, #228, arrested Sheriff's Office, Guyton, Oklahoma, September 26, 1931; charge, bank robbery.
As Bob Brady, #1785, arrested police department, Amarillo, Texas, September 26, 1931; charge, bank robbery.
As Bob Brady, #24913, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, November 22, 1931, from Texas County; crime, robbery, firearms; sentence, 35 years. Escaped July 23, 1932.
As Robert Brady, #9550, arrested police department, Des Moines, Iowa, December 19, 1932. Released to Sheriff, Liberty, Kansas, for kidnaping, robbery and larceny of motor vehicle.
As Bob Brady, #3337, received S.P., Lansing, Kansas, January 14, 1933, from Seward County; crime, grand larceny, auto - habitual; sentence, life imprisonment. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Robert G. Brady, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas on January 14, 1933, under a life sentence as an habitual criminal, and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Issued by: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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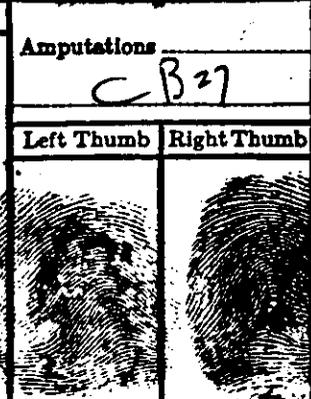
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Bob Brady

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MEMORANDUM of Telephone Calls re FRANK NASH

Mr. Nathan advised that Mr. Vetterli had received a call from the City Manager, Mr. McElroy, requesting that he come to see him; that the City Manager stated it was more his case than ours, inasmuch as two of his men were killed, and only one of ours; that the City Manager requested that the telephone numbers in the possession of the Bureau be given him, and that if this were done he believed they could break the case. Mr. Nathan advised that nothing was being done in this regard today. He further advised that the important numbers in their possession were the telephone number back from Fort Smith to Hot Springs on June 16th; a call from Hot Springs to Joplin, Missouri on June 16th; a call from Joplin, Missouri to a number in Kansas City (the house the Agents have been covering) on June 16; a telephone call from the Union Station in Kansas City to Joplin, Missouri, just after midnight, on June 17th.

I stated to Mr. Nathan I was of the opinion we should definitely ascertain what the Police meant to do with these numbers when they get them, and have an understanding that they will make no move without first a consultation with the Bureau agents. Mr. Nathan stated he thought we should first have permission from the telephone company to give these numbers to the Police. I also advised that it should be determined to whom the City Manager intends to give these telephone numbers, and that it should be explained to him that in receiving these numbers he assumes the responsibility for any leaks which might occur.

Mr. Nathan advised that it had been established that the V. C. Moore in the House is really Verne C. Miller, a well-known crook; that they had some information with regard to this man and that they were telephoning St. Paul for some information in their possession; that he thought it would be a good idea that when he forwards this information an I.O. be prepared in the Bureau on this individual.

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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)
Chicago File 62-1649

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau wire dated July 1, 1933 requesting that this office furnish the Bureau with a photograph of Verne C. Miller referred to in Frank Nash Case, please find enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of photograph of said Verne C. Miller.

The original photograph of Verne C. Miller from which said photostatic copy was made was furnished by the St Paul Office and has been returned to that office.

On July 1, 1933 the St Paul Office was requested by wire to forward the Bureau a photograph of said Verne C. Miller.

Very truly yours,
*M. H. Purvis, by
J. D. Swenson*
Special Agent in Charge,
M. H. Purvis, by,
Special Agent J. D. Swenson.

CC/ St. Paul.

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EDWARDS

- (No. 1) - Vernon C. Miller alias [redacted] ne. Register No. 4240, South Dakota State Penitentiary. Photograph taken 1923. Age 36 (1932) height 5' 7", weight 135 lbs. hair medium blonde, eyes gray, complexion florid, build slender. Scars, curved scar at outer edge left eye; irregular scar of 7.0 on left side of head; end of third finger left hand missing. Miller is a known associate of Francis Keating, Thomas Holden and Frank Nash and is notorious in gambling circles at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. So far as is known no warrant is outstanding for his arrest.
- No. 2 - Harry Carlton alias Larry O'Keefe. Register No. C-16239, B. of I. P.D., Chicago, Illinois F.P.C. 29 10 0. Age, 27, height 5' 7", weight 150 lbs. complexion sallow, eyes hazel, hair medium chestnut, wanted at Kirksville, Mo. for the murder (1st degree) of police officer John Rose on the morning of November 17, 1930. This man is very dangerous and is also wanted in several towns in Oklahoma for murder. Reward, \$1,000.
- No. 3 - Frank Nash alias Frank F. Nash alias Charles B. Edgar, Escaped Federal Prisoner, Identification Order 1166, issued March 21, 1932, United States Bureau of Investigation. F.P.C. 12-6 U 00 18. Register No. 20769, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Age 45, height 5' 9", weight 185 to 200 lbs., medium build, hair black, prominently bald, eyes light brown, complexion medium, nationality American, occupation cook, hotel worker, bank robber, residence Hobart, Oklahoma (since his escape Nash is reported to have changed his appearance, now wears a wig - toupee and has had his nose reshaped by plastic operation.) Nash was received at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, March 3, 1934, sentenced to 25 years from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for assaulting a mail custodian. He escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, October 19, 1930. Copy of Identification Order No. 1166 is attached hereto. This man is a dangerous criminal, is a former member of the Al Spencer and Ray Terrall gangs, well known in Oklahoma and throughout the Middle West as notorious bank robbers and killers. A reward of \$300 is outstanding for his arrest, as an Escaped Federal Prisoner.
- No. 4 - John J. Brennan alias John J. Brown alias William Bailey. Register No. 20396, I.D. Kansas City, Mo. F.P.C. 5 U 11 12. Age 42, height 6' 1", weight 195 lbs., build medium heavy, hair gray, eyes brown, complexion medium, occupation bootlegger, born Westtown, West Virginia. Brennan is now in custody at Kansas City, Mo., and has been identified in connection with the robbery of a bank at Fort Scott, Kansas. He is a known associate of Keating, Holden, Nash and Bernard Phillips (Phillips is designated as No. 8, description given below).
- No. 5 - Alvin Karpis alias George Haller. Register No. 8008, Kansas State Penitentiary, F.P.C. 1 Rr 5 1 U 5. Age 22 to 25, height 5' 9", weight 130 lbs., slender build, eyes blue, hair brown, complexion medium. Karpis together with Barker described below is wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Mo., in December, 1931. He is a known bank robber and supposedly an associate of Keating, Holden, Nash, Bailey and Phillips. A wanted notice is on file at the B. of I. P.D., Chicago, and a reward of \$500 is outstanding for his arrest.
- No. 6 - Fred Barker. Register No. Kansas State Penitentiary 9831. Age 29 to 31, height 5' 5", weight 115 lbs., medium build, eyes dark blue, hair auburn, complexion medium F.P.C. 29 I 18. Has scar from gunshot wound on left knee. Has same connections as given for Karpis above.
- No. 7 - Mary Phillips alias Mary Karpis alias Mary Courtney. Register No. 20396, P.D. Kansas City, Mo. Wife of Bernard Phillips (No. 8) age 27, height 5' 2", weight 112 lbs. build medium, hair dark chestnut, eyes blue. Hair naturally blonde, now dyed black. F.P.C. 1 U CC 15. Released from custody at Kansas City, Mo. 3 W O 12
- No. 8 - Bernard Phillips alias B. A. Courtney. Register No. C-26408, B. of I. P.D., Chicago, 20728 U.S. Pen. Leavenworth, Kans. age 36, eyes blue, weight 210 lbs., height 5' 8 1/8" hair dark chestnut, complexion swarthy, tattoo "Cross" "Wreath" "My Mother" on left forearm. Has been identified in holdup Northwestern Nat'l Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. 5/29/32. \$1,000 reward outstanding. Is of Jewish extraction. Known associate of the above described. F.P.C. 11 5 U 011 9 17 R 111 6 ref. U T



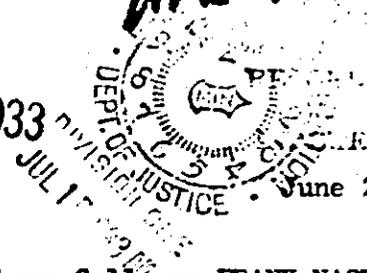
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MEMORANDUM of Telephone Calls re FRANK NASH

I requested Mr. Vetterli to forward to the Bureau a letter outlining just exactly how much report writing, stenographic and typing the resident agent at Omaha, Nebraska has to do. I explained that Mrs. Arthur Mullen had conferred with me yesterday and made the same request made by the Mullens at Kansas City--namely, that Mrs. Caffrey be assigned at Omaha, and do the work there; that I advised that I did not know exactly how much work there is to be done at Omaha, but doubted whether there was enough to keep her busy; that Mrs. Mullen seemed very well informed upon the matter, and advised that the resident agent had to travel at government expense to the Kansas City office to dictate his reports and that there was enough work at Omaha to keep Mrs. Caffrey occupied. Mr. Vetterli advised that absolutely Mr. Flood, the resident agent at Omaha, types his own reports and does all of his own paper work, and comes to Kansas City but once every three weeks to get new work; that he, Mr. Flood, is a typist himself; that Mr. Flood has about twelve to fifteen reports to prepare each week, ranging from a page and a half to two pages each. I requested Mr. Vetterli to send me today a letter setting forth how often it is necessary for Mr. Flood to come in to Kansas City and for what purposes he comes, and also, how many pages of typewritten reports he sends in weekly. I informed Mr. Vetterli that I desired to forward this information to the Attorney General, with my recommendation, if there is insufficient work at Omaha to keep Mrs. Caffrey occupied, that she be placed in the United States Attorney's office there.

I instructed that as soon as Mr. Harvey can be relieved of his duties at Kansas City, without interfering with the case, he proceed to Philadelphia.

Mr. Vetterli stated that he sent to the Bureau yesterday information upon which to issue an I.O. for Farmer, and that today they would forward the information on Vernon C. Miller for the same purpose. He stated that it had been ascertained that Braley is in the penitentiary at the present time, but as yet it had not been ascertained where Sherrill is at the present; however, it had been ascertained that Sherrill had been in Leavenworth, escaped once, and was transferred to Atlanta in 1926, his maximum sentence to expire in 1930. Mr. Vetterli stated they were checking further on this matter. Mr. Vetterli further recalled that the informant in Henderson, Kentucky had stated he was in Leavenworth when Sherrill was brought in all shot up, but the records show that Sherrill was received at the penitentiary before the informant was ever there. He advised they had found a house where a number of the men are supposed to have been hanging out; that they have a fingerprint expert out there today taking some latent fingerprints, and that they would send these prints in to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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Telephone calls re FRANK NASH



Mr. Nathan called from Kansas City and advised he had just been talking to Miss Mullen, United States Commissioner, in Omaha, who advised that She, Arthur Mullen, and the family had been in a conference last night and decided that the best thing which could be done would be to arrange for Mrs. Caffrey to start work immediately, and that they thought the Kansas City office was the proper place, and that Mrs. Caffrey was coming to Kansas City today. It was decided that if Mrs. Caffrey desired to start work right away she could be placed on a voucher, and that the permanent papers for her appointment would be sent through immediately, as Typist, salary \$1440.

Mr. Nathan advised that Agents Brantley and Anderson arrived last night, and that Mr. Colvin had left Oklahoma City yesterday afternoon for Little Rock and was to see the informant there some time today, and that he, Mr. Nathan, had been attempting to contact Mr. Colvin to request that when he leaves Little Rock he come through Kansas City on the way back to Oklahoma City. Mr. Nathan says he thinks the trouble with the informant is that in making the arrest of Frank Nash the Agents disregarded his wishes, entirely, in that he advised them not to go near the gambling house where the arrest was made.

It was stated that the eye witness at Kansas City is quite a prominent manufacturer, and that the question of protection has been put up to him but he has declined, stating that he will not go away, and that any one staying near him for the purpose of protecting him would only tend to call attention to him, but that he does want absolute secrecy and permission to carry a gun. The informant has been advised that his request for secrecy will be respected but that permission cannot be given for him to carry a gun without his name being given to the police, which is not desired; however, that Mr. Vetterli is this morning going to see the City Manager and get from the City Manager a permit in blank authorizing an unknown individual to carry a gun. I advised Mr. Nathan that in the statement of this eye witness sent in to the Bureau it is stated that he recognized one of these men as Bernard Philips, although this name had not previously been given to us as one upon which an I.O. is desired. Mr. Nathan stated he would look into this matter, and advise. Mr. Nathan stated they are working upon the theory that there were four men in the crowd--Bailey, Brady, Davis and Clark. I informed Mr. Nathan that yesterday they had requested that I.O.'s be issued on those four individuals, and also Underhill. He advised he would also look into the Underhill angle and advise.

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I informed Mr. Nathan that yesterday the name of "Pretty Boy" Floyd was also given to me for the issuance of an I.O. Mr. Nathan stated he would also look into this and advise me in this regard. I advised we would hold up these I.O.'s until I received further information from Mr. Nathan. I requested that it be ascertained positively who has identified each of these individuals.

Subsequently, Mr. Nathan again telephoned from Kansas City and advised that with regard to the I.O.'s, only two of those individuals have been identified with any degree of positivity—Bailey, identified by the informant, and Brady, identified by Vetterli. He advised that the Lackey identification of Davis is rather vague, as Lackey will make no positive identification but says he looks generally like the man he saw, and also says that the Brady picture looks generally like another. He further advised that Clark hasn't been identified by any one, but that his name was included because the four of them were the most desperate criminals who escaped from Lansing in the prison break and have always worked together. He stated that Underhill was included because he was in the car with the other four, and one other, when they kidnaped the Warden, but that the informant had identified Underhill and Philips from pictures later shown to him. Mr. Nathan stated that the woman in the station is the only one who has mentioned seeing "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Mr. Nathan suggested that if we had to say that these individuals were wanted in connection with the death of Special Agent Caffrey, we should not issue the I.O.'s. It was decided that the issuance of the same would be held up for the present.

I contacted Miss Mary A. Mullen, United States Commissioner at Omaha, and advised her that Mrs. Caffrey could enter upon duty at the Kansas City office of this Bureau at her convenience, and would receive a salary of \$1440 per annum. I advised Miss Mullen that if Mrs. Caffrey desired appointment in any other office of the Bureau I thought this could be arranged; she advised that they would discuss this matter and inform me of their wishes.

CHEYENNE, WYOMING:
JUNE 22-Nd, 1933.

TO THE GOVERNOR.
STATE OF MISSOURI,
AT SPRINGFIELD,.

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Re-"PRETTY BOY FLOYD"

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DEAR SIR:

NATHAN
EDWARD

Please do not think me rude or ungracious, to remind you of my reluctance in taking this liberty, but I feel it my duty and a justice to the law-abiding citizens of this country, that I offer my self and assistance, to bring about the capture of this "MURDERER" and robber, "PRETTY BOY FLOYD"

My name is Wm.B.TYRE. I am forty three years of age, and have served terms in the following state prisons:- 16 months in TEXAS STATE PRISON, 2 years in MONTANA STATE PRISON, 3 years in SAN QUENTIN and FOLSOM, CAL. state prisons, and two 2 year terms in WALLA-WALLA. Wash. state prison, and I have had, on two different occasions celled in the same cell in two different jails with this boy FLOYD. and on several occasions, I have been invited out to do "STICK-UP'S" with FLOYD. so you see, I know him in person and I feel sure that I would have no trouble in coming to Missouri, and would soon locate him.

My proposition in aiding in this mans capture, is absolutely personal one, just between you and I,.

Should you care to swear me in as a "MISSOURI STATE DETECTIVE" working under NO ONE but "YOU". and you will furnish me with a limited amount of CASH for expenses, I would say about \$10.00. cash per day, in advance, (ten days expenses in advance.) at a time. I will come to MISSOURI immediately, and I will guarantee to you, that if I am sworn in as mentioned above, I will deliver to you in person, "PRETTY BOY FLOYD" either dead or alive., For I am sure it would not be long that I run into him and his "MOB", and in regards to the reward for him. I am willing to split that with any one, or any charatable organization. that you mention.

I truly hope that you will great this letter with your most strictest confidence, and please do not let the news papers get a hold of it, for if my mission in Missouri was known, I would be "REBBERED" out "PRONTO", so thanking you in advance for your just consideration, I will close, hoping to hear from you very soon, as I await your command,

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Wm.B.TYRE.
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Cheyenne,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

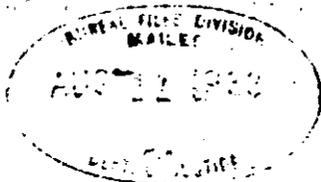
Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the Division's
letter dated July 7, 1933, in the case entitled UNKNOWN
SUBJECTS, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal
prisoner, Frank Nash).

It is requested that this lead be given attention
at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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July 7, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled **EMERSON SUBJECTS,**
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal prisoner, Frank
Nash).

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated June
22, 1933, from Mr. William B. Tyre, General Delivery, Cheyenne,
Wyoming, addressed to the Governor of the State of Missouri, which
indicates that the writer of this letter may be in possession of
information concerning the whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd,
alias Pretty Boy Floyd, who is one of the suspects in the above
entitled case.

Kindly have an Agent of the Salt Lake City office
interview the writer of the enclosed letter for any information he
may have concerning the whereabouts of Floyd. It is suggested that
William B. Tyre be interviewed without disclosing the fact that you
have in your possession a copy of his letter addressed to the
Governor of the State of Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #214077

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.
District of Kansas

Topeka, Kansas
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The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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On receipt of your telegram of June 22nd I got in contact with Governor Alf M. Landon and he informed me that Judge A. S. Foulks, Parole Officer in the Executive office, had some information which he obtained through investigation of the recent prison break at Lansing, Kansas, and that I should take the matter up with Judge Foulks.

Judge Foulks came to the office this morning and went over the information he had with Mr. B. R. Allen, Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, and with this office. It is impossible to give a detailed report of the information obtained because the information was not in detail but was very general in character, but in the opinion of the representative of the Bureau of Investigation, and in my opinion, contains information that might furnish valuable leads and assist the Bureau and the Department in running down the men responsible for the Kansas City massacre.

It seems that Judge Foulks has been in communication with Milton Gould, former sheriff of Crawford county, Kansas, and that Mr. Gould has been working with some under-cover men on the prison break. The Judge has also been in contact with the Sheriff of Marion County, Kansas, who from the information this office has is an efficient and reliable officer. The information furnished Judge Foulks consisted of a copy of a telegram sent to Mrs. Nellie Dunn Kimes. (The Kimes brothers are well known desperadoes). This telegram is in code but has been decoded and was in effect that the prison break would take place on May 30th and that the escaping prisoners would go to Picher, Oklahoma. There was also information as to where Underhill, Bailey and Brady had been seen at different times, and some information to the effect that the evening before the Kansas City affair Brady and Conn, both of whom had escaped in the Lansing break, were seen to board a Frisco freight

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#2. The Attorney General.

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train at Cherokee, Kansas, going west. This would make it possible in our judgment for these two men to have arrived in Pittsburg, Kansas, in time to be in Kansas City, Missouri at the hour of the crime. There was also some information as to the hangouts of a criminal known as "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and also Underhill, Bailey, and members of the gang of Frank Nash.

The value of this information consists largely in the leads it furnishes the Department. The Agent of the Bureau of Investigation informs me that this information to a considerable extent tallies with information that they had, or is not inconsistent with some of the facts known by the Bureau of Investigation in reference to the movements of the men suspected at or about the time of the crime. It is the intention of the Bureau of Investigation at Kansas City to run down these leads, and particularly to contact the Sheriff of Marion, Kansas, and Mr. Gould, and to follow out all of these leads.

While the Bureau of Investigation is very reticent about the work they are doing on this case, I am confident that a solution of the crime is not very far off.

I think I have given you as much detail as possible and the salient points of the information furnished. We will keep you advised of any additional information which comes to this office.

Very truly yours,

(s) S. M. BREWSTER
United States Attorney.

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Honorable S. M. Brewster,
United States Attorney,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brewster:

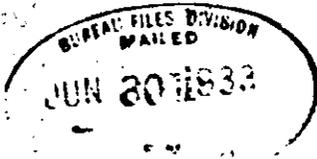
By reference from the Attorney General, I am in receipt of your communication of June 23rd, advising of your conference with Governor Alf M. Landon, and later with Judge A. S. Foulks, Parole Officer in the Executive office, with reference to the possibilities of identifying and apprehending the perpetrators of the shooting at Kansas City on June 17, 1933, which resulted in the death of a Special Agent of this Bureau and three police officers.

I note that the information which you obtained was conveyed to Special Agent B. R. Allen of the Kansas City Office of this Bureau.

I desire to thank you sincerely for your cooperation and your confidence in the ability of this Bureau to eventually bring to justice the murderers.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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June 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM of Telephone Call re FRANK NASH

Mr. Quinn telephoned from Memphis to advise that the story related by the Henderson informant was not checking out; that there is no Lase Nathan there in Memphis; that they had secured some information regarding two armored cars—one serviced at the Cadillac agency on June 8th, and the other was seen passing through the city by a Cadillac man about a week ago. Mr. Quinn stated that they have the license and motor numbers of the car first mentioned above, which was from New York. He further advised that the man who had seen the sixteen-cylinder car pass through the city about a week ago stated it bore either California or New York license plates, and was occupied by five men.

Mr. Quinn suggested that some one go to Henderson and again contact this informant to ascertain the truth of the story which he told the Bureau agents. I instructed Mr. Quinn to telephone Mr. Ladd at St. Louis and advise him of the result of the investigation, and also, that Braley is in the penitentiary at the present time and that Sherrill was received at the penitentiary a year before Ingraham, the informant, was ever in the penitentiary.

Mr. Quinn stated that he had ascertained that about a week ago the traveling representative of the Cadillac Company in Memphis was in Little Rock, and was told by the Cadillac representative there about a armored car which had been in there—the automobile beside being bullet-proof had a windshield which could be run down and a steel sheet run up, which had holes in it, and there were machine guns in the car. I instructed Mr. Quinn to telephone Mr. Vetterli at Kansas City and give him this information.

I suggested to Mr. Quinn that in conferring with Mr. Ladd it be decided that either he or Mr. Ladd, or both, contact Ingraham, and it is not deemed desirable to have the same Agent interview this informant who secured the information from him in the first place.

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Later, Mr. Ladd telephoned to state that Mr. Quinn had telephoned from Memphis. He further advised that about noon today he received a long distance telephone call from Cincinnati, Ohio stating that Ingraham is at present in Cincinnati, and advised he had no address in Cincinnati yet and could not leave an address where he could be reached and would not know until late tonight, at which time he would either write or wire Mr. Ladd this information. I suggested that Mr. Ladd advise Mr. Quinn to proceed to Cincinnati for the purpose of contacting Ingraham.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Clegg	

June 19, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I am submitting the following criminal history relative to ED DAVIS, one of the prisoners who escaped recently from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, a copy of whose photograph and fingerprint card also is attached:

Subject as Ed^o Davis, #2186, received SRef., Granite, Okla., March 5, 1919, from Jefferson, crime - burglary; sentence - 2 years.

As S. E.^o Davis, #---, arrested SO, Hutchinson, Kans., August 28, 1922, charge - train riding - concealed weapons; dismissed.

As Ed Davis, #12780, received SP, McAlester, Okla., January 23, 1923 from Grady County, crime - conjoint robbery; sentence - 10 years.

As W. E.^o Davis, #SM-506, received SP, Little Rock, Ark., from Clark County, April 12, 1930, crime - burglary; released to Sheriff, Clark County on bond, pending.

As Keith Stone, #---, arrested by State Sheriff, Lincoln, Nebr., August 8, 1930, charge - not given; disposition - not given.

As Sebron Edward^o Davis, #9239, arrested PD, Dallas, Texas, April 27, 1931, charge - murder and bank robbery - enroute to Marlow, Okla.; disposition not given.

As E. D.^o Davis, #3298, received State Ref., Granite, Okla., May 7, 1931, from Stephens County, crime - not given; held for safekeeping.

As Ed Davis, #24253, received SP, McAlester, Okla., August 3, 1931, from Stephens County, crime - murder - sentence - life, escaped May 26, 1932, notified June 22, 1932.

As George^o Allen, #---, arrested SO, Nevada, Mo., June 17, 1932, charge - bank robbery; turned over to Fort Scott officers.

As George Keith^o Allen, #744, arrested SO, Fort Scott, Kans., June 18, 1932, charge - bank robbery; to Kansas Penitentiary.

As Ed Davis, #3, #2987, received SP, Lansing, Kans., bank robbery (habitual); sentence - life.

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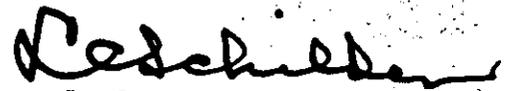
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Notations: "WANTED: As Keith Stone alias Ed Davis, sawed out of Jail at Columbus, Nebr., Sept. 7, 1930. If apprehended wire W. C. Condit, State Sheriff, Law Enforcement Dept., State House, Lincoln, Nebr. Notified 5-5-31.
WANTED: As Ed Davis, probably identical, for burglary, will extradite from any state. Notify J. C. Barfield, Sheriff, Hankin, Texas. Notified 5-5-31.
WANTED: As Ed Davis, probably identical, for robbery and burglary. Notify Jess Slaughter, Sheriff, Big Spring, Texas. Notified 5-5-31.
WANTED: As Ed Davis for escape. Notify SP, Lansing, Kans."

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

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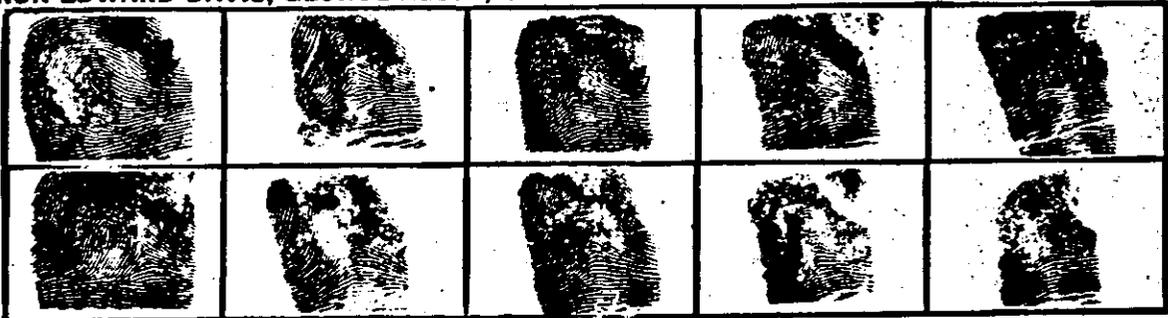
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**ED DAVIS, aliases W. E. DAVIS, KEITH STONE,
SEBRON EDWARD DAVIS, GEORGE ALLEN, GEORGE KEITH ALLEN**



DESCRIPTION

Age, 31 years
Height, 5 feet, 11 inches
Weight, 156 pounds
Hair, dark brown
Eyes, brown
Complexion, dark
Nationality, American
Scars and marks:
1- tat R & P upr otr Lion's
head below that have "LOVE"
initials TEL lar otr Aser.
Flay TEL below clasped hands
below that head of woman 11-
tat R & P upr otr head of
woman in horse shoe &
horse's head lar otr girl in
tights below that bust form of
woman lar lar "LMA" (ongirl &
a dagger 111- clear



Ed Davis

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Ed Davis, No. 2166, received State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, March 5, 1919, from Jefferson; crime, burglary; sentence, 2 years.
As E. E. Davis, arrested Sheriff's Office, Hutchinson, Kansas, August 26, 1922; charge, train riding - concealed weapons; dismissed.
As Ed Davis, No. 12768, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, January 23, 1923, from Grady County; crime, conjoint robbery; sentence, 10 year sentence, 10 years.
As V. E. Davis, No. 53-506, received S.P., Little Rock, Arkansas, from Clark County, April 12, 1930; crime, burglary; released to Sheriff, Clark County, on bond.
As Keith Stone, arrested by State Sheriff, Lincoln, Nebraska, August 8, 1930.
As Sebron Edward Davis, No. 9239, arrested police department, Dallas, Texas,

April 27, 1931; charge, murder and bank robbery.

As E. D. Davis, No. 8296, received State Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, May 7, 1931, from Stephens County, for safekeeping.

As Ed Davis, No. 24253, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, August 9, 1931, from Stephens County; crime, murder; sentence, life imprisonment. Escaped May 26, 1932.

As George Allen, arrested by Sheriff's Office, Nevada, Missouri, June 17, 1932; charge, bank robbery. Turned over to Fort Scott officers.

As George Keith Allen, No. 744, arrested Sheriff's Office, Fort Scott, Kansas, June 18, 1932; charge, bank robbery.

As Ed Davis, #3, #2487, received S.I., Lansing, Kansas, July 6, 1932; crime, bank robbery (habitual); sentence, life imprisonment. Escaped May 31, 1933.

Ed Davis, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas, on July 6, 1932 under a sentence of life imprisonment as an habitual criminal and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Bernanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Issued by: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

LCS:AG

June 19, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Clegg	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I am submitting the following criminal history relative to WILBUR UNDERHILL, one of the prisoners who escaped recently from the State Penitentiary, at Lansing, Kansas:

Subject as Wilbur Underhill, #1369, arrested PD, Joplin, Mo., Feb. 10, 1919, charge burglary; disposition not given.

As Wilbur Underhill, #23137, received SP, Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 5, 1920, from Newton County, crime attempt to rob; sentence 2 years.

As Wilbur Underhill, #25456, received SP, Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 14, 1923, from Jasper County, crime robbery, 1st degree; sentence 5 years.

As Henry Wilbur, #5059, arrested PD, Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 7, 1927, charge robbery, auto theft; to Ottawa County; as Wilbur Underhill, #---, arrested PD, Okmulgee, Okla., Jan. 7, 1927, charge murder, hi-jacking; as Wilbur Underhill, #17604, received SP, McAlester, Okla., June 7, 1927, from Okmulgee County, crime murder; sentence life; notation: "Escaped July 14, 1931"; as Wilbur Underhill, #216, arrested SO, Wichita, Kans., Aug. 14, 1931, charge murder; as Wilbur Underhill, #4618, arrested PD, Wichita, Kans., Aug. 14, 1931, charge murder; life Kansas State Pen.; as Wilbur Underhill, #2337, received SP, Lansing, Kans., Sept. 4, 1931, crime murder, 1st degree; sentence not given.

Notations:

"As Wilbur Underhill, escaped jail. Notify: Sheriff, Okmulgee, Okla. - apprehended.
Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1924, vagrancy; given hours.
Joplin, Mo., 1924, robbery; 5 years Missouri State Pen.
WANTED: As Wilbur Underhill, #17604 SP McAlester, Okla., who escaped 7-14-31. Notify Warden, SP, McAlester, Okla. Notified 10-19-31.
WANTED: As Wilbur Underhill, #2337 SP, Lansing, Kans., for escape. Notify SP, Lansing, Kans."

A copy of his photograph and fingerprint card also is attached.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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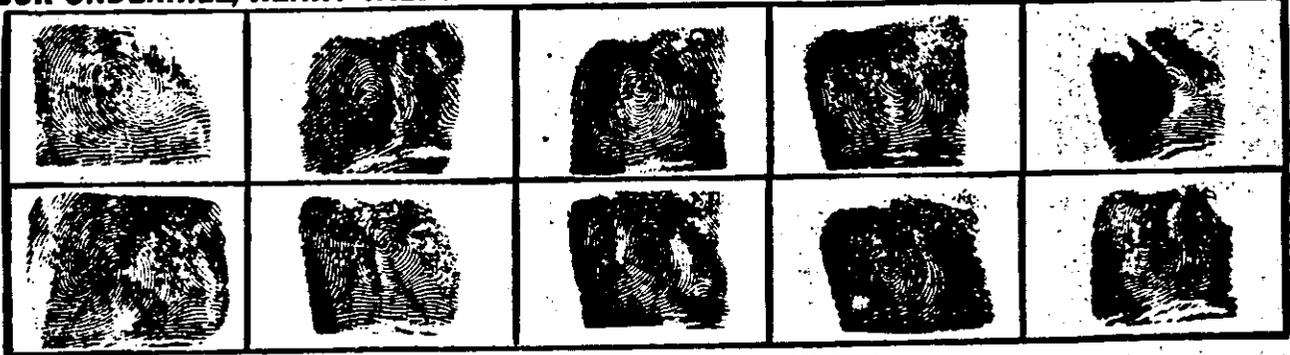
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WILBER UNDERHILL, aliases
WILBUR UNDERHILL, HENRY WILBUR

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DESCRIPTION

Age, 32 years
Height, 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches
Weight, 170 pounds
Build, medium large
Hair, light brown
Eyes, gray
Complexion, dark
Nationality, German
Scars and marks:
1- vac cic upr otr 11-
clear 11- two teeth
gone upr frt left side,
gun shot cic bk of nk
lwr ctr moles on face
and neck.



W Underhill

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Wilber Underhill, #1969, arrested police department, Joplin, Missouri, February 10, 1919; charge, burglary.
As Wilbur Underhill, #23137, received S.P., Jefferson City, Missouri, November 5, 1920, from Newton County; crime, attempt to rob; sentence, 2 years.
As Wilbur Underhill, #25456, received S.P., Jefferson City, Missouri, February 14, 1923, from Jasper County; crime, robbery, first degree; sentence, 5 years.
As Henry Wilbur, #5059, arrested police department, Tulsa, Oklahoma,

January 7, 1927; charge, robbery, auto theft.
As Wilber Underhill, arrested police department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, January 7, 1927; charge, murder, hi-jacking.
As Wilbur Underhill, #17604, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, June 7, 1927, from Okmulgee County; crime, murder; sentence, life imprisonment. Escaped July 14, 1931.
As Wilbur Underhill, #216, arrested Sheriff's Office, Wichita, Kansas, August 14, 1931; charge, murder.
As Wilbur Underhill, #4618, arrested police department, Wichita, Kansas, August 14, 1931; charge, murder; sentence, life imprisonment.
As Wilbur Underhill, #2337, received S.P., Lansing, Kansas, September 4, 1931; crime, murder, first degree. Escaped May 30, 1933.

Wilber Underhill, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas on September 4, 1931, under a life sentence for murder, and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Bernanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Asab, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.
If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

(over) Issued by: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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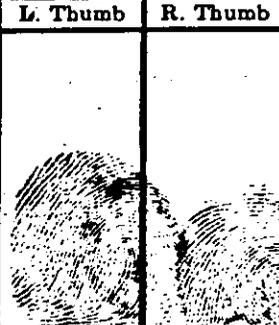
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Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.



Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Clegg	

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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
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NATHAN
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Dear Sir:

Re: Frank Nash, with aliases, I. O.
1166. Escaped Federal Prisoner.
Chicago File 76-115.

Please be advised that upon receipt of authorization from Mr. Hughes of the Bureau, this office placed a tap on telephone Ardmore 0851, located at 4870 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at which address friends of Harvey Bailey, recent escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary, are reported to reside. Through this medium the location of two other friends of Harvey Bailey and Verne C. Miller, frequently mentioned in the Nash file, was obtained as telephone Nevada 5114, which is located at 4201 West Van Buren Street, Chicago. The parties located use the name of Catherine and Helen. Arrangements are being made to tap the above telephone today, with a view of obtaining information from the friends of Nash as to the location of Harvey Bailey, if possible.

Special Agent W. C. Ryan was assisted by Lew D. Nichols in tapping the above wire and obtaining the desired information. Mr. Nichols is an applicant for position of Special Agent, as noted in Chicago File 67-957. He has cooperated loyally and, in my opinion, has rendered valuable services in locating various telephones for tapping purposes if necessary. Mr. Nichols has previously been engaged in such work with the Secret Six and the Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue Bureau in Chicago. He is now employed at night, working for the Unemployment Relief Association at a meager salary of \$20.00 per week, having been released from his last position due to bad economic conditions. In my opinion, this office could make use of his services for the next thirty days on the Frank Nash case, accordingly permission is requested to employ him for a period of thirty days, if possible. I am confident that he would be willing to work for this Bureau at \$5.00 per day. Mr. Nichols has not approached me in this respect and the request for permission to employ him is made of my own volition.

Very truly yours,
Letter Chief
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D. O. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

619 Federal Bldg.
Los Angeles, California
July 1st, 1933

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Director
United States Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: HARVEY J. BAILEY, with
aliases, et al
MURDER
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIRECTOR NATHAN
Div. One
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Dear Sir:

PAUL L. BEACH, for two years investigator under BURON FITTS, State District Attorney for Los Angeles County, and under the direct supervision of BLANEY MATHEWS of Mr. Pitts' Office, Los Angeles, Calif., appeared at the Los Angeles Bureau Office on July 1, 1933, and related information concerning the possibility of his locating CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Mr. Beach stated that he has a half brother by the name of JOHN JONES, a youth 20 years of age, a laborer whose present residence is 224 No. Hope Street, Los Angeles, Calif., who formerly resided with his full brother, WILBUR JONES, a taxicab driver, at 115 No. Denver St., Tulsa, Okla.; that Wilbur Jones is married to an Indian girl and that Wilbur Jones has information concerning subject FLOYD.

Mr. Beach further stated that Wilbur Jones worked for SHERMAN GOENS who is connected with an independent taxicab company at Tulsa, Okla.; that the wife of GOENS, CATHERINE GOENS, is a cousin of subject FLOYD and part Indian, and is friendly with and a chum of Floyd's wife and relatives of Floyd at Tulsa, Okla., and at Sallisaw, Okla.; that Wilbur Jones stated that in October, 1932, he hauled FLOYD in a taxicab from the depot to a rooming house on East 2nd Street, Tulsa, Okla., at which time Floyd had a Thompson machine gun and a package.

PAUL L. BEACH desires to go to Tulsa, Okla., and to Sallisaw and Stillwell, Okla., and with his relationship connections in that vicinity, relatives of Wilbur Jones, endeavor to locate FLOYD, as he feels certain that Floyd has a hideout between Chickasha and Stillwell, Okla.; that he, Beach, recently secured information that subject Floyd was at Lees Summit, Mo., at the time of the Kansas City, Mo., shooting, and that Floyd often comes into Tulsa, Okla., and contacts relatives there.

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PAUL L. BEACH desires to be deputized in some capacity and furnished transportation to Tulsa, Okla., and given expense money for his investigations there for a two weeks' period. He states that if he is unable to produce results he will not demand expense money, but desires transportation. He advised that he contacted Special Agent A. R. Gore at Denver, Colo., enroute to Los Angeles and had expected to hear from the Bureau in regard to prospective work on this case or authorization of The Attorney General.

Mr. Beach desires that this information be treated confidentially and that no contact be made with his half brothers, JOHN and WILBUR JONES as he has not advised them that he desires to cause the apprehension of subject FLOYD. It is the intent and purpose of Mr. Beach to secure the Oklahoma State and other rewards offered for the apprehension of subject Floyd. Mr. Beach is remaining in Los Angeles until he hears from this matter and can be reached by telephone Michigan 1686, Apt. 8, or through the office of Blaney Mathews of the State District Attorney's Office, telephone Mutual 2141, Extension 3390.

Mr. Beach has the reputation of being a successful investigator while on the force of the State District Attorney's Office at Los Angeles and has handled important cases for Buron Pitts and Blaney Mathews. He expects to re-enter the employ of the State District Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

Mr. Beach desires to be advised whether or not The Attorney General or the Bureau of Investigation could meet his desires to be deputized in some capacity, furnish transportation to Tulsa and Sallisaw, Okla., and to furnish expense money for a two weeks' period.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Kneen
per D. W. Magee

H. J. KNEEN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

DWM:f

cc: Kansas City.

1900 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois

June 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
619 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:-

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: Obstruction of
Justice. (Attempt to deliver Frank
Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoner.)
Chicago File No. 62-1649

Investigation by Bureau Offices indicates that one HARVEY BAILEY, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 3045, was a participant in the massacre of the officers in this case. BAILEY was captured July 7, 1932, with Escaped Federal Prisoners Keating and Holden, on the Golf Links at Kansas City, Kansas. He was subsequently identified as a bank robber who participated in the Fort Scott, Kansas, Bank Robbery during the early part of 1932, for which offense he was convicted by jury and sentenced to serve ten to fifty years in the Kansas City Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. He escaped from this penitentiary on May 30, 1933 and is at large.

A cover on the mail addressed to Bailey's Farms, which are located at Wilmet, Wisconsin and Richmond, Illinois, disclosed that on June 29, 1933 a letter was mailed to Mrs. Henry Schuster, 761 Genita Avenue, Long Beach, California. This letter bore the return address of E. R. Bailey, supposed to be a half brother of Harvey Bailey.

A description of Harvey Bailey, alias William Bailey, alias John J. Brennan, alias John J. Brown, alias Bloom, alias Snyder, is as follows:

Age - 43 Years
Height - 6 feet 1 inch
Weight - 195 Pounds
Build - Medium heavy
Hair - Gray
Eyes - Brown
Complexion - Medium

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Occupation - Racketeer and bootlegger
Born - Weston, West Virginia
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A photograph of Bailey is also attached thereto.

It is requested that discreet investigation be made at Long Beach, California, to establish the antecedents of Mrs. Henry Schuster, 701 Genita Avenue, who is corresponding with the Bailey Family at this time.

Prior to Bailey's incarceration for bank robbery, investigation by this office disclosed that he frequently made trips to Los Angeles and San Francisco, California.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

JJK:TBH
CC: Bureau ✓
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AIR MAIL



1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

June 30, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUL 8 1933 A.M.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

Handwritten signatures and initials are present over the stamp.

Dear Sir:-

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS --
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Attempt to deliver Frank Nash,
Escaped Federal Prisoner)
Chicago File No. 68-1649

Reference is made to a long distance telephone call received from Mr. Nathan, Assistant Director, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 29, 1933, in which Mr. Nathan advised that through a confidential source the Bureau Agents at Kansas City had ascertained that a long distance telephone call was placed at Chicago, at 3:00 P.M., on June 29, 1933, to telephone number Hyland 0852, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Assistant Director further explained in his telephonic communication, that this long distance call was transferred to another exchange, located near 21st and Wyandotte Streets, Kansas City; that the party calling at Chicago gave his name as BLOOM, and inasmuch as the name BLOOM is an alias for HARVEY BAILEY, Mr. Nathan requested that the identity of the person placing the above call be ascertained.

The writer immediately contacted Mr. Swenson of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company at his home in Chicago, Illinois, who advised it would be impossible to obtain the desired information until the morning of June 30, 1933. Mr. Webber, Superintendent of the Telephone Company, was then contacted at his home and promised to render all the assistance possible in this matter. Mr. J. R. Harmon, in charge of the Investigative Division of the Telephone Company, called the Chicago Bureau Office a short time after Mr. Webber was communicated with, and advised that he would render all the assistance possible in establishing the location from which the above referred to long distance call was made.

At about 8:30 P.M., June 29, 1933, Mr. Harmon advised the Chicago Bureau Office that from midnight, June 28, 1933, until 8:00 P.M. June 29, 1933, only two Hyland Exchanges at Kansas City, Missouri were called from Chicago, Illinois. He advised that one call was placed from Briargate 6166 about 12:02 A.M., June 29, the party called being at Hyland 7084.

Inquiry disclosed that Briargate #166 is a switchboard located at the Coronada Apartments, 1061 Rossmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. In view of the fact that Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner of the Chicago Office formerly resided at the latter address, he was instructed by the writer to report to this office with a view of obtaining a confidential contact, if necessary, at the Coronado Apartments.

One other call was made from Chicago, Telephone Number State 2738, to Hyland 4571, Kansas City, Missouri, the party calling asking for Mr. Brown. This call was transferred to Victor 2070 in Kansas City. Investigation disclosed that State 2738 is listed to Friebs & Sons, Poultry, Inc., 110 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois. The aforementioned call was placed at 12:10 P.M., June 29, 1935.

Mr. Harmon of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company subsequently advised there were approximately seventy long distance calls made from Chicago to Kansas City between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 P.M., June 29, 1935. He further advised they would trace all these calls and furnish a list today, if possible.

The records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company failed to indicate a record of a call having been made from Chicago, Illinois to Telephone Number Hyland 0832, in Kansas City, Missouri on June 29, 1935. Mr. Harmon requested that this office verify the information previously obtained from Assistant Director Nathan. Conversation was subsequently had with Special Agent R. C. Suran of the Kansas City Office, who verified the call in question. This information was immediately communicated to Mr. Harmon, who ceased a further check to be made. He called the Chicago Bureau Office about 11:30 P.M., advising that the call in question was made from Superior 4660, Chicago, at 3:45 P.M., June 29, 1935 and same was completed about 5:49 P.M., at which time Mr. Bloom called Frank Malloy, the call being transferred at Kansas City to Victor 4400.

Inquiry disclosed that Superior 4660 is the telephone number of the St. Clair Hotel, located at 162 E. Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois. Agent Keating, accompanied by the writer, immediately proceeded to the St. Clair Hotel, surveyed the situation, and then proceeded to the Maryland Hotel with a view of making appropriate contacts to ascertain the general character of the management and personnel of the St. Clair Hotel. Desk Clerk Osborne of the Maryland Hotel, who has previously cooperated with this office in the Keating and Holden Case, advised that the Manager of the St. Clair Hotel is one Malcolm James, who bears a good reputation in the hotel business. Agents were unable to locate Mr. James, however, as he could not be disturbed after midnight.

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Further inquiry disclosed that T. L. Taylor is the Night Manager of the aforementioned hotel. Mr. Osborne advised that Taylor was O. K. for interview.

The writer and Agent Keating, accordingly, interviewed Mr. Taylor, advising him as to the nature of the mission, whereupon Mr. Taylor promised his continued cooperation. He produced his records, showing that Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bloom registered at the St. Clair Hotel on March 7, 1933 and were assigned to Room 518. The Blooms gave their address as Chicago, Illinois. He further advised that Mrs. Bloom is a bookkeeper and secretary at the Olex Paros Night Club, located at 411 Fairbanks Court, Chicago. Due to the fact that Mrs. Bloom, from time to time, has furnished patronage for the St. Clair Hotel, that hotel rented Mrs. Bloom a room at a special rate of \$10.00 per week. Mrs. Bloom is described by Mr. Taylor, as being about 32 or 33 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing about 130 pounds, fair complexion, blonde hair, long nose, drawn face, slightly sunken, uses cosmetics abundantly. Little is known of her husband, O. H. Bloom, except that he is a traveling man, supposedly. Mr. Taylor advised he has seen Mrs. Bloom at the hotel frequently, but did not recall ever seeing Mr. Bloom prior to last Saturday, June 24, 1933. Mr. Taylor described O. H. Bloom as about 32 to 35 years of age, 170 to 180 pounds, wears a dark brown suit, is well dressed, wears a straw hat almost constantly. Mr. Taylor believes Bloom's hair is prematurely grey around the temples.

Mr. Taylor further advised that Bloom was contacted last Saturday, in the lobby of the St. Clair Hotel, by a heavyset man, of about thirty years of age. The photographs of the inmates still at large, who recently escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, and of all other persons involved in the Keating-Holden-Mark mob, were exhibited to Mr. Taylor. He was unable to identify any of them definitely. He stated that the profile photograph of HARVEY BAILEY resembled the general appearance of O. H. Bloom; however, he was unable to positively identify him, inasmuch as he has been very busy and has not noticed Mr. Bloom very carefully.

The current records of the St. Clair Hotel show that a long distance telephone call was placed from Room 518 at 3:57 P.M., Chicago time, on June 29, 1933, at which time Mr. Bloom called F. B. Malley, Hyland 0285, in Kansas City, Missouri. The call was transferred in Kansas City to a Victor Exchange. The clerk who handled the call at the hotel was Operator No. 2, who is Miss Margaret Vinplenn. This operator was off duty at the time of Agent's call. The records further indicated that possibly another long distance call was placed from

Room 518 on June 28, 1933, in the sum of \$1.30. The identity of this call could not be established until the auditor's records were available today.

The hotel records further indicated there were also five local calls made from Room 518 on June 28, 1933. Mr. Taylor advised that Manager James would be available at the hotel about 8:30 A.M., today and would assist in every way possible in this connection.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Taylor, the reporting Agent and Agent Keating proceeded to the seventh floor of the St. Clair Hotel, which has a similar floor plan to the fifth floor, on which the Blooms are located. It was noted that Bloom and his wife occupy a corner room, near an exit and a fire escape. There was not a single vacant room on the fifth floor of the hotel on the night of this call; however, Mr. Taylor promised to reserve a room on the fifth floor in the event one was available today.

Observation from the outside of the hotel on the west side, disclosed that a light was on in Room 518. Mr. Taylor, Agent Keating and the writer proceeded up the street, at which time the writer observed a man about thirty-two years of age, wearing a brown suit and a sailor hat, in the room about 2:00 A.M., June 30, 1933. On the outside, a man was observed waiting in a Studebaker automobile. The man in Room 518 appeared younger and somewhat smaller than Harvey Bailey is portrayed by his photograph and physical description.

The information regarding the call in question was transmitted to the Kansas City Bureau Office about 2:00 A.M., June 30, 1933, at which time Agent Suran advised that a call from Hyland 0832 in Kansas City was made at 7:44 P.M., to Room 518 St. Clair Hotel, by Frank Malley.

Mr. Taylor further advised he had no recollection that Mr. Bloom limped. Bailey is reported to limp slightly at this time, due to a gunshot wound inflicted in his leg when he made his escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary on May 30, 1932.

Agents J. R. McDonald, J. L. Madala, W. C. Baum remained in the Bureau Office during the above investigation, in readiness to handle any emergency matter which might be referred to them.

On even date, Malcolm James, Manager of the St. Clair Hotel was interviewed by Special Agent Keating and after perusing the photograph of Bill Bailey, advised, and stated positively, that the man in

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Room 518 is not RAILY. He further stated that Bloom is of Jewish extraction and that Mrs. Bloom is a native of Florida and holds a responsible position in which she handles all of the accounts and cash at the Chez Paree Night Club. Mr. James further stated that Bloom and his wife moved into the hotel on March 7, 1933; that they were newly-weds, having been married on or about February 15, 1933. Mr. James stated that he knows Bloom very well as a guest of the hotel and has seen him at frequent intervals at the hotel, between March 7, 1933 and this date. He advised that Bloom travels considerably, but recently he was supposed to be in Saint Louis, Missouri for approximately a month, and that Mrs. Bloom forwarded him \$100.00 there, by telegraph. Bloom returned to the hotel on Saturday evening, June 24, 1933.

Manager James stated that about one month ago, Mrs. Bloom received two barrels and a box which she stated contained household goods which Bloom had received from his parents somewhere in Michigan. Mr. James stated that the barrels and the box above mentioned were in storage at the hotel at the present time and suggested that an inspection be made of same. Accompanied by Mr. James and Mr. Taylor, Agent Keating inspected these barrels and box, in the store room of the hotel. They were open and it was found they contained glassware and other household utensils. A tag on the box, which contained phonograph records, showed that these household goods were formerly in storage at the Cadillac Storage Company, 11745 Twelfth Street, Detroit, Michigan, telephone Longfellow 9400, and were shipped from this storage company to the St. Clair Hotel about one month ago.

A check of the hotel's records, in the auditor's office, disclosed that on June 22, 1933, four local telephone calls were made from Room 518, as follows:

Kenwood 863- (last number omitted)
Delaware 1605
Superior 1216
Superior 6579.

The Kenwood number could not be ascertained as all telephone numbers in Chicago consist of four digits. Delaware 1605 is the Chez Paree Restaurant, 247 E. Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois; Superior 1216 is the Kenwood Woollens, Inc., 330 No. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois; Superior 6579 was recently changed to Superior 1217 and is allocated to the Kenwood Mills, Inc., 330 No. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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From the aforementioned telephone calls, it would appear that possibly Bloom is a woolen goods salesman. The \$1.30 item which was charged to Room 518 on June 28, 1933 was for a Western Union telegram. Endeavor is being made at this time to ascertain the contents of this telegram and the party to whom it was sent.

Agent Keating, assisted by other Agents, is covering all known haunts of the Keating-Holder-Wash mob at this time in an endeavor to run the Chicago phase of this investigation to a logical conclusion.

Very truly yours,

D. J. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Bureau ✓
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE IN DELIVERY
 OF FEDERAL PRISONER
 CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-1649

Please be advised that Harry Evans, underworld character, who resides at 4870 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, personally called at this office last night stating that he is proceeding to Kansas City at 6:10 P.M. today at the request of Roy Lapitz, a representative of the Burns Detective Agency; that Lapitz is stationed in Chicago; however, he recently proceeded to Kansas City and wired Evans \$40.00 for the purpose of joining him and supposedly to obtain information regarding the murder of Special Agent Caffrey and three police officers.

The brief interview with Evans disclosed that he has recently been in Kansas City where he alleges he ascertained that Special Agent Caffrey and the police officers were killed by Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti; that immediately after the murders were committed Floyd and his companion were concealed by Johnny Lazzia, a well known Italian of Kansas City; that about eight hours after the persons were slain Lazzia assisted Floyd and his companion in leaving Kansas City.

Apparently Evans called at this office for the purpose of obtaining protection while at Kansas City, inasmuch as he is fearful that Chief of Detectives Higgins and other local police may arrest him while associating with other underworld characters. Evans was reluctant to furnish me the charges on which he is wanted. He was advised that any information he may obtain regarding the murders should be furnished the Kansas City Bureau office, and was further informed that this Bureau would not endeavor to protect him from arrest by law enforcement officials. However, in the event he furnishes information of value, he was advised the Kansas City police will be advised of same in the event inquiries are made regarding him, Evans. Apparently Evans

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does not desire to cooperate with Lapitz in Kansas City, but prefers to assist this Bureau if possible. Evans was advised regarding the location of the Kansas City Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 1, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Effort to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)).

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Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation had with Special Agent F. F. Yearaley today, kindly make arrangements through officials of the Illinois Commercial Telephone Company, Springfield, Illinois, to obtain all incoming and outgoing long distance telephone numbers called from numbers WENONA 57 and WENONA 218, at Wenona, Illinois.

For your information copies of a memorandum just received from Special Agent Charles Jenkins are attached hereto. Copies of this memorandum are also being furnished herewith to the Bureau and Kansas City offices.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Wenona, Illinois, June 30, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE D.O. SMITH

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

After arriving at Wenona, Illinois on Wednesday morning, agent interviewed Miss Wilson, Assistant Postmaster, who furnished the following information:

Mrs. Frances Harrison, a niece of Mrs. Agatha Orsen, has from time to time visited her aunt at Wenona. The picture of Frances Luce was identified by Miss Wilson as a likeness of Frances Harrison referred to above. The description of Frances Harrison as furnished by Miss Wilson is identical with that of Frances Luce.

Frances Harrison who is supposed to be a resident of Oak Park, Ill. has a daughter about 8 years of age.

Records of the Wenona Post Office show that on March 9, 1933, a registered letter addressed to the Western & Southwestern Life Insurance Co. South Marion St. Oak Park, Ill. was mailed. It bore return address Frances Harrison, Wenona, Ill.

Yesterday a pasteboard tube apparently containing a calendar mailed by the same company addressed to Francis Luce, Wenona, Ill. care of J.J. Orsen, passed through the Wenona Post Office.

April 15, 1933, a large package containing toys and valued at \$20.00 addressed to Danella Luce, Aurora, Minn., bearing return address Frances Harrison, Wenona, Ill. was brought to the Post Office by Jacob Orsen, cousin of Frances Harrison who sent the package registered mail.

Some time ago Frances Harrison had her bunions removed at the hospital at Streator, Ill. She is described as having unusually large feet.

Mrs. Agatha Orsen, aunt of Frances Harrison, is a widow with two children Jacob and another son who has a farm near Wenona.

Jacob Orsen is married, the father of 5 children, and resides with his mother. He is a licensed embalmer, has worked for a local undertaker, but of late has been a bartender in a soft drink parlor. Until recently he supported his family with difficulty but in the last three or four months has become prosperous. On June 15, 1933, he purchased the soft drink parlor in Wenona where he has worked as a bartender. At the time of the purchase it was explained that Frank Harrison "a big shot from Chicago" was backing Jacob in the venture. Jacob recently displayed a \$500.00 bill to various persons in Wenona.

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He owns a Ford coach.

Frances Harrison on previous visits has driven her own car - could not learn the make of car, but it was believed to be a coupe. Apparently she did not bring her car with her on this trip to Wenona.

Miss Kuehn, Cashier and operator at the local office of the Illinois Commercial Telephone Co., informed agent that she lived two doors south of the home of Mrs. Agatha Orsen; that while she does not visit Mrs. Orsen's home she is acquainted with Frances Harrison, the niece of Mrs. Orsen; that Mrs. Harrison has frequently visited Mrs. Orsen; that Mrs. Harrison was supposed to be a resident of Oak Park, Ill.; that she and her six year old daughter are now visiting at the home of Mrs. Orsen; that she saw Mrs. Harrison for the first time on this trip on last Friday (June 23rd); that on Tuesday (June 27), she saw Frances Harrison and Jacob Orsen in the latter's car and has not seen Mrs. Harrison since that time although she has seen Mrs. Harrison's child playing in front of the house every day including today; that Mrs. Harrison on other visits has seldom been seen except on the porch of her aunt; that the Orsen family does not visit among the neighbors to any extent although remaining on friendly terms.

Miss Kuehn was shown the picture of Frances Luce and stated same was a likeness of Frances Harrison. She had no information as to the mode of transportation used by Mrs. Harrison or when she arrived in Wenona.

Miss Wilson, Assistant Postmaster, informed agent yesterday that the night before a resident of Wenona had remarked to her (Jake Orsen went to Chicago yesterday; This was the day (Tuesday) that Miss Kuehn saw Jacob Orsen and Frances Harrison in Jacob's automobile. It is possible that Mrs. Harrison made the trip to Chicago with him.

Miss Wilson, Assistant Postmaster, advised agent that at 10.00 o'clock this morning (June 30) she talked with Mrs. Otto Johnson who resides next door on the north side of Mrs. Orsen; that Mrs. Johnson had informed her that Mrs. Orsen's niece and her little daughter were visitors at Mrs. Orsen's home, and were there this morning; that she had been told by members of the Orsen family that Francis Harrison's husband is "on the road and makes big money", and from her observation Mrs. Harrison appeared to have plenty of money.

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The telephone in the Orsen residence is Wenona 57, and at the soft drink parlor is Wenona 218. Both telephones have been installed within the last 15 days.

At the local office Miss Kuehn, the cashier, explained that at the end of the day all long distance outgoing call tickets are sent to the accounting offices of the Illinois Commercial Telephone Co. at Alton, Illinois, and after being recorded are returned to Wenona, at the end of the month. This is not a Bell Telephone Co. Miss Kuehn promised to furnish agent with the numbers called on long distance from the residence of Mrs. Orsen and the soft drink parlor of Jacob Orsen, but today she informed agent that she had been instructed not to do so by the District Manager at Kankakee, Ill. who passed through on an inspection trip. The main office of the company is at Springfield, Ill. Suggest that the St. Louis office arrange to get a record of outgoing calls from telephones WENONA 57 and WENONA 218.

Neither Miss Wilson or Miss Kuehn or any of the persons with whom they had talked had ever seen the so-called Frank Harrison.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES JEWINS

Special Agent.

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801-Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

June 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905-Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Unknown Subjects
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash.

As noted from the report of this agent dated St. Louis
June 29, 1933 H. C. Ingraham when interviewed promised to keep this
office advised of his whereabouts so that he could be again
contacted when necessary, and on June 29, 1933 he did call this
office from Cincinnati and advise that he would be located in
Cincinnati for several days but that he had no address as yet.
He stated that he would advise this office on the morning of
June 30th of his address in Cincinnati. However, on June 29th,
through the cooperation of the local telephone Company the
call from Cincinnati to this office was traced and it was found
that it was placed at 12:54 P.M. June 29th from pay station
LD 99 in the Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

No further word has been heard from Ingraham and the
above information was telephonically communicated to Acting
Special Agent in Charge Klein of the Cincinnati office on the
morning of June 30th, 1933. If an additional address for
Ingraham should be received same will be promptly forwarded to
your office.

Very truly yours,

D.M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
June 30, 1933.



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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
deliver Federal prisoner Frank Nash).

The attached memorandum which speaks for itself was received at this office today from the Kansas City office and in connection therewith I have, by telephone, contacted the Ford Motor Company and they advise me that John J. McCullough is unknown at that place and, as far as the records show, has never been employed there. My conversation was had with Mr. H. Beach who is secretary to Mr. Harry Bennett, the head of the service department which includes the special police.

In addition to this, the current issue of the city directory was consulted but without results. It is suggested that you make proper inquiries as indicated in the memorandum in your district and advise the Kansas City office accordingly.

Very truly yours,

R.B. Donaldson,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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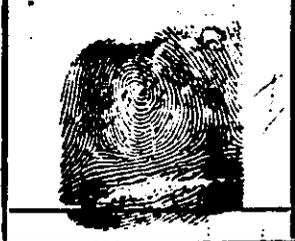
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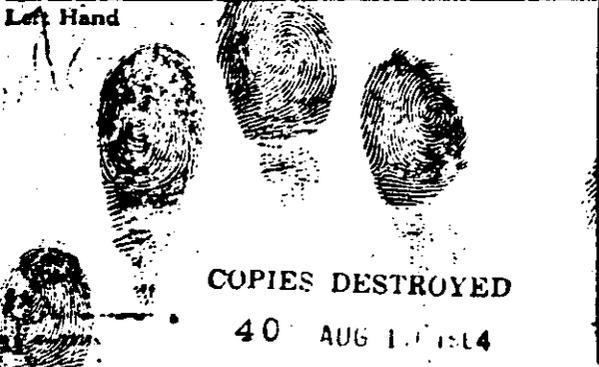
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Dear Sir:

RE: Unknown Subjects
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

In connection with this matter and referring to long distance call from Agent in Charge Vetterli this morning relative to the Sheriff at Mena, Arkansas, having two men in custody with machine guns who, according to the press, were from Kansas City, I communicated with Sheriff Jones at Mena by telephone. He stated he had only arrested one man, whose name was Cornelius Lefever, who had a machine gun and who had been taken to Ashdown, Arkansas; that this man recently held up the bank at Malvern, Ark. The Sheriff said he knew nothing about this man ever having been in Kansas City; that he is a product of Malvern, Arkansas, a man about 45 years old, and has a brother who is a doctor at Malvern. Since the facts do not seem to warrant any further inquiry, I will not pursue that angle unless you suggest so.

I would respectfully call your attention to report of Agent A. R. Gere, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated June 26, 1933, and to the information furnished by Arthur Johnson, alias Red Price, who evidently knows what he is talking about. You will note his mention of the O. P. Inn in Chicago, which is the location of telephone Malross 645, the telephone number in Chicago which was called from Hot Springs on the day of Nash's arrest and which we are already investigating. I think the information furnished by Johnson alias Price should be thoroughly checked.

On yesterday I talked to, I believe, Agent Trainor over the telephone at Kansas City regarding Vincent C. Moore, whose 'phone number is one of those called at Kansas City. I called Agent Trainor's attention at that time to report of Agent S. W. Hardy dated December 4, 1931 from St. Paul, Minn., under caption "Francis L. Keating, Fugitive, I. O. #1129", in which is disclosed certain information about Mack Leavitt alias Maurice Leavitt, former owner of the Dunagre Apartment Hotel, Chicago, and his connection with the gang. It will be recalled that Vincent C. Moore, whom you are now tracing, gave Mack Leavitt as a reference. I have formed the opinion that Vincent C. Moore is none other than Verne C. Miller and mentioned this fact to Agent Trainor over the 'phone. I think it would be well for you to refer to the report of Agent Hardy, above mentioned.

A letter has been received from the Sheriff's office at Chickasha, Oklahoma, stating that on June 21, 1933, they were called to investigate a car and its occupants about one mile south of Chickasha, where the car was seen being driven very rapidly. They found the car parked and the alleged owner gave his name as Mr. Lindsay of Kansas City, Mo. He showed his Driver's License from Kansas City in that name. He was supposed to be visiting some relatives at Chickasha and was driving a Cadillac Sedan with Missouri License #313,398. The opinion of the Sheriff's office was that this man is a racketeer from Kansas City, and they thought we might desire to look up the record of this car.

Agent Smith tells me that Agent Anderson recently developed some information at Hot Springs to the effect that some of these gangsters are hiding out near Eureka Springs, Ark. I think this is very probable, as informant A at Hot Springs told me that the gang had a hideout near Eureka Springs and might be there at the present time. My information coming from a source which is entirely antagonistic to the source from which Agent Anderson obtained his information would tend to substantiate the reports. If anyone is sent into the vicinity of Eureka Springs, extreme care should be taken in regard to Walter Hamblin, who is the divorced husband of Esther Farmer, wife of Hubert Farmer of Joplin. Hamblin controls the gambling and other rackets at Eureka Springs and has heretofore been associated with the Nash gang. There is one man at Eureka Springs who can be approached safely and who has heretofore helped us in this matter - that is Mr. A. J. Russell, Jr., an attorney who was previously a Deputy United States Marshal with headquarters at Fort Smith, Ark. He is now a junior attorney in the office of Congressman Claude A. Fuller at Eureka Springs. I understand that Fuller is very close to Hamblin therefore any contact made with Russell should be very very discreet in order not to jeopardize his position. Hamblin runs a number of tourist cabins, I understand, in the vicinity of Eureka Springs besides his gambling racket.

With respect to my contact with the confidential informant at Hot Springs, please be advised that the situation is such that he will not let me wire or telephone him and although he has given me his post office box number I fear to communicate with him through that source on any matters pertaining to this case. Practically the only safe way is to contact him personally or through Agent Smith. He does not desire to deal with or be known to other Bureau Agents. While I was in Hot Springs he asked me pointedly whether or not we would be interested in having "Pretty Boy" Floyd and I told him at that time we had nothing on him. He stated flatfootedly that he could put his finger on "Pretty Boy" any time we wanted him and I believe he can, but as I stated in my previous letter, covering my recent trip to Hot Springs, he does not seem to be "very hot" about Harvey Bailey, Brady, Underhill, and company, and expressed the belief that the massacre was pulled by Chicago men. Whether or not his belief is genuine or merely an attempt to divert our attention away from Bailey and company, I cannot say.

I telephoned Agent Jones the other day to contact a Santa Fe brakeman named F. J. Colobay, who was an eye witness to the shooting and whose run is apparently between Tulsa and Kansas City. Please let me know if he has been contacted and if not I will have him interviewed at Tulsa. However, I believe the interview should be conducted by the Kansas City office, who are better posted as to the situation there and can question him more intelligently. He may not have anything but of course every eye witness should be interviewed sooner or later.

Doubtless the Kansas City office has made and is making a complete analysis of this matter and in this connection I refer to my letter of yesterday, furnishing all the telephone calls which we have located and asking the Kansas City office to point out any of those calls which in their opinion should be traced further. Doubtless you are in possession of many details with which I am not acquainted and there might be significance to certain telephone calls which to me would not appear significant and which the Kansas City office might wish checked further.

I am short two Agents at the present time of my normal personnel, Leakey and Agent Chipman, who is in the hospital, and if I am to do very much detail work on this case I will have to have another man or two to assign to that exclusively, as the current work upon other matters has to be carried on.

With respect to contacting informant at Hot Springs, I believe more information could be secured from him by Agent Smith than by anyone else. I realize the importance of keeping constantly in touch with him. I will await your suggestions.

Incidentally, while talking to informant at Hot Springs, he told me that Agent Caffrey had been close enough to Nash several times to put his hand on him. I thought you might trace this back to Caffrey's reports and find out something about where Caffrey might have talked to someone who was Nash and didn't know it. I am confident the informant knows what he is talking about because Caffrey's name had not been mentioned up to the time he suddenly stated "I know that Caffrey has been close enough to Nash several times to put his hand on him".

Very truly yours,

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R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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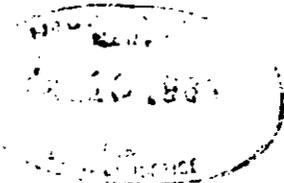
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 29, 1933, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash), addressed to the Kansas City Office, in which it is noted that your informant has advised that he could locate Charles Arthur Floyd alias "Pretty Boy" at any time he was wanted.

Your attention is invited to Identification Order #1194, from which it will be noted that the apprehension of Floyd is desired by the Bureau. Accordingly, it is requested that you contact your informant and make arrangements to cause the apprehension of this individual.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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June 29, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects,
Obstruction of Justice,
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)

In compliance with your recent request, I am mailing you herewith one 45 calibre bullet and shell fired from the machine gun of George Birdwell, former partner of C. A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd. This bullet and shell were fired at Stonewall, Oklahoma about a year ago when they were planning to hold up the bank at that place, and the best information available indicates that it was from a Thompson sub-machine gun then in the possession of Floyd and Birdwell.

This is the only bullet and shell which I have been able to obtain which may in any way be connected with "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Kindly return same to this office when they have served their purpose as they are the property of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Identification, who wish them back as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1206 Law and Finance Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

Referring to your wire of June 29, 1933, and to the letter from the Chicago office, dated June 27, 1933, please be advised that William Woods, formerly an escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, was apprehended, with Clifford Dopson, at Junction, Texas, on June 5, 1933, and has now been returned to the Kansas State Penitentiary.

It appears, therefore, that the identification of Woods by Anthony Mills Murray was incorrect.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

DIV 2
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Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

It has been ascertained that Richard Tallman Galatis, alias Pritchard Sheridan, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, a racketeer and confidence man, has an important connection with this matter. He is said to have been arrested on a charge of operating a confidence game, date unknown, by the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department. His fingerprints and photograph having been taken there, according to information.

It is requested that the photograph and photographic copies of fingerprints be secured from the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department, at the earliest possible date, and forwarded to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPICAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri.

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Re: HARVEY J. BAILLY, with aliases,
et al.,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
(Endeavor to deliver Escaped
Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash.)

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Dear Sir:-

With further reference to the report rendered by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Iadd dated June 29, 1933 at St. Louis, Missouri reflecting certain information furnished by one H. C. Ingraham, who was interviewed at Henderson, Ky., on June 26, 1933 relative to this case, please be advised that a thorough investigation was made at Nashville, Tennessee in an endeavor to locate one "Nigger" Nolan, but without success. Further efforts were made in an endeavor to ascertain whether Ray's Herrill under the name of Roy Roberts or any of the other individuals mentioned in connection with this case had been or were receiving mail at the General Delivery window. No information of this kind could be secured.

It was ascertained that one Nick Nolan (colored) had died about a year ago, but from information received from police and other law enforcement officers in that vicinity, this individual was not connected with the criminal element.

At Memphis, Tennessee efforts were made to locate one Lefe or Lese Nathan, reputed, according to Ingraham to be a book-maker and gambler in that city. With the assistance of Chief Inspector William T. Griffin, one Sam Nathan was located, who operates a hand book and who was interviewed and denied any knowledge of the individuals alleged to be connected with this case. Inspector Griffin stated that Sam Nathan recently inherited quite a sum of money and was not considered by the Police Department as having any connections with the criminal underworld.

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The results of the above were telephonically communicated to the Director, who stated that Ingraham should be again located and thoroughly interviewed. He was located by the writer at the Haylin Hotel, on June 30 and interviewed at this office on even date. I am attaching hereto, two copies of a statement dictated by Ingraham, which sets forth in detail all information which he possesses concerning the shooting at Kansas City on June 17. It will be noted that his statement varies considerably from the information set forth in the report of Special Agent in Charge Iadd. He now admits that he was received at the Penitentiary from Santa Fe, New Mexico under the name of ~~Harvey~~ ~~Day~~, alias Paul ~~Gregg~~, alias Fred ~~Smith~~, received May 8, 1919 and discharged November 15, 1920. It will be noted in the statement dictated by Ingraham that he still insists that Roy Sherrill was brought to the Penitentiary after he was incarcerated there, however the records on Sherrill show, as furnished by Special Agent in Charge Vetterli that he was received at that institution on November 15, 1908. - ?

Another discrepancy, which I consider of importance is the fact that he now changes his statement to the effect that he met Harvey Bailey of Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas about ten years ago; that he was mistaken when he informed Special Agent Maynor that he met Bailey at the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

From a group of photographs which were displayed to Ingraham he picked therefrom the photographs of Harvey Bailey and Roy Sherrill, but failed to identify the photograph of Robert C. Brady with aliases as the person referred to in his statement and called Bruley alias Barnes. When advised that Lufe or Loe: Nathan could not be located at Memphis, Tennessee he stated that he was possibly mistaken with regard to the name furnished to him by Sherrill, but that he was certain that the person that Sherrill had in mind was a brother-in-law of one Max Weis, who at one time was in the wholesale boot and shoe business at Memphis, Tenn. Efforts to verify this information are now being made by Special Agent R. E. Petersen of the Birmingham Office.

With regard to ~~Miss~~ Bailey, alias Barnes there is apparently no doubt in Ingraham's mind that he was one of the five occupants of the car which was alleged to have been in Henderson, Ky., on the afternoon of June 21, although information received from Special Agent in Charge Vetterli telephonically, now places this individual in the McAlester Penitentiary.

With regard to page 4, paragraph 5 of Mr. Ingraham's statement, the person referred to therein is Frank Mash, that is according to Sherrill's statement they were somewhat afraid of Mash furnishing information concerning

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the break at the Leavenworth Penitentiary at which time Warden White was kidnaped.

Page 3, paragraph 6 of his statement is a bit confusing, but according to Ingraham, Sherrill, Bailey and the others were at Hot Springs, Arkansas on the date Nash was apprehended, for the purpose of placing him on the "spot" and according to Ingraham, Sherrill advised that he was apprehended before this purpose could be accomplished; that when information was received to the effect that Nash was apprehended, they immediately started for Kansas City. He was unable to furnish any other information as to how Bailey and the others knew that Nash would be immediately taken to that point.

The Kansas City Office might desire to check the information furnished by Ingraham concerning BILL CRENSHORE, who is alleged to have resided at Jay, Oklahoma.

With regard to the ultimate paragraph on page 7, the writer located Maude Montgomery now connected with the World's Shows of America which show is playing at Middletown, Ohio. She stated that in 1923 at Boston, Mass. she married one Archie Nash who was an acrobat; that his home was just outside of Boston and that she secured a divorce from him during the year 1927 in Texas; that she last heard from him in 1929 in Portland, Maine; that according to her information Archie Nash was the only child and she was unable to furnish any information concerning Frank Nash or his relatives.

For the information of the Kansas City Office a copy of Ingraham's statement is being furnished the Chicago Office at the request of the Director, in order that Lucille Roberts, reputed to be the girl friend of Sherrill and now working in the "Days of '49", Century of Progress, Chicago might be discreetly interviewed for any information she might be able to furnish concerning Sherrill or his relatives.

A detailed report concerning the investigation at Nashville, Memphis and Cincinnati will be reported by the writer within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

T. D. QUINN,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
St. Louis

1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

July 1, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

With regard to the report rendered by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd dated June 29, 1933 at St. Louis, Missouri entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS" and which reflects an interview had with H. C. Ingraham, please be advised that an investigation conducted at Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., failed to substantiate the information furnished.

At the request of the Director, Mr. Ingraham was located at Cincinnati, Ohio and again interviewed and a copy of his statement is attached hereto. It will be noted on page 1, paragraph 2, Roy Sherrill alias Roy Roberts is alleged to have been very friendly with one Lucille Roberts, who is now working in the "Days of '49", Century of Progress, Chicago, Illinois. The director desires that a discreet investigation be conducted in order to verify this information and if possible, to secure information from Miss Roberts concerning Sherrill and his relatives.

The advisability of placing a mail cover on all mail being received by this person might be considered. The information obtained should be immediately transmitted to the Kansas City Office of the Bureau for their information in the premises.

Very truly yours,

T. D. QUINN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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I first met Roy Sherrill in the Federal Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas in 1919, where he was brought in on crutches to serve a sentence. He was placed under my care in the prison hospital. After his wounds were healed he was given an assignment as chauffeur for the prison physician. I left the Federal Penitentiary in the month of November, 1919. I never saw Sherrill prior to the time he was brought into the Federal Penitentiary.

The next time I saw Sherrill was at the Chicago Stadium in Chicago, Illinois in October, 1932. He came to the Chicago Stadium to see a girl named Lucille Roberts, who is now working at the "Days of '49" at the Century of Progress at Chicago.

I have known Harvey Bailey for about ten years, having met him from time to time in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. One of Bailey's associates at that time was Estil Butler. I saw Bailey, prior to June 24, 1933, about four or five years ago at Kansas City.

I also knew Braley alias S. L. Barnes. I knew him in Oklahoma when I was with the 101 Ranch at Ponca City. I last saw this person in 1928 at Ponca City, at which time he was Manager of a taxi office in that city.

Sherrill wrote me in October, 1932, asking me to get him a job at the place where I was employed. He was at a small town in Indiana, near Terre Haute, where his uncle lives. I answered the letter received from Sherrill and told him that there was no opening at that time, and that I was going East. I went to New York and Boston, Mass. Lucille Roberts, undoubtedly, knows the address of Sherrill's relatives residing near Terre Haute, Ind.

From that time I never saw any of the individuals mentioned above until on June 24, 1933, at Henderson, Kentucky, while stopping at the Kingdon Hotel.

I was walking along Green Street at about 2:30 in the afternoon, when the car drove by with five men in it. The car was practically a new 16-cylinder Cadillac, four-door. I am sure there was a spare tire on each side in the front. The car was black. There was a lot of chromium on it, and it had wire wheels. It had a plain Cadillac radiator cap.

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The car was passing by me in the same direction, on the same side of the street, when Sherrill recognized me. They were going south on U. S. Highway #41, in the direction of Nashville, Tennessee. I was alone when Sherrill recognized me. Sherrill was sitting in the front seat with Bailey, who was driving. I recognized one of the three occupants in the back of the car as Braley alias Barnes.

Sherrill hollered at me and jumped out and wanted to know what I was doing there. I recognized Sherrill.

Everybody got out of the car except Bailey, who stayed at the wheel. I did not see either the number or color of the license plates. The first thing Sherrill said to me was that they were in a "jam". He said, "What are you doing here?", and I asked him, "What are you doing here?". He said, "We are in a jam. We had to bump off a bunch of people in Kansas City." I asked him if he was mixed up in that Nash affair, and he said, "Nothing else but". At that time Sherrill was alone, the other persons remaining in the car. Bailey spoke up and told Sherrill he was talking too much, and Sherrill said, "I know this fellow, and know he is alright". He made some remark that he would not have any leg if it had not been for me.

Then they all piled out of the car except Bailey. Bailey never left the seat. I noticed that Bailey's right leg stayed in one position all the time. From a medical standpoint it may have been impaired or helpless. I noticed that he drove with his hand instead of with the foot accelerator.

I looked into the car as they were getting out and it was full of guns and ammunition. They were all on the floor in the back. There were a couple of machine guns and a few sawed off shot guns lying on the floor of the car. They were covered when the occupants of the car got out. All the men had guns on them. There was also in the front of this car, a sawed off shot gun, between Bailey and Sherrill which was not covered, but which gun was placed in the back of the car when they all got out of the car except Bailey.

Bailey did not have any hat on. He had sport shoes and flannel trousers, white shirt and no tie.

Sherrill had a straw hat on. He had no coat on, but had a light pull-on, V-shaped neck, sweater. They were all clean.

Braley alias Barnes had light trousers with suspenders and no coat. He had a Bangkok hat on. Their coats were all off when I first saw them.

I was wrong when I stated all the occupants had their coats off. I now recall that Bailey had a coat on, and had a double holster under it. He pulled back his coat and displayed to me this double holster. There were several .45's in the car; also boxes of cartridges.

Bailey stated they were going down to a filling station to get some Diamond gas. He told the other fellows to stay with me while he went to get the gas. He had already asked somebody the location of the Diamond Gas Station, which was only a block and a half from where we were, and he went to the gas station, leaving the remaining four people with me.

This place where we were standing was in the residential section about one and one-half blocks from the main thoroughfare. I had been talking to the occupants of the car about four or five minutes before Bailey left to get the gasoline.

Just as soon as Bailey left, Sherrill called me aside, probably twelve feet away from the other three fellows, and told me he was in a terrible mess. He said that they had intended to kill Nash only, for double-crossing Bill Creekmore, whom I knew. He said that Nash had double-crossed Creekmore as well as everybody else, and had beat it to Hot Springs, where Bailey and Sherrill and the rest of the boys had gone to get him. They were in Hot Springs when Nash was apprehended and they beat the train into Kansas City.

Creekmore's place is near Jay, Oklahoma, across the State line from Joplin, Missouri. He used to keep up crooks between jobs and acted as a fence for them. He went to Leavenworth in 1919 for a crime which I do not know.

Sherrill said they killed a bunch of officers and that it was impossible to get Nash without getting them. He said the five of them were in on it.

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There were two cars used in the killing at Kansas City, but he did not tell me the makes of the cars. He said the cars used in Kansas City had been picked up in Kansas City. Sherrill stated that the car now in their possession was not one of the cars used during the killing.

I asked him if it was necessary to mow all these fellows down, and he said that it was done now and that they were all in the same spot, and that it is capital punishment in Missouri, and that it would not help their cause any, whether they killed one or one hundred. He said it would be safer to travel in one car, because it would be stronger, and that they were going to stick together until the finish.

I noticed that the Cadillac was a very beautiful car. It was a regular stock job. The glass on the car was all down. The car looked comparatively clean.

They told me that they were spending their nights in tourists camps, and not registering in any hotels. They had a trunk on the back of the car. There were no grips in the car.

Sherrill said some of their associates were afraid that he would do some talking about an escape out of Leavenworth two or three years ago. He mentioned someone from Oklahoma who was in it, but mentioned no name. All this conversation took place with Sherrill, while the other three remained about ten or twelve feet away.

He asked me how I was fixed for money, and said that they had plenty of money. I told him I was alright and did not need it. He told me how to get in touch with him. I advised him that I was about through there, at which time I was working as a Route Guide, for Highway #41, listing tourists camps, hotels, service stations, etc.

I told him I might go on down toward Nashville, Tenn. He said, "I will tell you how to get in touch with me", and he told me where they were going, and said they were headed for Harlan, Ky.

He told me there were two different ways that I could get in touch with him in Nashville - one was to drop him a line addressed to Roy Roberts, General Delivery, Nashville, Tenn., and the other was to see a man named Nolan - I think he called him Nigger Nigger Nolan - who is a well known fence at Nashville. He is a book-maker at Nashville.

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He also said that they would be back and forth over to Memphis, and that I could get in touch with him in the same manner at Memphis, either through the Post Office, or a book-maker named Lefe/Nathan. One of the strangers had relatives around Barlan, Ky., and they were going there to make their headquarters in the hills.

Braley alias Barnes finally came over and asked me the same question as Sherrill did, about money, and I told him the same thing I told Sherrill, that I did not need it. Braley said that if I came to Nashville, he would like to see me. I told him that Sherrill had told me how to get in touch with him.

Braley alias Barnes only made a few remarks about Oklahoma, wanting to know if I had been down in Oklahoma lately. That had nothing to do with the case. PWkuska is his home town. I do not know Nig or Nigger Nolan. I do know many reputable people in Nashville.

I do not know Lefe Nathan, mentioned by Sherrill, at Memphis, but I have heard of him. I know his brother-in-law, who is a very high-class Jew, whose name is Max Weis. He used to be in the wholesale boot and shoe business there. I have never met Nathan.

The last time I was in Memphis, was January, 1935, at which time I was in charge of the circus at the Auditorium. It was a show which I put on in connection with the new Bry's Department Store. I stayed at the DeVoe Hotel. I have no relatives residing in Memphis.

About this time Bailey had come back. He was headed in the opposite direction and was gone about fifteen or twenty minutes to change the oil in the car and get filled up with gas. By this time we had all gotten together. Sherrill and Bailey introduced the other two men to me, but I cannot recall, at this time, their names. You could tell that one was a hill-billy. These two men, whose names I cannot recall, had no coats on. They had sailor hats on. One had a blue shirt and cheap, striped, light-colored trousers.

Bailey told me, "We are in a pretty hot spot, but I would rather be in a spot, than back at that place. Anything is better than that."

He said he hoped to see me down in Nashville. I told him I thought maybe I would be down there in a few days. He said I could be a lot of service to them, and that they would be willing to pay me for anything I could do for them, to keep them under cover. I entered into no proposition with them. Bailey, at no time during the entire time, got out of the car.

Bailey wanted to know how long it would be before I would be down to Nashville. I told him probably in a week or ten days. Bailey asked me if Roy had told me how to get in touch with them at Nashville. I told him I would probably be there in a week or ten days. I told him Sherrill had told me. Bailey then said they would make me a good proposition, meaning that I could protect them, and that I could get around where they could not. I told them I would think it over, and talk to them when I came down.

After Bailey returned from the gas station, he remained about ten minutes. In all, I believe I spent about forty minutes with them. Bailey told us he had the crank case drained, and had it filled up with gasoline.

They left me, I would judge, about five or ten minutes after three o'clock. They were going a little beyond Nashville, Tenn., to a tourist camp located on Highway #41, on the other side of Nashville. They were going from Nashville, Tenn., to Harlan, Kentucky, to establish a headquarters, and then back and forth between Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.

One of the hill-billies said, "I have a light car in Nashville, Tenn. We are not going to take this thing up into the mountains". The lighter car, according to my understanding, was in Nashville.

When they got back into the car, Sherrill got in the front seat, and the other three fellows got into the rear seat. The sawed-off shot gun was still in the back seat.

Sherrill said he had been hanging out in Oklahoma, I would judge, around Pawhuska, Ponca City, Tulsa, and Muskogee with Bernes. I think both the other boys had been with him in Oklahoma. I never attempted to get a look at the license plates or the color appearing on same. I turned around when they left and walked down the street, without turning my head.

Immediately after that, I debated the thing until Monday morning. Then I went to Evansville, Ind., and tried to call Mr. W. R. Noah, Chief Post Office Inspector at St. Louis, shortly after nine o'clock, on the 26th. I put the call in collect from either the McCurdy or Vendome Hotel. I was unable to get Mr. Noah. I talked to the Acting Inspector In Charge. I told him that I was anxious to get in touch with Mr. Noah, in connection with this Nash case. He told me Mr. Noah was out of the city, but that I could tell him anything I had to say. I said I would rather get in touch with somebody who was directly in charge.

He then told me to call Mr. Ladd at Central 1850 at St. Louis. I did not do this, but at 3:30 that afternoon, I sent a day letter to Mr. Hoover at Washington, as a result of which I was interviewed by Mr. Maynor at Henderson, Ky., the same night, about ten o'clock.

There is a woman with a carnival at Middletown, Ohio, who will be there until tonight, whose name is Maude Nash, either married to Frank Nash or his brother. Her name now is Maude Montgomery. She is known in the show business as Maude Nash. She may or may not know something. I last saw Maude Nash about eighteen months ago in Chicago.

From a group of photographs he picked out photographs of Bailey and Sherrill. From the photographs he stated that Braley alias Barnes was not included therein.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation.

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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 19, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Clegg	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I am submitting the following criminal history relative to JAMES CLARK, one of the prisoners who escaped recently from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, a copy of whose photograph and fingerprint card also is attached:

Subject as James Clark, #---, arrested SO, Midland, Texas, November 17, 1927, charge - Robbery with firearms; disposition not given.

As Jim Clark, #18793, received SP, McAlester, Okla., March 31, 1928, crime - conjoint robbery; sentence - 5 years.

As Jim Clark, #25639, received SP, McAlester, Okla., March 14, 1932, from Sequoyah, crime - larceny (of live stock); sentence - 5 years, escaped May 25, 1932, notified 6-22-32.

As Jack Martin, #---, arrested SO, Nevada, Mo., June 17, 1932, charge - bank robbery, turned over to Ft. Scott, Kans. officers.

As Jack Martin, #745, arrested SO, Fort Scott, Kans., June 18, 1932, charge - bank robbery; to Kansas Penitentiary.

As Jim Clark, #2988, received SP, Lansing, Kans., July 8, 1932, crime - bank robbery (habitual); sentence - life.

Notations: #4257, Granite, Okla., reformatory.

WANTED: As Jim Clark, for escape. Notify:
SP, Lansing, Kans."

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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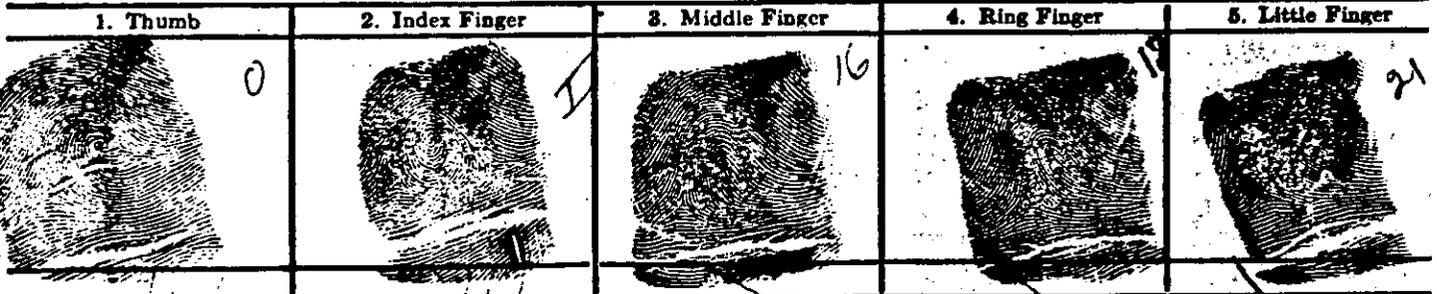
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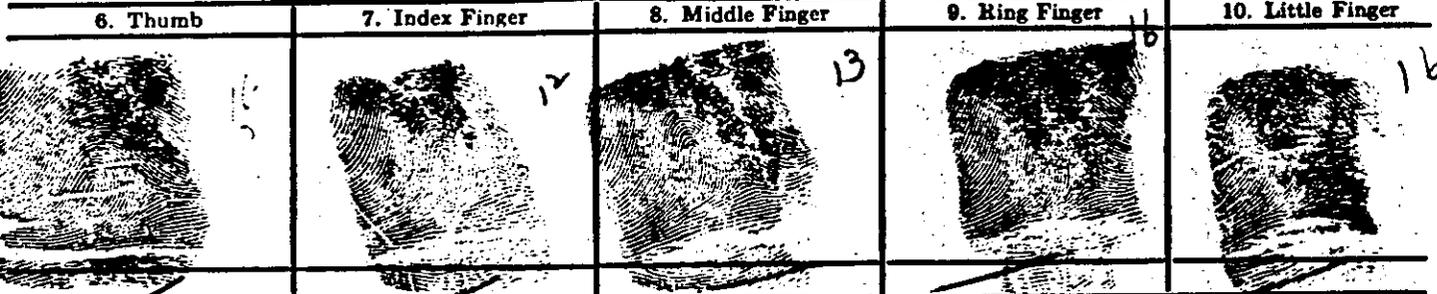
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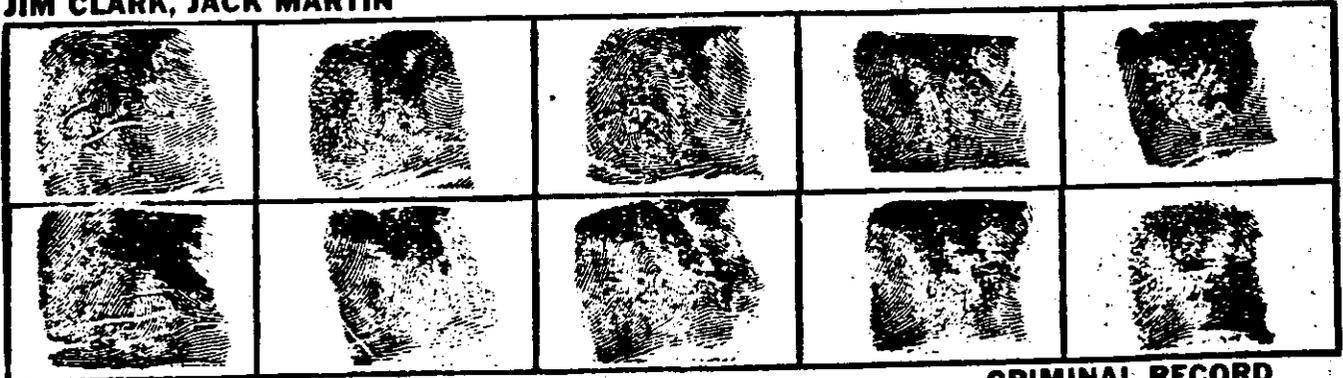


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ORDER No. 1192
June 22, 1933

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WANTED
JAMES CLARK, aliases
JIM CLARK, JACK MARTIN



DESCRIPTION

Age, 31 years
Height, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches
Weight, 141 pounds
Build, medium
Hair, brown
Eyes, blue
Nationality, Irish
Scars and marks:
1- vac cic upr otr
11- clear 111- high
4-head



Jim Clark

CRIMINAL RECORD

As James Clark, arrested Sheriff's Office, Midland, Texas, November 17, 1927, charge, robbery with firearms.
As Jim Clark, No. 15799, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, March 31, 1928, crime, conjoint robbery; sentence, five years.
As Jim Clark, No. 25699, received S.P., McAlester, Oklahoma, March 14, 1932, from Sequoyah, crime, larceny (of life stock); sentence, three years; escaped May 25, 1932.
As Jack Martin, arrested Sheriff's Office, Nevada, Missouri, June 17, 1932, charge, bank robbery, turned over to Fort Scott, Kansas officers.
As Jack Martin, No. 745, arrested S.O., Fort Scott, Kansas, June 16, 1932, charge, bank robbery.
As Jim Clark, No. 2968, received S.P., Lansing, Kansas, July 8, 1932; crime, bank robbery, (habitual), sentence, life imprisonment; escaped May 31, 1933.

James Clark, who was received at the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, Kansas, on July 8, 1932, under a life sentence as an habitual criminal and who escaped therefrom May 30, 1933, is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Issued by: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Clegg	

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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In connection with your request noted on memorandum dated June 29, 1933, referring to the commutation of sentence of Roy Sherrill from 25 to 10 years, kindly be advised that Mr. Barry, of the Pardon Attorney's office, permitted the writer to examine the file of that office on Roy Sherrill, from which it appears that Sherrill was convicted after a plea of guilty on a charge of holding up a Kansas City & Denison train at Koch Siding, near Paola, Kansas, July 10, 1918. There were five bandits participating in the hold-up, consisting of Dale Jones, Frank Lewis, Roscoe Lancaster, Thomas Knight, and Roy D. Sherrill. Jones and Lancaster were killed resisting arrest, Lewis died in jail awaiting trial, and Knight and Sherrill pleaded guilty to the charge and were each sentenced to serve a term of 25 years, the minimum.

Sherrill filed application for commutation of sentence from 25 to 10 years, which was granted April 21, 1920. He escaped June 22, 1921 and was returned to the penitentiary June 2, 1923.

The commutation of sentence was recommended by Post Office Inspectors J. M. Donaldson and J. W. Adamson, the United States Attorney who handled the case, Fred Robertson, and the United States District Judge who sentenced Sherrill, John C. Pollock. The recommendations were made because Sherrill made a complete statement, admitting the facts of the hold-up and implicating the co-defendants. The United States Attorney and the Post Office Inspectors stated that but for Sherrill's admissions, Knight could not have been convicted, and that because of Knight's knowledge that Sherrill had made a complete statement, he also entered a plea of guilty. It was stated also that Sherrill did all he could to assist in the location of the other bandits, who were shot and killed.

Sherrill's father, Reverend J. L. Sherrill, a minister in the Baptist Church, did considerable corresponding with Congressman Everett Sanders of Indiana and also with Senator Watson, during the time that Sherrill's application was pending. After Sherrill's escape and return to the penitentiary his father wrote numerous letters to Congressman Sanders in an effort to have his son's good

This is another instance of abuse of power through too much sentimentality. Certainly after he escaped & was captured he should have been required to serve his full term of 25 years.

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time restored, which was taken from him by reason of his escape. It does not appear, however, that his good time was ever restored, and his sentence expired October 23, 1930 and would have otherwise expired July 21, 1925.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

July 3, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:-

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS --
Obstruction of Justice,
(Attempt to liberate Escaped
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

I am attaching hereto, for your information, copy of the signed statement which was obtained by the Cincinnati Bureau Office on July 1, 1933 from a confidential informant who had previously contacted The Director by telegram, the said statement being self-explanatory.

Kindly discreetly obtain photographs of "Slim" Braley and Roy Cherrill, who are known Oklahoma "products". Agent Keating informs me there are two persons who use the name of "Slim" Braley, or Briley. When obtained, kindly forward copies of the photographs to this office and to the Saint Louis, Kansas City, Saint Paul and Cincinnati Bureau Offices.

Sometime during the year 1926, or 1927, a case involving a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act was handled in your office, in which a "Slim" Braley, or Briley, was the Subject. During the investigation of this case, which was handled by Agent Keating, the identity of both Braleys was established.

For your information, the Kansas City Office is the office of origin in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Kas. City.
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

July 1, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
MISCELLANEOUS (Obstruction of Justice -
Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Frank Nash)
Kansas City File #62-760-

It is requested that a photograph of TONY DE GRAZIA,
Chicago, Police Department No. C-26814, be secured and forwarded to
the Kansas City office at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
July 3, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)
K. C. file 62-760

Enclosed is a copy of letter dated July 1, 1933, re-
ceived at this office from Mrs. Alice Long, allegedly the sister
of Frank Nash, wherein she expresses a desire to secure his per-
sonal belongings, and asks the help of this office in so doing.

It occurs to the writer that Mrs. Long may have a
humane interest in this matter somewhat exceeding that of other
connections of Nash. It is suggested that she be interviewed
for whatever information she may be inclined to furnish with
respect to the tragedy that occurred on June 17th.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS

July 1st-1933

Department of Justice
Kansas City, Mo.

I am writing in regard to Frank Kash - my brother - his personal belongs while I was in Kansas City to bring his body here - the Coroners office told Odonells Undertaker, I could have his belongings. When we called they said - would have to wait -- they said -- He only had 4.00 in money, a diamond ring, a wrist watch & glasses. Can you get this information from Mr. Smith - who was with him - when he was killed. I would also like to know if the Department of Justice does not notify the family when one of their prisoners are killed, especially like my brother was - shot in the back of the head. Our family had to telephone twice to Kansas City before we could locate his body.

I would like to know about his belongings as they will have to pay his funeral expenses - the undertaker there can give you the correct information about the coroners office, as he went with me when they said I could have his belongs. We had to borrow money to bring him home and will have to sell his belongings to defray the expenses.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Alice Long

218 W. Garland St.

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

July 3, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS -
Obstruction of Justice.
(Attempt to liberate Escaped
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, formerly of the Kansas City Bureau Office, dated July 29, 1932 in the case entitled "Francis L. Keating, with aliases; Thomas Holden, with aliases; Frank Nash, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1166, Escaped Federal Prisoners", Kansas City File No. 76-174.

A perusal of pages 15, 16, and 17 of the aforementioned report indicates that one William Engler, who served time in the Leavenworth Penitentiary for Mail Robbery, No. 24846, and who is out on bond in Des Moines, Iowa for bank robbery, and his wife, Bertha Engler, were connected with the Keating-Holden mob.

In the said report, it is further noted that William Engler was arrested in Des Moines, Iowa on December 12, 1931, on a charge of bank robbery. At the time of his arrest at Des Moines, he was accompanied by one Edward Wilhite, Des Moines PD No. 8977, Wincan Urban, Des Moines PD #897., and John Lager, Des Moines PD No. 8978. These four individuals are alleged to have been captured by the Des Moines Police Department in a bank at Des Moines, Iowa on December 12, 1931 and were subsequently released on bond, pending disposition of State charges against them.

In the Jaka tractor kidnaping case which occurred at Chicago, Illinois a few days ago, Urban and Wilhite are mentioned as possibly part of the kidnaping gang.

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While Engler was incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, he corresponded with the following parties:

- Mrs. William Engler, wife, 512 - 18th St.,
Saint Louis, Missouri;
- Miss L. Engler, sister, 2356 Euclid Avenue,
Saint Louis, Missouri;
- Mrs. E. M. Kohloehner, sister, 5011 Exetre Ave.,
Saint Louis, Missouri;
- Charles Silver, friend, 518 - 18th Street,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

Bertha Engler's Police Number at Kansas City, Missouri is 20406.

Kindly ascertain from the Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department if the aforementioned bank robbers are still out on bond; if so, obtain for the Chicago Bureau Office, two photographs each of Engler, his wife, and confederates. It is also requested that you obtain for this office, additional circulars bearing photographs and fingerprints of each of the following, so that the proper stop orders may be placed at the Chicago Police Department by this office:

Harvey Bailey, Kansas State Penitentiary No.	8045
Bob Brady, " " "	2337
Jim Clark, " " "	2988
Kenneth Conn, " " "	2193
Ed Davis, " " "	2987
Alvie Payton, " " "	1755
Wilber Underhill, " " "	2337

For your information, taps are being placed on the telephones of the relatives of Bernard Phillips, at 6144 North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and on the O. P. Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois. Agent Keating is also arranging to place a tap on Bailey's telephone, which is Number 503, Wilmet, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Louis, Okla.
City, St. Paul.
No. 62-1649

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
 Kansas City, Missouri
 June 26, 1933

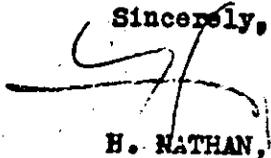
Director -
 United States Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Major:

The attached regular communication is being forwarded to you, together with a bill for funeral expenses of former Chief Reed. I feel very strongly, as I know do you, that everything possible should be done to in some way pay this bill. I know, of course, that it is probably technically impossible, but it may be that by the use of blue slips, covering confidential information or in some other manner, we can pay this. I am sure that we owe it to the Reed family.

Frank Smith tells me that Reed went with him on his, Smith's, specific request. In view of this it would appear that he came to his death because of his willingness to aid in the search with our men. This would appear to be a rather overwhelming moral responsibility.

Sincerely,



H. NATHAN,
 Assistant Director.

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Mr. Harold Nathan,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

JUL 6 - 1933

Dear Mr. Nathan:-

Otto
With regard to your letter of June 26th, I have referred the matter of payment of the funeral expenses of the late Chief of Police Reed to the Department for a decision as to whether there is any way in which these expenses can be borne by the Government. I fully agree with you that the Bureau has a moral responsibility in this matter and that we should meet this expense if it is at all possible. I am doubtful, however, that such an arrangement can be made.

I will communicate with you farther concerning this matter as soon as a report is received from the Departmental officials.

Sincerely,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
July 3, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

JUL 8 - 1933

RE: Unknown Subjects
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

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Replying to your letter of July 1, 1933, requesting investigation concerning V. C. Moore, you are advised that we had previously endeavored to locate Mrs. E. Morton, 1817 Harland, Oklahoma City, Okla., and found there is no such address in Oklahoma City. I informed Agent Gus Jones of the results of our investigation by telephone. I also furnished you a copy of the memorandum submitted by Special Agent C. H. Franklin dated June 27, 1933, covering our investigation of V. C. Moore at Oklahoma City.

In reply to your letter of June 29, 1933, requesting that inquiry be made at the railroad ticket office of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Ft. Smith, Ark., to determine whether or not anyone secured information through that source on June 18th as to purchasing of tickets and destination of the officers who transported Frank Nash to Kansas City, please be advised that W. R. Harper, Ticket Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Ft. Smith, was on duty on June 18th from 4:00 P.M. to midnight and sold the tickets. He reports that no one made any inquiry concerning the matter; that he only sold three other tickets on that train - one to Vinita, Oklahoma, one to Independents, Oklahoma, and one to Kansas City, with lower berth, which were purchased by script - indicating probable use by commercial travelers. There were a number of people in the office at the time of the departure of the train, including newspaper reporters, and dispatches I think went out of Fort Smith over the A.P. at 8:45 P.M., stating that Nash was being taken to Leavenworth on that particular train. These A.P. dispatches were picked up in transit at Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Helena, El Dorado, and Texarkana. Also at 10:45 P.M. that night the A.P. sent a dispatch to Oklahoma City to be relayed to Kansas City, stating that Nash was being taken there by Missouri Pacific train and would arrive there at 7:15 A.M.

The most interesting thing we discovered was through Mr. C. A. Perryman, General Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Ft. Smith,

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Ark., who advised that at about 8:35 P.M. on the 16th as the Kansas City train was crossing the river bridge coming into Fort Smith and as he was attempting to cross the road between the passenger depot and the freight depot, a large coupe - either a Cadillac or Lincoln - color either dark blue or black, came driving around the back of the freight depot at a rapid pace and stopped in back of the passenger depot. Mr. Perryman got a glimpse of the driver, whom he described as being about 35 or 40 years of age, dark complexioned, smooth shaven, heavy set, having a full round fat face and wearing a wide brimmed light colored panama or hat. He did not notice the license plate and might be mistaken as to the color of the car, as it was very dusty. He advised he might be able to identify the person from photographs and I am sending photographs of the six suspects to him for identification.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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June 30, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER,
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

In connection with efforts of the Bureau of Investigation to apprehend one Frank Nash, a Federal fugitive from justice, Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma, proceeded to Hot Springs, Arkansas, with two Special Agents of this Bureau where the fugitive, Nash, was apprehended. Chief Reed was requested to accompany the Agents in view of the fact that he knew Nash and could readily identify him. Chief Reed accompanied the Special Agents of the Bureau with the Federal prisoner to Kansas City, Missouri, from which point it was planned to proceed to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. At the Union Station in Kansas City, the officials were fired upon by individuals concealed behind automobiles who used machine guns and Chief of Police Reed was killed as were other law-enforcement officials, including a Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation.

In view of the foregoing, information is requested as to whether there is any way in which this Bureau could meet the funeral expenses of the late Chief Reed. This officer lost his life in assisting employees of the Federal Government in the handling of a Federal case and it would appear that the Government should be able to at least care for the funeral expenses. I would appreciate it if you will secure an early decision on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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July 1, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

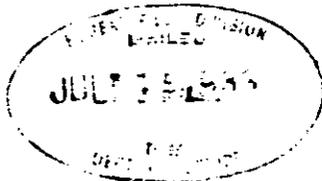
Reference is made to your telegram of July 1,
1933. There is transmitted herewith a photographic
copy of the fingerprint card of Mary Crawford,
Kansas City Police Department #20399.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. #662408.

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Dear Mr Hoover

JUL 6 - 1933

My Mother, Mrs O N Reed

unable at this time to
 me to acknowledge receipt of your kind
 letter. It helps so much to know Our Daddy
 was appreciated by all who knew him. He
 was all grief stricken over our loss. But
 there is one ray of light and that is
 our firm belief that He has not given His
 life in vain. It seems to have taken
 this terrible tragedy to awaken the people
 to the seriousness of this menace we
 have tolerated far too long.

We feel confident the four
 noble men who gave their lives to protect
 society will be avenged by the apprehension
 of these foul murderers - and humanity
 made safer by the wiping out of such
 characters

Thanking you for your kindness
 and sympathy - We remain -

Respectively
 Blanche Reed Hieckelheim
 for
 My Mother Mrs O N Reed

U. S. Department of Justice
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

July 2, 1933

Director
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash)
K.C. File 62-760

Pursuant to telegram received from the St. Paul Office of this Bureau today there is enclosed one photograph of Vernon C. Miller, South Dakota State Penitentiary number #4240. It appears that the Chicago Office requested the St. Paul Office to forward this photograph to the Bureau, which request was relayed to this office.

A copy of this letter to the Chicago Office also transmits a photograph of Vernon C. Miller.

Very truly yours,

R E Vetterli

R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-St. Paul
Chicago (encl.)

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Edward C. Kelly

Age: 27 (1923) - 1-

Ht.: 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Wt: 135 pounds

Col. of eyes: Grey

Comp.: Sang

Col. of hair: M. Blonde

Scar & Marks:

Scar curved at outer edge
of left eye.

Scar irreg. 7.0 left side
of head.

End of 3rd finger left
missing (ampt.)

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R E VETTERLI
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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SPECIFIC LEAD NOW ENGAGED AGENT TURROU BEING INSTRUCTED TODAY REPORT
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T F CULLEN
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE ROOM 1403
NEW YORK N Y

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DIRECTOR,
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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 29th, 1933.

M. W. N.
C. A.
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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recent newspaper photographs and moving pictures of the automobile fired upon supposedly by the friends of Frank Nash at Kansas City, Mo. on June 17th, 1933, which came to my attention, show what appears to be the top of a Department of Justice calendar with the words "Department of Justice" placed in the rear window of the car, presumably the car of Agent Caffrey.

From a reading of press reports, it appears that the car occupied by the attackers drove up close by and parked near the car of Agent Caffrey, and the thought comes to me that the attackers were probably able to locate and identify the car of Agent Caffrey because of the Department of Justice identification above referred to, which was in the car.

It has come to my attention that it is probably a common practice throughout the service for agents to make use of the top of a Department of Justice calendar when using automobiles for official purposes, and particularly when parking them. It appears to me that the benefit gained from the use of such an identification sign, is far outweighed by the damage that can accrue, as is probable evident in the killings at Kansas City, and I suggest that you give consideration to the issuance of instructions prohibiting the use of same.

JUL 6 - 1933

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd
JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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NATHAN TOLSON	W. C. CLEGG
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I had never heard of this. Of course it is wrong & foolish. I find out if such was actually done at Kansas City. Have it stopped at once. John A. Dowd.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

JUL 6 - 1933

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Bureau by Special Agent in Charge Dowd, under date of June 29, 1933, in which it is indicated that the top of a Department of Justice calendar with the words "Department of Justice" was used on the window of the car of former Special Agent Caffrey.

Please advise me by return mail whether such a card was used on this occasion and whether it is the practice at the Kansas City Office to make use of such a card on automobiles used by employees of the office. The Bureau does not approve of this practice and, if Mr. Dowd's information is correct, desires that it be discontinued immediately.

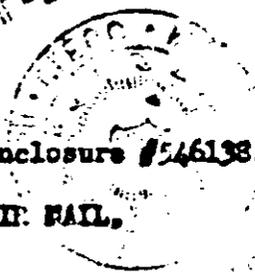
Very truly yours,

Director.

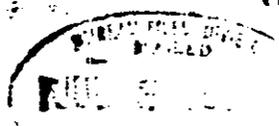
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AIR MAIL.

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Mr. J. A. Dowd,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

JUL 6 - 1933

Dear Mr. Dowd:

I want to thank you for your letter of June 29, 1933, concerning the use of the top of a Department of Justice calendar, with the words "Department of Justice" on the window of the car of former Special Agent Caffrey, which was involved in the shooting at Kansas City on June 17, 1933. The Bureau does not approve of this practice and has issued instructions that it be discontinued at once.

I appreciate your action in calling this to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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July 5, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
905 Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Kansas.

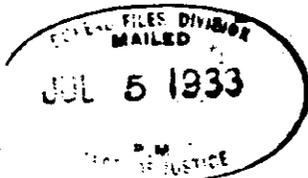
Dear Sir:

The suggestion has been made that it would be well to freely circularize the better apartment houses in the Mid-West with the identification orders covering the suspects in the Kansas City shooting. The Bureau believes that this suggestion is a good one and particularly should be applied to Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and Little Rock.

Please immediately advise of your views with reference to this proposal and include the names of any other cities which you feel should be so circularized and give an approximate estimate of the number of identification orders which would be required for Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Mr. Egan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Mr. Nathan
 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Clegg

Form No. 1
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Kansas City, Missouri

FILE NO. 62-786

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-5-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-4-33	REPORT MADE BY: Bliss Morton
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. (Endeavoring to deliver Escaped Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash.)

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 JUL 5 1933
 MR. TOLSON

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The Cincinnati Office received copy of letter of Captain Fred Wampler, Big Four Ry. Police, Mattoon, Ill., to Captain E. F. Cline, Captain of Big Four Police, Indianapolis, that certain men who had been at an auto camp near Casey, Ill., the evening of June 17, 1933 may be the subjects of this matter. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker and son, Gale Baker, operating Oak Grove Lodge, near Casey, Ill., allege that about 3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. June 17, 1933 a 1933 Ford Sedan, with Indiana license plates #559-391 was driven there by two men, one of whom used the name "Ira Seybold, Logansport, Ind." and resembled a picture they saw in a Sunday newspaper of the supposed leader of the gang of murderers in this case. Agent produced various identification orders to them, and they identified none as Ira Seybold, but believe his companion resembles Robert G. Brady, I. O. #1190. These men remained there about two hours, and drove east and Bakera know nothing of them since. Records of State Motor Registration Bureau, Indianapolis, Indiana show that 1933 license plates #559-391 were issued to Ira Seybold, 314 North St., Logansport, Indiana June 8, 1933 for 1933 Ford Del. Tudor #321629.

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REFERENCE:

Letter to the Kansas City Office from Cincinnati, 6-30-33; telegram from Kansas City Office 7-3-33; telegram to the Kansas City Office 7-4-33.

DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Agent Bliss Morton, forwarded from Indianapolis, Ind., to the Cincinnati Office of the Bureau, a copy of a letter which had been written by Fred Wampler, Captain of Police, CCC & St.L. Ry., Mattoon, Ill., addressed to E. F. Cline, Captain of CCC & St.L. Ry. Police, Indianapolis, Indiana in which it was stated that Deputy Sheriff Grissom, Toledo, Ill., had informed Captain Wampler that Grissom had been told that four men had stopped at an automobile camp called "The Oaks" between Casey and Greenup, Ill., about 3:30 P.M., on the date of the shooting at Kansas City and had remained until dark and then went east. The information further was to the effect that these men were in a big dark colored sedan, and that they were the man, or part of them, who had done the killing at Kansas City.

AT CASEY, ILL.

By pre-arrangement, agent met Nelson Grissom, Deputy Sheriff of Toledo, Ill., at the automobile camp known as "Oak Grove Lodge" some three miles west of Casey Ill., on National Highway #40. Deputy Sheriff Grissom informed agent that he had obtained his information in this case from the proprietors of the Oak Grove Lodge, who had been at that place many years and were reliable.

Mr. Robert Baker and wife, and their son, Cale Baker, perhaps 20 years old, mail address Casey, Ill., were interviewed. They have an eating place at that address, with a number of cottages. Mr. Baker keeps a record of guests, by name, number in party, number of cabin assigned address and license number of car and make of car. The Bakers state that on June 17, 1933 between 3:30 and 4:00 P.M., a Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, black in color, with red wire wheels was driven into the camp by two men. They wanted a cabin, and were assigned Cabin #2. Mr. Baker's record shows that the car bore 1933 Indiana license plates #559-391. Mr. Baker states he asked the driver for his name and the driver wanted to know if it was necessary to give it; whereupon Mr. Baker told him it was customary. Thereupon, the driver said he was Ira Seybold, address, Logansport, Ind. Mr. Baker wrote that information in the register, but neither of the men signed the register. This man was between 35 and 40 years of age, about 5' 10" tall,

weighing about 160 lbs., slender build, narrow face; with scar in eyebrow but Baker does not know whether in left or right eyebrow and when he came in he had oil or ointment, which looked greasy and which seemed to be up under his hat, but had streaked onto his face somewhat.

The man with him did not give a name, but seemed to be about the same age as the one called Seybold, about 5' 10 or 11" tall, weighing about 180 lbs., coarse features, heavy face, dark eyes.

After these men arrived and rented cabin #2 they drove their car to the cabin and washed up. Baker saw one of them carry into the cabin a black box, approximately 3" x 8" x 22". He could not state of what material the box was made, nor what it contained, but since thinking over the matter he has wondered if it might not have contained a machine gun. The men rested or slept about two hours or until nearly dusk. Then they drove their car out to the side of State Road #40, almost in front of the main building of the place and came in and ate supper. Although other people were dining, they did not take off their hats all the time they were at the table, and seemed to watch other people and the road rather furtively.

On June 18, the Bakers saw an item in a newspaper of the killing at Kansas City. They are not sure what paper they saw, but believe it was the Chicago Tribune; but it might have been the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In this paper they saw on the upper part of the page, the pictures of the officers who were killed. Near these pictures, they saw a picture of the prisoner who was killed with the officers. On the same page, they saw a picture of a man, whose name they cannot recall, but who was mentioned in the paper as the leader of the gang. Mr. and Mrs. Baker and son, Gale Baker, all state that when they saw this picture they remembered that the man giving the name of Seybold, the day before, bore a great resemblance to him.

After the two men in question had eaten, they got into their car and drove east and the Bakers know nothing further about them. They state that no one else at Oak Grove Lodge saw the men.

Agent produced to them Identifications orders #1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193 and 1194. They at once stated that Seybold resembled none of these. However, they believe that the man with Seybold bore some resemblance to #1190, Robert G. Brady, alias Bob Brady, alias Pat Brady, alias J. H. Taylor alias Bob Ross.

Deputy Sheriff Crisson could throw no light on this matter and knew of no one else who could assist.

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Agent called at the State Automobile Registration Bureau, and examined the record of application for license #559-391. It shows that Ira Seybold, 314 North Street, Logansport, Indiana made said application June 8, 1933 for a new 1933 Ford Del Tudor, motor #321629.

Copies of this report to the St. Louis Office for information only at this time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: at Logansport, Indiana. Determine whether such a person as Ira Seybold exists; who his partner on June 17 may have been and whether they may be identical with any of the men connected with this matter, however this lead should be held in abeyance until further instructions are received by the Chicago Office from the office of origin.

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