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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

**DETROIT**

FILE NO. **47-2422**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/29/46</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/12,17;5/16/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES T. O'BRIEN</b> <b>MW</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IMPERSONATION ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject in signed statement admits he never was a member of the United States Navy; admits wearing uniform; pilfered official Navy discharge and leave forms and filled out same, altered ident (Navy) card which he found. Admits interstate transportation of fraudulent check from Baltimore to Chicago. Indicted on April 12, 1946, on charges of impersonation and illegal wearing of the uniform. On April 15, 1946, pleaded guilty to impersonation count. Illegal wearing of the uniform count dismissed on motion of United States Attorney. April 19, 1946, sentenced to two years imprisonment. Disposition sheet and parole report submitted.

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REFERENCE: 1946 (43-5359) Report of Special Agent FRANCIS W. MATHYS dated March 8, 1946, at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS: On April 12, 1946, the Subject was interviewed at the Wayne County Jail where he furnished the following signed statement:

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

DETROIT FILE NO. **47-2422**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/28/46</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JAMES T. O'BRIEN MW</b>
NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES: <b>JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, with aliases John Jack Grossi, Jack Dale Williams, Rodger Garland Dickman</b>		
VIOLATION: <b>IMPERSONATION ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE UNIFORM</b>	<b>PAROLE REPORT</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;">This convict was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Detroit, Michigan, on April 12, 1946, on a charge of Impersonation and Illegal wearing of the Uniform. He was arraigned on the same date and requested counsel at which time his final arraignment was deferred. On April 15, 1946, he was arraigned with counsel and pleaded guilty to the Impersonation count in the indictment. The count charging Illegal Wearing of the Uniform was dismissed on the motion of the United States Attorney. On April 19, 1946, he was sentenced to two years imprisonment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In addition to the one check, cited in the indictment, which was passed in Detroit the convict has admitted passing approximately fifteen fraudulent checks in Chicago, Illinois, Baltimore, Maryland, and Dallas, Texas. The approximate value of these checks was nine hundred dollars by his own estimation. It will be noted that in Detroit the checks were passed upon the father of a sailor with whom the convict had struck up an acquaintance and by whom he was being entertained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He has also admitted that while in Baltimore, Maryland, he was able to pass several fraudulent checks among the friends of his wife after he had induced his wife to endorse the checks in the belief they were bona fide. At the time of his apprehension on February 13, 1946, at Chicago, Illinois, he had in his possession numerous official papers of the United States Navy purporting to show that he was a bona fide member of the armed service on re-enlistment leave, that he had received a certificate of honorable discharge for previous service, that he was entitled to wear several campaign ribbons and decorations including the Purple Heart.</p>		
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In the signed statement which he gave to Agents in Chicago while admitting that he had passed worthless checks he continued to maintain that he was a member of the United States Navy and that the documents in his possession were valid. In a signed statement subsequently taken in Detroit, Michigan, he admitted that he had been attempting to "bluff" his way through his difficulties and was not nor had never been a member of the United States Navy.

The records reflect that the Subject was previously apprehended at Savannah, Georgia, on March 29, 1944, wearing a United States Navy uniform, in New Orleans on July 4, 1944, wearing the uniform of the United States Maritime Service.

This convict was born August 5, 1927, at Patterson, New Jersey. He married ELIZABETH JOINER at Baltimore, Maryland, in November, 1945, and subsequently deserted her in January, 1946, when she discovered that he had been passing fraudulent checks. His father, a resident of Patterson, New Jersey, has a criminal record as far back as 1920, for disorderly conduct, assault and battery, drunkenness, desertion, non support, passing fraudulent checks and abandonment and cruelty to children.

His mother, also a resident of Patterson, New Jersey, but separated from his father, has a criminal record reflecting charges of abandonment of minor children and disorderly person.

His brother, ALBERT, whereabouts unknown, was convicted of larceny in April, 1938, at Patterson, New Jersey, and was subsequently paroled. He was convicted on a charge of sodomy in May 1938, and committed to an institution.

His sister, has no official criminal record but has a very poor reputation in the community of Patterson.

The convict himself was first arrested in 1942, at the age of fourteen for larceny of war bond stamps. After repeated violations of his probation he was committed to a reform institution from which he ran away in 1943.

The following known criminal record for the convict under FBI number 3967794 was received from the Bureau.

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
State Police Philadelphia, Pa #C-16673	John Jack Grossi #-- State Police Media, Pa	8-17-43	Juvenile delinquency	returned to: N.J. State Home for Boys, Jamesburg, N. J.

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USM, Savannah, Georgia	Jack Dale Williams #S-1603	3-30-44	Wearing the uniform of the US Navy STSA of 1940	5-11-44, both charges dism.
USM, New Orleans,	John Caesar Grossi #7368	7-6-44	Juv. Del. Act	8-2-44, 7 days on chg. of Imperson- ation.
PD, Miami Beach, Fla.	John C. Grossi #C-89487	Porter F. P. 12-1-44		
USM, Shreveport, La.	Rodger Garland Dieckman #36420	2-2-45	Inv.	2-7-45, rel.
USM, Chicago, Ill.	John C. Grossi, #12971	2-14-46	checks, forg.	TOT USM, Detroit
Co. Jail, Chicago, Ill.	John Caesar Grossi, #63039	2-14-46	impers. off. U. S. Navy	TOT USM, Detroit
USM, Detroit, Mich.	John Caesar Grossi #17420	4-2-46	Impersonation Sec. 76 T 18 USC	2 years imprison- ment

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