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CHARACTER OF CASE
BANK ROBBERY (BURGLARY)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS: First National Bank, Rosebud, Texas, November 14, 1947

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Suspect JACK WARD claims he was in Stanford, Texas, hospital on October 20, 1947. He was employed by LON UNDERWOOD, 749 Oak Street, as mechanic on 11/14/47. Associates of suspect FRANK ALEXANDER MACB identified as R. L. ARMSTRONG and ALTON RICKS and subsequently identified by informant SNOW as individuals known to him as 8ZK and other individual who accompanied MACB.

DESCRIPTION OF FENCE IN DALLAS DESCRIBED BY SNOW believed to be GERRIT H. HARRIS, ex-convict and local gambler, driver CARL KENDAL, Central Freight Lines, interviewed negatively.

REFERENCE:


DETAILS:
At Stanford, Texas:

It was ascertained from Chief of Police GEORGE FLECKNER that suspect JACK WARD is presently incarcerated in Jones County Jail, Anson, Texas, on charge of burglary. Chief FLECKNER advised that for considerable period of time JACK WARD had been in the vicinity of Stanford and that WARD, together with one R. L. ARMSTRONG and JOHN H. LEIS, was arrested at Stanford on November 26, 1947, and each charged with burglary. The chief stated that at the time of arrest the following burglary tools were taken from the car, a 1939 Ford, which they were driving:

- Large Sledge hammer, 15 pounds;
- Medium Sledge hammer;
that he could not definitely identify this place but stated that it was located on Harry Hines Boulevard near a liquor store called "The BottleShop". He further described instant location of the fence as a joint near a vacant lot and some pecan trees, and there are a number of trucks parked in this area. The fence as described by S.W. is a man about thirty years of age, about 5'7" to 5'8" tall, weight about 150 pounds, slender and freckled, and has a redheaded woman working for him in the beer joint who is believed to be his wife. A check of hangouts and individuals as described by S.W. in Dallas indicate that the place which S.W. is attempting to describe is a local gambler's hangout in Dallas County on Harry Hines Boulevard known as the "Alpine Inn" and that the individual whom he described as a fence is CECIL EUGENE HARRIS, with alias JAMES PERRYMAN, JAMES PERRYMAN, and HARRIS. The "Alpine Inn" is a gambling joint which has sprang up just outside the city limits of Dallas on Harry Hines Boulevard in the past five months. This Inn is operated by R.D. HARRIS and J.E. TURIS who are purported to have Sheriff's Office protection in the operations of their dice activities in this area. J.E. TURIS, one of the owners of the "Alpine Inn" is a well-known gambler in Dallas and is described as a small-time shill before he opened the "Alpine Inn". He has numerous arrests at the Dallas Police Department for operating a bookie and dice games. CECIL EUGENE HARRIS, with aliases, has a long criminal record and has been handled for safe burglary and bank robbery prior to this time.

The following is a description of CECIL EUGENE HARRIS:

- Born: March 11, 1914
- Lamar County, Texas
- Height: 5'10"
- Weight: 170
- Hair: Red
- Eyes: Blue
- Complexion: Fair
- Peculiarities: Hooked nose
- Present address: 2113 Scevera
- FBI No.: 853341

A criminal record for HARRIS is not available in Dallas at this time but he is reliably reported by informants of this Office to have been sentenced to two years for Post Office Burglary in 1935, paroled in 1937 and parole revoked same year. On June 17, 1934, he was handled for robbery with firearms in Dallas and no billed by the Grand Jury on November 23, 1934.