
Agency Information

AGENCY : FBI
RECORD NUMBER : 124-90113-10048
RECORD SERIES : HQ
AGENCY FILE NUMBER : CR 166-3249-57

Document Information

ORIGINATOR : FBI
FROM : JN
TO : HQ
TITLE :

DATE : 04/07/1967
PAGES : 8

SUBJECTS :
JACK WASSERMAN

DOCUMENT TYPE : PAPER, TEXTUAL DOCUMENT
CLASSIFICATION : Unclassified
RESTRICTIONS : 4
CURRENT STATUS : Redact
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 09/30/1998

OPENING CRITERIA : INDEFINITE

COMMENTS :

FBI

Date: 4/7/67

2716

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~162-287~~)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (166-71) (P)
HARRY BENNETT, ET AL;
ITAR-GAMBLING;
CONSPIRACY
(OO: JACKSON)

cmh
W. J. [unclear]

Rerep SA WILLIAM F. DUKES, 3/9/67, at Jackson.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with [redacted] Biloxi, Miss., on 4/4/67. [redacted] is a PCI of the Jackson Division who has expressed a complete willingness to testify fully to her information in this case, together with the fact that she intends to leave the Mississippi Gulf Coast area and "get out of the rackets" upon completion of this case.

The information furnished by [redacted] is extremely pertinent to this case, and it substantially corroborates testimony of other witnesses, establishing this conspiracy and "nailing down" the participation of subject RAYMOND LEROY ROLLING in the case, concerning whom other evidence was relatively weak.

1 COPIES MADE, DATE 10/20/78 BY [unclear]
RE [unclear]
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 10-6-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

OTHER 4

4 - Bureau (1 - 162-287) (1 - 137-[redacted]) (Encls. 4) (RM)
3 - Jackson (2 - 166-71) (1 - 137-511)
WFD:cas
(7)

10/1/67
See to Dept. also
and Neff | *Neff advised of activities of informant.*

REC 45

162-287-163
166-3249-57
APR 10 1967

cc Wick
362
62 APR 19 1967

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per *NINE*
Special Agent in Charge

JN 166-71

It is requested that the Bureau disseminate this FD-302 to Departmental Attorney OWEN A. NEFF, informing Mr. NEFF of the informant status of [] and of the fact that her identity should be kept strictly confidential pending her appearance at the trial as a witness. In this connection USDJ HAROLD COX has allowed subjects only 30 days in which to file motions, and indications are this matter may be set for trial in the near future.

OTHER 4

UACB, similar dissemination will be made by the Jackson Division to USA ROBERT E. HAUBERG, Jackson, Miss., on April 14, 1967.

SUBJECTS JAMES AND ORRELS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 4/7/67

PA

[Redacted]

Biloxi, Miss. OTHER 4

[Redacted] Apartment 9, Gulf Shores Apartments, advised she has known JACK KRESS, a manufacturer of gambling equipment from Tulsa, Oklahoma, for approximately 20 years. She first became acquainted with JACK WASSERMAN, Washington, D.C., attorney, several years ago when WASSERMAN represented her [Redacted] in a criminal matter at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She advised that she went to work for HARRY BENNETT as a shill at the dice table in BENNETT'S Red Carpet Club at Biloxi, Mississippi, and was so employed in December, 1964, and thereafter until the Red Carpet Club was padlocked about June, 1965. She usually came to work at 7:00 p.m. nightly and worked all night, getting off work at about 3:00 a.m. the following morning. During this period JIMMY JAMES worked for a time at the dice table in the Red Carpet Club, and BUDDY ROLLING was the pit boss at the dice table, which was located in a large back room. DEWEY D'ANGELO was also employed by HARRY BENNETT during this period at the Red Carpet Club, and D'ANGELO usually worked in the front room with the blackjack table and was generally the overseer of the girls working as B-drinkers.

[Redacted] advised that beginning in about January, 1965, HARRY BENNETT began complaining about the fact that he was losing money at the dice table in the Red Carpet Club and that the customers were winning too often. During this time RICHARD YARBROUGH and HARVEY HUTCHINS, Gulfport, Mississippi, attorneys, were frequently in the Red Carpet Club, as was BENNETT'S son ROBERT BENNETT. About this same period she was aware that HARRY BENNETT hired HARVEY HUTCHINS to work out some kind of check-cashing scheme wherein HUTCHINS cashed checks taken by BENNETT at the gambling tables at the Red Carpet Club, and on one occasion HUTCHINS told [Redacted] that he was in the check-cashing business. She stated that almost invariably if a customer lost money at the gambling tables and wanted to pay

OTHER 4

On 4/4/67 at Biloxi, Mississippi File # Jackson 166-71

by SA WILLIAM F. DUKES and SA WILLIAM DEAN JANSEN/WFD:cas Date dictated 4/4/67

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

162-281-163 166-3249-57

his losses by check, he was referred to the office and Mr. HARRY BENNETT. [redacted] had no further specifics concerning this check-cashing operation.

OTHER 4

Miss [redacted] advised that during the period about January through March, 1965, ~~JAKE JACKSON~~, a resident of Florida, and ~~GLENN OWENS~~, an Atlanta, Georgia, resident, both friends of JIMMY JAMES, hung around the Red Carpet Club, as did STANLEY WOODALL. JACKSON was a heavy drinker and had nothing to do with operation of the club, apparently hanging around because of his association with JIMMY JAMES. The same was generally true of GLENN OWENS. STANLEY WOODALL was employed by HARRY BENNETT at the Red Carpet Club, but WOODALL was drinking usually and did little work.

In about March, 1965, exact date not recalled, BUDDY ROLLING told [redacted] that he was going to Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, and that he would be back in a day or so with some "hot stuff" and told her to pray that he did not get caught. She assumed ROLLING meant that he was going to bring back some slot machines from Louisiana, and she asked him if this was so. ROLLING told her it was something heavier than slot machines. ROLLING and JAMES thereafter disappeared from around the Red Carpet Club for a day or so. While they were gone, HARRY BENNETT told her on one morning when she got off duty to come in early that day. He did not explain why, but she came to work at the Red Carpet Club at about 5:00 p.m. that afternoon. Upon arrival she immediately noticed that the back room where the dice table was located was torn up, and there was a hole in the floor where the dice table usually sat. This was a concrete floor, and there was concrete dust all over the room and fixtures, which she began to tidy up.

The room on this occasion was a turmoil of activity, and present were the following individuals:

JACK KRESS, who was giving orders and generally supervising activity in the room;

BILL (last name unknown), a man she knew from years past to be an engineer of some kind employed by JACK KRESS in KRESS' shop at Tulsa, Oklahoma. This individual slightly resembles KRESS in build and appearance;

JIMMY JAMES, who was dressed in work coveralls and was engaged in some kind of work around the hole in the concrete floor;

HARRY BENNETT, who was likewise dressed in coveralls;

DEWEY D'ANGELO

BUDDY ROLLING

GLENN OWENS

ERIC ROSINETTE, an elderly man employed by HARRY BENNETT as a sort of caretaker;

MAURICE ARNOLD, an electrician and handyman employed by HARRY BENNETT who was busily hooking up some kind of wires in the room.

could not specifically recall if STANLEY WOODALL was in the room at this time, but WOODALL was in and out of the club during this period as he was employed there.

OTHER 4

JN 166-71

4

She was not aware of any part WOODALL may have played in obtaining and using the device at the dice table.

[redacted] stated that to the best of her recollection, JIMMY JAMES' white Cadillac was parked in back of the Red Carpet Club hooked up to some kind of U-Haul trailer.

OTHER 4

[redacted] stated she did not stay in the back room and observe the work there as HARRY BENNETT closed the connecting doors between this room and the front room, where [redacted] worked dusting off concrete dust from the fixtures. At about 7:00 p.m., the usual time of opening for the nightly business, BENNETT opened the doors; and [redacted] observed that the red carpet had been pulled back over the concrete floor, and the dice table was in its usual place. During the course of the evening, while working in the vicinity of the dice table, she could feel small pieces of concrete under the carpet; and she told BENNETT about this.

On succeeding days thereafter, she observed that BUDDY ROLLING worked the dice table, in the course of which he had in his hand and pocket a small device which appeared similar to a small transistor radio. He always had this device in his pocket while customers were at the table. [redacted] stated that although she was never specifically told, from her observations she knew that there was a "juice joint" in operation underneath the dice table by remote control. She stated she is acquainted with the manner in which these devices operate, as one was in the Gay Paree Lounge at Biloxi, Mississippi, when she worked there.

[redacted] advised that this operation continued with BUDDY ROLLING operating the device until the Red Carpet Club was padlocked in June or July, 1965. She was present when

when the "juice joint" was dug out of the floor at the Red Carpet Club and moved across the street to DEWEY D'ANGELO'S place Deano's Lounge. She stated that this move was accomplished by JIMMY JAMES, DEWEY D'ANGELO, JACK KRESS, BUDDY ROLLING, MAURICE ARNOLD, HARRY BENNETT, ERIC ROSINETTE, and PAUL BROWN; and it was done in one night. [redacted] was never thereafter employed at Deano's Lounge and stated she thus was not aware of the nature of the operation at Deano's Lounge, although she assumed that BUDDY ROLLING continued to use the "juice joint" until it reportedly broke down.

OTHER 4

[redacted] advised that she personally is aware that JIMMY JAMES is an old-time acquaintance of JACK KRESS, and from seeing them together at the Red Carpet Club, she is certain that JAMES is responsible for obtaining the "juice joint" from KRESS and bringing it to Mississippi. She stated that she never actually saw the component parts of this "juice joint" until it was dug out of the floor for transfer from the Red Carpet Club to Deano's Lounge. She could not say positively how it came to Mississippi, but she believes JAMES brought it. She recalled that on one occasion after the "juice joint" was dug up and seized by authorities from Deano's Lounge, JIMMY JAMES told her that if any law ever asked her about the "juice joint," she should say that JACK JACKSON brought it to Mississippi. JAMES explained that JACK JACKSON was dead, having been killed in an automobile accident in Florida.

[redacted] advised she is acquainted with IVAN ORRELS, known to her also as "Lanky" Orrels, whom she knows as an associate of JIMMY JAMES. She stated she knew of no connection ORRELS might have with the "juice joint" at the Red Carpet Club and Deano's Lounge, but she recalled having seen ORRELS from time to time at the Red Carpet Club, as well as at the Gay Paree Lounge at Biloxi, Mississippi. She specifically could not recall having seen ORRELS at the Red Carpet Club in March, 1965, at the time the "juice joint" was being installed there.

[] advised that about a month before the "juice joint" was installed in the Red Carpet Club, this being about the latter part of January or early February, 1965, she was present at the Red Carpet Club when JIMMY JAMES came in with JACK KRESS and KRESS' engineer BILL. She observed JAMES introduce KRESS and BILL to HARRY BENNETT and definitely got the impression that HARRY BENNETT had not met KRESS prior to this time.

OTHER 4

[] stated that after the "juice joint" was installed and was in use at the Red Carpet Club, on one occasion HARRY BENNETT told her that the "juice joint" cost him a hell of a lot of money. Also, shortly after the "juice joint" was installed, she was at Gus Stevens' Restaurant, Biloxi, Mississippi, having coffee with JIMMY JAMES and GLENN OWENS. JAMES expressed concern that BUDDY ROLLING was not qualified to run the "juice joint," and he feared that ROLLING would "mess things up."

[] stated that she would have no hesitation whatever to testifying completely and truthfully to all information she has concerning this matter, although she would prefer that her name not be made known outside the Federal Bureau of Investigation or U. S. Department of Justice pending her testimony at the trial.