420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 8, 1933.

State Highway Commission,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: CLYDE BARROW, et al,
Natl. Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

This office is conducting an investigation in connection with Oklahoma 1933 License Plates #355-054, which were found in an abandoned car.

Will you please furnish me with the name, address of the person to whom the above license plate was issued, together with make and model of car, with motor number, and advise if the plate or car has been reported stolen at any time.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

EJD:LM
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cc-O.C.

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 8, 1933.

State Highway Commission,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: CLYDE BARROW, et al,
Natl. Motor Veh. Theft Act.

This office is enducting an investigation in connection with Arkansas License Plates 61-132, which were found in ab abandoned car.

Will you please furnish me with the name, address of the person to whom the above license number was issued together with make and model of car, with motor number, and advise if the plate or car has been reported stolen at any time.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

EJD:LM
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cc-Okla.City.

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

July 10, 1933.

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

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,
with aliases; et al.
N.M.V.T.A.

Dear Sir:-

A young man giving the name of TOMMY HARRYMAN, age 21, slender build, blue eyes, blonde hair, scar on chin, has appeared in Dallas and says he is a brother of J.W. Harryman, Constable, who was killed by the Barrow brothers at Joplin, Missouri.

He states that it is his intention to ascertain the hideout of the Barrow brothers and either kill them himself or assist others in so doing.

He has not yet contacted this office, but it is expected he will do so in the near future; and in order that I may know how to deal with him will you verify - from Joplin or Neosho - whether J.W. Harryman has a brother Tommy fitting the general description given.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
26-4114- 157

Form 59

CHECKER'S INFORMATION

Title No. 1116677

Title Serial No.

Tag No. 355-054 193 3

Tag No. 193

Engine No. 40-251245

Engine Serial No.

Name Registered R. D. Zahatesso

County Marshall

Post Office Madill

State Okla.

Name of Car Ford Type Coupe

Year Made 1933 Model H. P.

Date Title Issued 5-17-33

Date Tag Issued

Mtg. $400.00 U.C.C. 5-4-33

Agent

Fee

Remarks: Stolen Flag on this car, by G.P.I. 700 Ins. Bldg. Okla City. Placed in our files on the 6-19-33

Date 7-11-33 Checked by L. Williams

26-4114-58

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 12, 1933.

Special Agent inCharge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: CLYDE C. BARROW, with aliases; et al,
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, dated July 8, 1933, and carbon copy of letter addressed to State Highway Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Information has been furnished this office that Oklahoma 1933 Tag No. 355-054 was issued to R. D. Taliaferro, Madill, Okla., for a Ford Coupe, 1933 model, engine No. 40-251545, which war was reported stolen by A.P.I., 700 Insurance Building, Oklahoma City, Okla., on June 19, 1933. It will be noted in reference report that this tag No. 355-054, was on a Ford Coupe abandoned by the Barrow Brothers and Bonnie Parker at Wellington, Texas.

The next time an Agent is at Madill, Oklahoma, it is requested that the owner of the car be interviewed, and local officers consulted concerning circumstances surrounding the theft of the car, obtaining any other information which might be of material assistance in this investigation.

Very truly yours,

D. L. McCORMACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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State of Arkansas
Department of Revenues
FRED WATSON, COMMISSIONER
Little Rock

July 11, 1933

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United States Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

Gentlemen: ATTENTION: F. J. Blake

In reply to your inquiry of July 8 with reference to 1933 Arkansas license 61132, I wish to advise that this license on a Loss Affidavit No. 200840 to Maurice Harvey of Waldron, Ark., for a 1931 Plymouth coupe, motor PB33251.

Your very truly,

FRED WATSON, COMMISSIONER OF REVENUES

BY A V Denny
A. V. Denny
Supervisor Auto Division

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Detroit, Michigan FILE NO. 26-3779

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	7-10-33	6-28 & 7-3-33	G. H. Franklin

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with alias, et al.	National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photos of Clyde and Melvin Barrow identified as being the ones who on June 23, 1933 held up store at Fayetteville, Ark. and at Alma, Ark. had gun battle with town marshal and deputy sheriff, killing town marshal and abandoned Ford V-8 Coach, Motor #40310035, stolen Hutchinson, Kansas, June 14, 1933, from J. L. Rauh, owner. On June 24, 1933 Subjects Clyde and Melvin Barrow attacked and raped Mrs. Harry Rogers, Winslow, Ark., escaping to hills on foot. Information that on June 25, 1933 both men seen driving toward Ft. Smith, Ark. in a 1933 Plymouth Sedan, Texas license. Both Barrow brothers, unidentified third man, Bonnie Parker, Blanche Caldwell and unidentified third woman stayed at camp ground, Ft. Smith, Ark., from June 15th to June 23rd, 1933. One woman, presumably Bonnie Parker, alias Mrs. Clyde Barrow, badly burnt and required medical attention. Photo of Bleigh not identified as one of trio.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas office dated June 27, 1933.

DETAILS:

DETAILS:

At Fort Smith, Arkansas Agent interviewed Mrs. H. Dennis, proprietor of the Mid-Way Camp Ground located three miles north of Fort Smith. Mrs. Dennis stated that on or about the morning of June 15, 1933 she rented a cabin to two men and two women who were driving a late model Ford V-8 Coach; that at the time she rented this cabin to these people they told her they were expecting another couple either that day or the next and that they wanted them to have the cabin next to theirs. Mrs. Dennis stated that she did not get a very good look at these men

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and women as they were sitting in the car and that her eyesight is very poor. She further stated that later that evening or the next morning a man and a woman driving a blue Ford Roadster with a Texas license drove into the camp and rented the cabin next to the other people. Mrs. Dennis could not identify any of the photographs, stating that the couple in the Ford Roadster were sitting in the car at the time and that it was hard to make out their faces. Mrs. Dennis further stated that she does not keep a register and that she did not ask for the names of these parties or take the license number of the car.

Miss Hazel P. Dennis, daughter of the proprietor of the camp ground, advised that she is a registered nurse and that one of the women, whose photo she identified as being Mrs. Clyde Barrow, was very badly burned about her right hip, leg and elbow and that she required medical assistance and was treated by Drs. E. H. Stevenson and Walter G. Eberle of Fort Smith. Miss Dennis stated that she saw only one of the men but all of the women. She described woman No. 1 as being about 32 years of age, height 5 ft. 4 in., weight, 125 pounds, color of hair, blonde, very talkative; No. 2 as being about 25 years of age, five feet tall, dark complexioned, dark wavy hair, weight about 100 pounds. She described the burned woman as being about 20 years old, 5 ft. 2 in., weight 100 pounds, build slight, complexion, light, hair tinted red. She identified the man seen by her as Clyde Barrow by photograph shown her by Agent. Miss Dennis further stated that none of these people would talk much or tell who they were or anything about themselves.

Mr. E. W. Coots, proprietor of the lunch stand adjacent to the camp ground stated that the parties occupying these two cabins would occasionally eat at his place during their stay at the camp grounds. He identified the photos of Clyde and Melvin Barrow as being two of the men and described the third man as follows: Age about 25-30 years, height, 5 ft. 8 in., weight, about 130 pounds, slender build, light complexion, wearing dark colored glasses. He stated that this man was driving a 1933 model Ford V-8 Roadster with a Texas license. He gave the same descriptions of the women as previously given by Miss Dennis.

Dr. E. H. Stevenson, with offices located in the First National Bank Building, Fort Smith, Arkansas, on being interviewed stated that on the morning of June 23, 1933 he attended a woman in cabin No. 16, Mid-Way Camp Ground, who gave her name to him as Ruth McCray; that she was suffering from very severe burns on the outer surface of the rightthigh and right knee and on the inner surface of the right elbow. Dr. Stevenson stated that she was in bad need of medical attention and he recommended that she go to a hospital, which she refused to do. Dr. Stevenson thinks the photo of Mrs. Barrow is that of the woman he treated. He further stated that he was paid by the man whose photo he identified as being Clyde Barrow.

Dr. Walter G. Eberle, with offices located in the First National Bank Building, Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated that on or about June 20, 1933 he was called to the Mid-Way camp ground and there he attended a woman suffering from severe burns; that he advised her to go to a hospital for treatment but she re-

fused. Dr. Eberle further stated that he questioned this woman about how she happened to receive the burns and she stated a gasoline camp stove had exploded while they were staying in a camp ground in Illinois six weeks before. Dr. Eberle also stated that during the time he was bandaging the woman, he asked her her name and where she was from; that she started to say something when one of the other women put her hand over her mouth. Dr. Eberle became suspicious of these parties from this action and was planning on notifying the Sheriff on his return but overlooked doing so. He further stated that he noticed a tattoo of a heart and an arrow with the name of Roy or Ray underneath on the burned woman's right thigh. He also stated that this woman had a recent cut on her chin of about 1½ inches long and that the burns were not over two weeks old. He advised that he was paid by a man, whose photo he identified as Clyde Barrow, and that this man had a broken nose as if it had been done in a recent accident.

Agent was unable to interview Mrs. Harry Rogers, the woman who was attacked and raped at her home at Winslow, Arkansas. Mrs. Rogers is at present confined in the General Hospital, Fort Smith, in a serious condition and Agent was advised by Dr. Everett Stevenson, attending physician, that an interview at the present time might be fatal to her as she is in a very hysterical condition and suffering from internal injuries.

Sheriff John B. Williams, Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated that he had notified all hospitals and doctors to be on the lookout for a woman answering the description of the burned woman.

Sheriff A. D. Maxey, Van Buren, Arkansas, stated that on the late afternoon of June 23, 1933 he received a call from the Fayetteville Police to be on the lookout for two men in a Ford V-8 Coach with an Indiana license; that they had held up a store in that city; that he notified his deputy sheriff at Alma, Mr. A. N. Salyer, and town marshal H. D. Humphrey of Alma to be on the lookout for them; that Salyer and Humphrey drove out on the highway toward Fayetteville and that about three miles north of Alma they encountered two men in this V-8 Ford where they had had an accident and smashed the car; that as soon as the officers approached this car and stopped, the two men in the car opened fire with shotguns and killed Humphrey; that Salyer got out of his car and jumped into a ditch for protection as the two men ran and jumped into Salyer's car and drove off, Salyer firing his rifle at the fleeing car; that later that evening these two men abandoned Salyer's car about two or three miles north of Van Buren and held up a Mr. and Mrs. Mark Loftin of Fort Smith, who were driving on the highway, and took their car away from them; that this car was later found abandoned at Montevista, two miles south of Van Buren; that on June 24, 1933 these two men attempted to steal a car from the home of Mrs. Harry Rogers, two miles south of Winslow, Arkansas; that Mrs. Rogers, who was alone at her home at the time, refused to give them the keys to this car whereupon both men brutually beat her with a chain and then raped her. Sheriff Maxey stated that the photographs of Clyde and Melvin Barrow, which he had secured from the Joplin Police Department, were positively identified by Mrs. Rogers as being the two men who attacked her; also that these two men were positively iden-

tified by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Loftin as the ones who held them up and took their car. Sheriff Maxey further stated that Deputy Salyer could not identify any photographs as he did not get a look at the men during the battle with him and Humphrey as it was dark. Sheriff Maxey further advised that the Ford V-8 Coach, maroon color, Motor #40310035, bearing Indiana license 225-464, which was abandoned by the Barrow brothers was stolen on June 14, 1933 at Hutchinson, Kansas from the owner, J. L. Rauh, 500 East Sherman Street, Hutchinson, and that this car was taken back to Hutchinson by an insurance company representative. Sheriff Maxey advised that he was having circulars printed with the photographs of Clyde and Melvin Barrow and their women and that he was going to mail them to every Police Department in the country, advertising a reward of $250.00 for their apprehension. He also stated that if he received any information as to the whereabouts of these parties, he would immediately notify the Oklahoma City office.

At Fayetteville, Arkansas, Agent interviewed Mrs. R. L. Brown, proprietor of Brown's Grocery, 111 Lafayette Street, and Ewell Trammer, a clerk in this store. Mrs. Brown stated that her store was held up on the afternoon of June 23, 1933 between the hours of 5:00 and 5:15 P.M. by a lone robber, who obtained $17.00 out of the cash register. Mrs. Brown and Ewell Trammer both identified photograph of Clyde Barrow as the man who held them up.

Dewey Seybourn, five miles south of Fayetteville, Arkansas, advised that on the afternoon of June 23, 1933 two men came to his house, which is just off the Fayetteville-Fort Smith highway and asked him if he could spare a gallon of gasoline from his car, explaining that they had run out of gasoline and wanted to get to Fayetteville. Mr. Seybourn stated that he secured about a gallon of gasoline from his car and helped these two men put it in their car, which was a maroon V-8 Ford Coach with an Indiana license plate; that after these men drove off he wrote the number down on a piece of paper as he thought perhaps this car was stolen. The number of this license as given Agent by Seybourn was 225-464 Indiana (the same as was on the car when abandoned at Alma). When shown the photographs of Clyde and Melvin Barrow and Hubert Bleigh, Seybourn positively identified the photos of the Barrow brothers as being the two men that had this car. He further stated that on Sunday morning, June 25, 1933, he noticed the same two men pass him on the road six miles south of Fayetteville, driving toward Fort Smith, in a new model Plymouth Sedan, color black, bearing Texas license, number unknown, and that he is positive that these were the same two men that he had seen on June 23, 1933.

Copies of photographs of Bonnie Parker, alias Mrs. Clyde Barrow, and Blanche Caldwell, alias Mrs. Melvin Barrow, were obtained from Sheriff Maxey and are being retained in the files of the Oklahoma City Bureau office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Van Buren, Arkansas will again interview Sheriff Maxey to secure any additional information that he might have concerning the

whereabouts of Subjects.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Hutchinson, Kansas will interview J. L. Rauh, 500 East Sherman Street, owner of Ford Coach, Motor #40310035, reported as stolen in that city on June 14, 1933, and secure all details concerning its theft.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 14, 1935.

Mr. George T. Corry,
Sheriff,
Wellington, Texas.

Dear Sheriff Corry:

Referring to recent investigation conducted at Wellington by Special Agent E.J. Dowd of this office, concerning the kidnapping of yourself and city marshal Hardy by the Barrow Brothers and Bonnie Parker, at which time you turned over to Agent Dowd a magazine containing 30 '06 ammunition:

For your information, the magazine in question is only used in a Browning Automatic Rifle, one of the most deadly weapons manufactured. The ammunition contained in the magazine which has a capacity of 20 cartridges, is known as 30 calibre 1906, manufactured in 1918 by the United States Cartridge Company, and is regular United States Army Ammunition and can be used in the regular service rifle and machine gun.

A Browning Automatic Rifle, Calibre .30M1918, is an air-cooled gas-operated magazine fed, shoulder weapon, equipped with a leather sling. The rifle has a forward recoil, and is fed from a magazine having 20 cartridges. It can be fired effectively from any position, and easily operated by an amateur. The rifle weighs about 16 pounds, has a muzzle velocity of about 2700 feet per second; has a cycle rate of fire of 600 shots per minute, and can be fired effectively at the rate of 60 to 80 shots per minute. It has three positions: automatic, semi-automatic and safe. The rifle will kill at three miles and has an effective range of 1600 yards.

The two alleged machine guns that you saw in possession of the Barrow Brothers are, undoubtedly, sawed-off Browning Automatic Rifles, and probably have been stolen from some armory.

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This office is continuing an exhaustive search with a view of locating the Barrows and Bonnie Parker, and I desire to take this opportunity to thank you for the information you have already furnished, particularly as to one of their alleged hide-outs near Sayre, Oklahoma. If additional information is secured by you at any time, this office will be very pleased to receive the same.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

EJD:RM
26-4114-62

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 14, 1933.

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

Re: C. C. BARROW, et al,
National Motor Veh. Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, dated 7-8-33, and carbon copy of letter addressed to the State Highway Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas, under the same date.

Information has been received from A. V. Denny, Supervisor, Auto Division, Department of Revenues, Little Rock, Arkansas, that 1933 Arkansas License No. 61-132 was issued to Maurice Harvey of Waldron, Arkansas for a 1931 Plymouth Coupe, motor PB33251, and that the owner made affidavit No. 200840 concerning the loss of said license plates.

The next time an agent of your office is at Waldron, Arkansas, it is requested that he interview Maurice Harvey relative to the circumstances surrounding the loss of the above-mentioned license plates, and conduct any other investigation at Waldron with a view of locating the Barrow Brothers and Bonnie Parker.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Federal Building,
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State Highway Department,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This office is conducting an investigation in connection with Kansas License Plates 2-1314, which were found in an abandoned car.

Will you please furnish me with the name, address of the person to whom the above license number was issued together with make and model of car, with motor number, and advise if the plate or car has been reported stolen at any time.

A self-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Claude Barrett
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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 19, 1933.

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

Re: CLYDE C. BARROW, with aliases,
Natl. Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, dated July 8, 1933, and carbon copy of letter addressed to State Highway Commission, Topeka, Kansas, under the same date.

Information has been received from the State Highway Commission at Topeka, that 1933 Kansas License No. 2-1314 was issued for a Ford DeLuxe Sedan, motor #18-95,777, 1932 model V-8, to Claude Barrett, General Delivery, Wichita, Kansas. This is probably a fictitious name used by Clyde Barrow.

The next time an Agent of your office is at Wichita, it is requested that an investigation be conducted relative to the issuance of the above license plates. The local officers should also be consulted in this matter with a view of locating the Barrow Brothers and Bonnie Parker.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri
July 20, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Post Office Building,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with alias
ET AL
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
Kansas City file 26-4397

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, regarding the above captioned matter, please be advised that the Sheriff at Neosho, Missouri advises that Tommy Harryman is a brother of the late J. W. Harryman.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas KC FILE NO. 26-4397

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Kansas City, Mo.	7-20-33	7-14-33	J. R. CALHOUN W

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with alias ET AL	NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Everett Cumpton, Route 1, Butler, Missouri, stated that photograph of Clyde Barrow resembled that of one of two men who were with two women near Butler, Missouri upon the occasion of the burning of a Ford Coupe. The men were in a new automobile, probably a Ford V8 Coupe, equipped with Oklahoma tags. Clyde Borland, Route 1, Butler, Missouri, saw the Ford coach being burned near Butler, but did not see any persons near it.

P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated May 27, 1933.

DETAILS: At Butler, Missouri

DETAILS: Sheriff Bert Bradley stated that the first information he received concerning the burning of a Ford coach came from a young man named Borland, who lives about 10 miles east of Butler. Mr. Bradley went to the place; found the car, and had it towed in. The local Ford dealer showed him where to find the secret number on the car, and Mr. Bradley checked the car and found the motor number to be 18-231602, and made note of the same and has preserved the same. As stated in the report of reference, the car was completely destroyed and had no value at the time of its recovery.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

26-4114-11

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Sheriff Bradley stated that it was Everett Cumpton who had seen the two men and two women in the car.

Everett Cumpton, Route 1, Butler, Missouri, viewed the photographs of Clyde Barrow and of Melvin Barrow, as shown on the Joplin, Missouri reward notice, and he stated that the photograph of Clyde Barrow resembled that of one of the two men whom he saw with two women at the place where the Ford coach was being burned. Mr. Cumpton stated that he was riding on a horse and passed the place and noticed one woman about 18 years of age; 5 feet 5 inches in height, and about 135 pounds in weight. This woman was a blond. The other woman was about 23 or 24 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weighed about 145 pounds. This woman was a brunette. Cumpton described one man, who stood on the ground near the car, as being of a description very similar to that of Clyde Barrow, whilethe other man sat in a new coupe which had Oklahoma tags. Cumpton thinks that he would be able to identify the man who stood by the car if he could see him, but he would not be able to identify the man who sat in the automobile. Mr. Cumpton thought that the coupe was a Ford V8, and he stated that it was maroon in color and had two fender wells. The women and one man were moving baggage from the Ford coach to the Ford coupe. He stated that the coach which had been set on fire had blue and white tags - either Illinois or Kansas - but he was not sure.

Clyde Borland, Route 1, Butler, Missouri, stated that he noticed smoke appearing in the woods near his home and went to the spot and saw a Ford coach on fire. No persons were seen in the vicinity. He telephoned the Sheriff and the Sheriff came out and had the car towed in.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DALLAS, TEXAS

FILE NO. 26-5301

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
CHICAGO? ILL.	July 24,1933	July 19, 1933	A. E. LOCKERMAN JMS

TITLE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW alias ROY BAILEY et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: NAT'L MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The files in the photographic division of the Chicago Tribune do not contain photographs or negatives of subjects Clyde Champion Barrow or BONNIE PARKER.

P.

REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas office dated 6/23/33.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

At the photographic division of the Chicago Tribune, agent was advised by the manager, Mr. L. Atwell, that their files do not contain negatives of the photographs of CLYDE (Buck) Barrow or Bonnie Parker, and that they have no record of the Tribune having carried pictures of the above named persons.

DETAILS: The Magazine Section of Chicago Tribune is known as the Graphic Weekly, and the editions for Sunday, May 28,1933, Sunday June 4, 1933, and Sunday June 11,1933, were examined by agent and failed to reveal the photographs, or to carry a story relative to subjects Barrow or Bonnie Parker. Neither do anyof the other sections of the Tribune for the above mentioned dates contain any data relative thereto.

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City S.A. FILE NO. 26-4929

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
San Antonio, Texas.	July 27, 1933	7/7,22,24,26/33	C. R. Davis

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CHANGED: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW; MARVIN IVAN BARROW alias BUCK BARROW; MRS. ROY HARDING nee BONNIE PARKER alias MRS. CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW	Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Persons who abandoned on July 3, 1933, Ford coach motor #297876 stolen Durant, Okla., 6/25/33, value $500.00, positively identified by Sheriff Tom B. Gillespie, Clayton, N.M., as being the subjects of this report, and at same time thought to have stolen Ford V-8 Tudor sedan motor #203818 at Clayton, N.M., on July 3, 1933. Latent fingerprint found on window of abandoned car at Clayton is that of left thumb of subject Buck Barrow. P.

Reference: Telegram from Oklahoma City office July 7, 1933, and report Special Agent Wm. R. Ramsey, Jr., Oklahoma City, July 20, 1933, entitled Unknown Subjects, Ford coach motor #297876, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

DETAILS:

Upon receipt of reference wire a telegram was despatched to Sheriff Tom B. Gillespie, Clayton, New Mexico, to advise if he was holding Ford coach motor #297876 requesting to be advised if he was holding any one suspected of the theft of car in question and on same date was advised by Sheriff Gillespie that he had no one in custody but was holding car.

DETAILS:

On July 22, 1933, a photograph of a latent print found on the window of abandoned Ford coach motor #297876 was furnished this office by Sheriff Gillespie and on same date this Agent had the fingerprint classified by George Hammond of the San Antonio Police Identification Bureau, who advised that same was the fingerprint of subject Buck Barrow's left thumb. Sheriff Gillespie was advised of the above fact and photographs of subjects involved in this case were forwarded to Sheriff Gillespie for identification purposes.

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On July 25th this office was in receipt of letter from Sheriff Gillespie stating that the photographs of these three subjects were positively identified as parties who abandoned the Ford coach motor #297876 at Clayton, which car was stolen from the Durant Nursery Company, Durant, Okla., and that on July 3, a Ford V-8 Tudor sedan motor #203818, 1933 model, color dark Bruster green, five Firestone tires, red reflector on rear, metal tire cover, bearing New Mexico 1933 license D-45, was stolen at Clayton by the same parties who had previously abandoned Ford coach in question.

In a memorandum received from SAC Jones dated Kansas City, July 22, 1933, Mr. Jones advised that on the night of July 19, 1933, after a fight between officials and the Barrow Brothers, at a tourist camp near Kansas City, that there were found abandoned in a cabin formerly occupied by the Barrow Brothers five automatic army 45 caliber pistols and one Browning automatic rifle as follows:

#588676 #573279 #527651 #615363 #373993
Browning automatic rifle #252660

A check has been made at the 8th Corps Army Area, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, which discloses that automatic pistols Nos. 588676, 573279, 527651 and 615363 were identified as pistols stolen from the First Battalion Headquarters Battery Combat Train of the Oklahoma National Guard at E nid, Okla., on July 7, 1933. There was no record found of pistol #373993 and Browning automatic rifle #252660.

Sgt. S. J. Maloukis of the Military Police, San Antonio, sent a tracer on the above quoted pistol and rifle and on July 26, 1933, this Agent was informed by Major Richie, Ordnance Department, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, that he was in receipt of a radiogram from the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D.C., that the above automatic pistol and rifle were stolen from Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, on April 19, 1933, at Plattsville, Ill.

The Ford coach motor #297876 was returned by Sheriff Gillespie to the Home Insurance Company, Oklahoma City, Okla.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Kansas City office:
Chicago office:
Oklahoma City office:
Dallas office:
Detroit office: Will keep in mind the theft of Ford V-8 Tudor sedan motor #203818 stolen at Clayton, New Mexico, on July 3, 1933, and probably now in possession of Clyde Champion Barrow and furnish the San Antonio office with any information received on same.

San Antonio office: Will obtain the name of owner of the Ford V-8 Tudor sedan motor #203818 stolen at Clayton, N.M., on July 3, 1933, by subjects.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas

FILE NO. 26-3779

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	7-27-33	7-21-33	K. D. Deaderick

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW alias ROY BAILEY MELVIN IVAN BARROW alias BUCK BARROW MRS. ROY HARDING (nee Bonnie Parker), alias ~~MRS. CLYDE BARROW~~ HUBERT BLEIGH	National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at and near Sayre, Okla. fails to establish presence of subjects at that point. General opinion of persons at Sayre is to the effect that Col. Bert Livingston (at whose house subjects are supposed to hide out) has in past had bad reputation but reputed to be a good citizen now.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas, July 8, 1933.

DETAILS:

Agent in general conversation with different persons about Sayre, Oklahoma ascertained that Col. Bert Livingston resides approximately three miles west of Sayre about 300 yards from U.S. Highway 66 in a rather large, white two story frame house; that Bert Livingston has been in no trouble for a number of years and apparently enjoys a good reputation around Sayre at this time.

This Agent happens to know George Livingston, who is the eldest son of Bert Livingston, and it is known that George Livingston is a notorious bootlegger and outlaw at Sayre. He also resides west of Sayre on Highway 66 in his own house, which is a small brown stucco located right near the highway in the center of the only bunch of tall trees in that vicinity. This Agent also happens to know that George Livingston's attorney is one C. L. Clearman, who undoubtedly is a very capable attorney but unscrupulous and for some months past officers in the state of Oklahoma have endeavored to secure sufficient evidence against Clearman to convict him for handling stolen automobiles, having at one time taken a stolen car from his possession.

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Agent met Mr. Clearman in a cafe in Sayre by accident and was invited to Clearman's office, where Agent spent an hour or more in conversation with Mr. Clearman, Clearman opening the discussion relative to the Barrow brothers and the recent massacre at Kansas City, Missouri on the morning of June 17, 1933. It was evident that Mr. Clearman was desirous of securing any information he could from Agent, particularly in regard to the Barrow brothers, stating that the time the Barrow brothers were alleged to have released the Texas Sheriff near Sayre that a number of citizens formed a posse and went up the river searching for them. Mr. Clearman stated, however, that he did not go with them and did not let them even borrow his rifle. Agent did not intimate to Clearman that he was interested in the Barrow brothers other than general newspaper interest.

Agent, for the purpose of observing the premises and noting anything of interest, drove to the home of George Livingston, but did not find him at home. Agent then drove to the home of Col. Bert Livingston and under pretext made some inquiries of a woman, presumably Bert Livingston's wife, but everything appeared to be quiet and peaceful. Nothing was observed that would indicate that this place was being used as a hideout as noted in the above reference report.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will continue this investigation at Van Buren, Arkansas as noted in report of Special Agent G. H. Franklin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 10, 1933.

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420 Post Office Bldg.
Dallas, Texas

July 28, 1933.

Mr. F.J. Blake,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Blake:-

I am transmitting herewith 4 pictures of HUBERT BLEIGH with CLYDE BARROW, and 2 of CLYDE BARROW holding the guns; also one Oklahoma State Penitentiary photograph of Hubert Bleigh.

I have reviewed the file in this office and find that it contains nothing concerning Hubert Bleigh not contained in the Oklahoma City file.

I called Sheriff Corry at Wellington, Texas today and he said he would proceed to Oklahoma City tomorrow to see if he can identify Bleigh.

We are continuing the investigation on Mrs. Florence Aunspaugh, but it appears more than probable that she is the author of the letters received, and is not of sound mind.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	8-2-33	7-21-33	Paul Hansen

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with alias, et al	National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: R. D. Talliaferro, Madill, Oklahoma relates facts concerning theft of his 1933 model V-8 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 40-251245, by some unknown person or persons June 8, 1933.

P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas 7-8-33 and letter from Dallas Bureau Office dated 7-12-33.

DETAILS:

Mr. R. D. Talliaferro, who operates the B & H Service Station at Madill, Oklahoma, advised the writer that he purchased a 1933 model V-8 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 40-251245, from the Woody Motor Company of Madill, Oklahoma May 5, 1933 and that while he paid for most of the purchase price of this car it was financed by the Universal Credit Company and insured with the Home Life Insurance Company of New York for 75% of its value. Title to this car, therefore, Talliaferro stated, is in his name but the Home Life Insurance Company of New York hold a mortgage against same.

On June 8, 1933 about 8 P.M. Talliaferro said that he drove this car to the front of the home of Mr. Tom Lee Scott and left the keys in it. When he came out of Mr. Scott's home about 25 minutes later the car was gone and he has no idea who stole it. He said that Mrs. Joe Everett, wife of a deputy sheriff, saw a "strange, small woman" looking around on the street about that time in the evening as if she were looking for someone or something, but Mrs. Everett could give no description whatever of this woman except that she was a strange small woman. Mr. Talliaferro values this car at $646.00 and said that there was about 1000 miles on it when it was stolen. When he heard of this car being wrecked near Wellington, Texas, he went

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there and identified the car by the motor number. It had Texas license plates on at that time, he said, but the sheriff at Wellington showed him the license plates which he had on the car when it was stolen.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Everett stated that the sheriff was out of town when the writer called but Mr. Everett said that no warrant had been issued for the theft of this car and none was issued inasmuch as it was their opinion that the car had been stolen by some representative of the Barrow gang and as there are several warrants out for their arrest for more serious charges they do not feel that it is necessary to issue a warrant at Madill for this offense. Everett stated, however, that they would cooperate with any officer in causing the arrest of any member of the Barrow gang or would make the arrest themselves if the opportunity presents itself.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas St.Louis FILE NO. 26-3740

REORT MADE AT.	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St.Louis,Missouri	8-1-33	7-11-33	F. W. ALLEN. FWA:N.

TITLE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, alias Roy Bailey.
MARVIN IVAN BARROW, alias Buck Barrow.
MRS. BONNIE HARDING, nee Bonnie Parker, alias Mrs. Clyde Barrow.
HUBERT BLEICH.

CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photographs of Clyde Champion Barrow and others exhibited to peace officers and residents of Effingham, Ill. Said photographs not identified as those of persons residing in that city.

P.

REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Office dated June 21, 1933.

DETAILS: AT EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS.

The photographs of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, Buck Barrow and his wife, and Hubert Bleich, were shown to Sheriff John Boos and his deputy Fred Boland and several hangers-on at the Sheriff's office, Postmaster Austin and clerks at the Effingham Post Office, Sergeant Jess Grisson and officers of the Illinois State Police at Effingham, Illinois, former State Officer Mark Erwin and former Sergeant Arch LaBaw of the Illinois State Police, and Dr. E. L. Dameron. The above persons all stated that they do not recall having seen any of the persons whose photographs were shown them.

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DETAILS: THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Mexico, Missouri will submit the above photographs to officers and employes of the bank at Mexico, Missouri, which was robbed about June 12, 1933, in an effort to have these subjects identified as the robbers as requested in the reference letter.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 4, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with alias, et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
K.C.File #26-4397-

No doubt you have read in the newspaper recently concerning the escapades of the Barrow Brothers throughout Missouri and Iowa, these brothers, together with two women, and a man believed to be Hubert Bleigh, having recently engaged in a gun battle with peace officers near Dexter, Iowa, resulting in the fatal shooting of Melvin Iva Barrow, alias "Buck" Barrow and the capture of Blanche Barrow.

Clyde Champion Barrow, alias Roy Bailey, and Mrs. Roy Harding(nee Bonnie Parker Barrow)alias Mrs. Clyde Barrow, are still at large. Hubert Bleigh was recently taken into custody in Oklahoma.

The Dallas office is the office of origin in the above captioned case concerning the violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act by these individuals, the investigation also now including the character of Theft of Government Property, in view of a number of guns, which were seized from them, and which were found to be stolen from an armory in Oklahoma.

Park A. Findlay, Chief of the State Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, telephoned this office this morning advising that the following letter had been received yesterday by the Sheriff at Adel, Iowa, from one Mrs. L. C. Parl, Route 40, Box 813, Mobile, Alabama, the letter being dated July 31, 1933:

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"Would you give me description of Mrs. Bonnie Parker Barrow, where her parents live, what their first name is, and have you found her yet? If you have let me know at once, and if you have not, send me all the information you can about her, and I may be able to help locate her for you."

I am attaching hereto three copies of the photograph of Mrs. Harding, commonly known as "Bonnie Parker," and Clyde Champion Barrow. Both of these individuals are wanted in connection with a murder at Joplin, Mo., as reflected in the information on the attached circular for Barrow.

In the very near future a report will be submitted by this office covering the recent gun fights of these individuals at points in this territory and a copy of that report will be furnished your office for information.

It is requested that you endeavor to locate Mrs. Parl, requesting her for any information she may have concerning Clyde Champion Barrow and Mrs. Harding.

Mrs. Roy Harding, alias Bonnie Parker, is the wife of one Roy Harding, now under 20-year sentence for burglary at Waxahachie, Texas; her sister, Mrs. Fred Mace, alias Billie Parker; mother, a Mrs. Parker, first name unknown, reside at 1216 So. Lamar Street, Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Dallas

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri St. Paul FILE NO. 26-2328

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St. Paul, Minn.	7-31-33	7/24/33	R. C. Coulter

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE BARROW, et al.	NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT. THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Peace officers in southern Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension of Minnesota notified that BARROW was headed toward the state on July 24, 1933, reported seen near Blue Earth, Minnesota, on the same date but nothing further learned of his whereabouts.

R.U.C.

DETAILS:

At St. Paul, Minnesota

Investigation in captioned case was predicated on a telephone call from Special Agent O. C. Dewey of the Kansas City Bureau office from Dallas Center, Iowa, at 2:20 p.m., July 24, 1933. In substance he advised that BARROW, with possibly three other men, one of whom might be BOB BRADY, had a shooting scrap with officers in that vicinity and were last seen about noon at Luverne, Iowa, headed toward Minnesota driving a 1930 model dark colored Chevrolet Coach bearing Iowa license No. 77-13662. He stated BARROW was wanted for the robbery of an armory at Enid, Oklahoma, and that he was wanted for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Immediately following receipt of this telephone communication, the Sheriffs of Mason City, Iowa; Austin, Minnesota; Albert Lea, Minnesota; Rochester, Minnesota; and La Crosse, Wisconsin, were contacted by phone and given all available data and in addition thereto, requested to immediately communicate the information to the police departments in their vicinity and to render all possible assistance with a view of apprehending BARROW.

DETAILS:

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Later in the afternoon, the Sheriff called from Blue Earth, Minnesota, and advised that about two hours previously the car in question had been seen in the vicinity of Blue Earth headed north. This matter was then taken up with MELVIN PASSOLT, Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, State Office Building, St. Paul, and he promised to communicate information to his investigators. Also, previous to this time the information was furnished the St. Paul and the Minneapolis Police Departments by Special Agent John V. Anderson and they in turn broadcast the information to all squad cars and published same in the daily bulletin.

Since the above occurrence, nothing further was heard of BARROW.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 4, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with alias, ET AL
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Theft of Government Property.
K.C.File #26-4397-

There are being transmitted herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 31, 1933, under the caption Clyde Barrow, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Theft of Government Property. St.Paul, not having previous serials in this file has indicated Kansas City as the office of origin. As your office is the proper office of origin, two copies of the report are being furnished, attached hereto, to you, one copy being retained at the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 3, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

A review of the Bureau file in this case indicates that a complaint was filed at Dallas, Texas, on May 20, 1933, charging Clyde Champion Barrow and Mrs. Roy Harding, nee Bonnie Parker, with having on or about September 16, 1932, transported in interstate commerce, from Dallas, Texas, to a point at or near Pawhuska, Oklahoma, a Ford coupe, property of Dr. E. L. Damron of Effingham, Illinois, knowing the same to have been stolen.

A review of this file reflects further that Clyde Champion Barrow and Bonnie Parker are implicated in a number of kidnapings and murders.

It is requested that you advise the Bureau whether identification orders should be issued for these individuals at the present time. This matter should be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Ed. Hoover

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas FILE NO. 26-3779

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8-7-33	8-2/3-33	C. G. Schenken

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with alias, et al	National Motor Vehicle

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sheriff A. D. Maxey, Van Buren, Ark. advises that he is holding Hubert Bleigh for killing of Alma, Ark. constable but identification is not positive and unless further identification is forthcoming, Bleigh will be discharged at hearing on August 10, 1933. No detainers have been filed against Bleigh although he is reported as being wanted by Special Agents of Frisco Railroad. Sheriff Maxey also reports that Clyde Barrow apparently not connected with Arkansas rampage ending in constable's death. Arkansas license 61-132 was stolen on May 7, 1933, while left on road overnight.

P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. H. Franklin, Oklahoma City, July 10, 1933; letter from Dallas Office, July 14, 1933.

DETAILS:

Sheriff A. D. Maxey, Van Buren, Arkansas, advised the writer that he is holding Hubert Bleigh at the present time at the County Jail at Van Buren in connection with the murder of H. D. Humphrey, constable at Alma, Arkansas. None of the witnesses in this case, according to Sheriff Maxey, have been able to positively identify Bleigh as being the person who accompanied Buck Barrow at the time of the killing of Constable Humphrey.

DETAILS

Sheriff Maxey further reported that his investigation had disclosed that Clyde Barrow apparently remained at the Tourist Camp near Fort Smith on the day that Buck Barrow and some other unidentified man held up the store at Fayetteville, Arkansas, shot Constable Humphrey, and raped Mrs. Rogers. He based his conclusion, eliminating Clyde Barrow as one of the participants, upon the fact that Clyde

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Barrow would not leave Bonnie Parker alone at the Tourist Camp and that Clyde Barrow was at the camp when Bonnie Parker was treated by Dr. E. H. Stevenson of Fort Smith, which was on the day that Humphrey was killed.

The unidentified man who accompanied Buck Barrow in the Fayetteville holdup, etc., is believed to be Hubert Bleigh and it is on this theory that Bleigh is being held at the present time. However, none of the State's witnesses have been able to positively identify Bleigh, merely stating that he looks a lot like Buck Barrow's associate. Sheriff Maxey stated that the State's evidence at the present time is not sufficient to convict Bleigh. He feels that a trial and acquittal of Bleigh will injure the State's case against the proper defendant, when and if apprehended, and therefore, unless additional evidence is discovered, Bleigh will be discharged from the murder charge at the preliminary hearing which is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 1933. At that time, Bleigh will be turned over to whatever authorities want him, although Sheriff Maxey stated that no detainers have been filed and he has only received an oral report that Bleigh is wanted by Special Agents of the Frisco Railroad for box car thefts.

Sheriff Maxey further advised that he has questioned both Buck Barrow and Blanche Caldwell and they both deny that Bleigh was the one with Buck Barrow at the time of the commission of instant crimes. They say that the man who was with Buck Barrow was known to them as Jack Sherman who had served time in the Texas State Penitentiary. Sheriff Maxey is now directing his attention to identifying and locating Jack Sherman. It is probable, however, that Jack Sherman is a fictitious person concocted in the minds of Buck Barrow and Blanche Caldwell to protect Hubert Bleigh in this case.

In conclusion, Sheriff Maxey stated that he has received no information as to the whereabouts of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, and as a matter of fact, he is no longer seeking information as he considers that they have been eliminated from the crimes committed in his county.

Deputy Sheriff Ray William, son of Sheriff John B. Williams, Fort Smith, Arkansas, advised that his office was interested in this case solely to help out the Sheriff at Van Buren, Arkansas; that no further word has been received concerning Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker.

Mr. James Monroe Harvey, Waldron, Arkansas, advised that Arkansas License No. 61-132 which was stolen from a 1931 Plymouth Coupe, Motor PB 33251, was the property of his son, James Maurice Harvey, who was visiting at Little Rock, Ark. at the time of Agent's investigation at Waldron. Mr. Harvey, Sr. reported that his son had had two punctures one night about three miles out of Waldron, that he had left his car there for the night and upon returning for it on the following morning, he found that the tags had been stolen. He has no idea, whatever, as to the identity of the person or persons who stole these tags. Mr. Harvey, Sr., was unable to recall the exact date of instant theft, stating that it happened about two or three months ago.

Mr. W. E. Harris, town marshal, Waldron, Arkansas, advised that Mr. Harvey, Jr., reported to him on May 8, 1933 that his license tag to his automobile had been stolen some time during the previous night while this car was parked on the side of the road about three miles out of Waldron. Mr. Harris was shown the photographs of Clyde Barrow, Buck Barrow, Hubert Bleigh, Bonnie Parker, and Blanche Caldwell, but he failed to recognize any of them as persons who had been seen in the vicinity of Waldron, Arkansas. Mr. Harris feels certain that if these persons had stopped for even a part of a day or night at Waldron, Arkansas he would have seen them and he therefore feels that they must have stolen the tags in question while passing through that section.

PENDING.

201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama,
August 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
326½ Post Office Bldg.,
New Orleans, La.

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, W.A., et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted, attached hereto, copies of letters received from the Kansas City Office in the above entitled matter, which are self explanatory.

As will be noted, investigation has been requested in an endeavor to locate Mrs. L. C. Parl, Route 40, Box 815, Mobile, Ala., for such information as she may offer concerning Clyde Champion Barrow, and Mrs. Roy Harding, alias Bonnie Parker.

The photographs therein mentioned are likewise attached.

Very truly yours,

B. F. FITZSIMONS,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Encl.

cc-Bureau
Kansas City
Dallas.

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UNITED STATES
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 26-2371

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Salt Lake City, Utah	8/2/33	7/27-28/33	John A. Dowd MD

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE BARROW, ET AL	National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information that two men and a woman, possibly Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker, and either Jack Sherman or Hubert Bleigh, passed through Stockton, Kansas, on 7/26/33, and likely destined to point in Wyoming, broadcast over police radios at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Denver, Colo., and over Station KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah. RUC

Details:

On July 27, 1933, Acting Special Agent in Charge Spears of the Kansas City Bureau Office, telephoned the Salt Lake City Bureau Office to the effect that at about 6:00 PM on the evening of July 26, 1933, two men and a woman in a Ford V-8 Sedan, with a Nebraska license, the County Precinct number of which was 36, passed through Stockton, Kansas, going west on Highway 40; that the driver was a heavy set man with brown hair, whose right arm was in a sling; that the woman was slender and blonde, and that her right arm was bandaged from a point below the elbow to a point above, and her arm was covered with a smock, which was blood-stained; that the second man of the party, who was riding in the rear of the car, was slender, with black, wavy hair, and the left side of his face near his eye was bandaged, and that he was covered with a robe; that these persons were probably Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker, and probably Jack Sherman or Hubert Bleigh, wanted at Joplin, Missouri, for the murder of two police officers there on April 13, 1933.

DETAILS:

Mr. Spears also described Clyde Barrow as age 22; height, 5'-7"; weight, 125; hair, dark blonde or reddish; eyes, hazel; with a shield and anchor and the letters "USN" tattooed on one of his forearms on the inner side.

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Mr. Spears described Bonnie Parker as age 28; height, 5'-5" or 6"; weight, 100; hair, dark brown and bobbed; build, slender.

Mr. Spears stated that no description of Jack Sherman or Hubert Bleigh was available, but that all were from Texas and unquestionably spoke with a Southern accent, and that $1,000 reward had been offered for their apprehension. It was stated that it was believed that the persons, who passed through Stockton, Kansas, were headed for Denver, probably enroute to Wyoming.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, arrangements were made to have same broadcast over the police radios at Denver, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah, and to have the information published in the Denver Police Bulletin. Same was effected. The information was also broadcast over Salt Lake City Radio Station KSL, and through this broadcast reached into points in Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Washington and Oregon.

Letters incorporating the information were also forwarded to the principal sheriffs in the State of Wyoming.

On July 28, 1933, a representative of I. L. Davies, United Press Service, Salt Lake City, Utah, called at the Salt Lake City Office and exhibited a wire which his service received to the effect that the Iowa State Police informed that it was the understanding of that body that Bonnie Parker was in custody and confined in a hospital at Denver, Colorado.

Agent telegraphed the Denver, Colorado, police to check all hospitals and verify, and report was rendered to the effect that Bonnie Parker could not be located at Denver, Colorado.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with alias, et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Kansas City File #26-4397-

There is being transmitted herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, submitted at Salt Lake City under date of August 2, 1933, in the above captioned matter, in view of the fact your office is the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Salt Lake City
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26-4114-86

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 10 1933
DALLAS OFFICE
FILE

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

August 11,1933.

Director,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,
with aliases; et al.
N.M.V.T.A.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to Bureau letter of 8/3/33 concerning the issuance of Identification Orders on Clyde Champion Barrow, with aliases, and Mrs. Roy Harding, nee Bonnie Parker: The Bureau's suggestion that these orders be issued is concurred in by this office, and the following information is reported for that purpose:

CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, aliases: ROY BAILEY, JACK HALE
ELVIN WILLIAMS
Fingerprints on file with U.S. Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. under Dallas, Texas PD #6048; photographic copy transmitted herewith, together with photograph attached thereto.

Tracing of signature transmitted herewith.

DESCRIPTION

Age	23 yrs.
Ht.	5 ft. 7 in. (bare feet)
Wt.	150 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown; wavy; now dyed black
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Light
Tattoo	Shield and anchor, with "U.S.N." on right forearm, outter. Girl's bust, left inner forearm.
F.P.C.	29 W MO 9 / 26 U OO 9
Residence	Dallas, Texas
Nationality	American

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Criminal record:

12/2/26	Arr. Dallas, Texas PD #6048; auto theft
2/22/28	" Ft. Worth, " PD #4316; inv.
10/13/29	" Dallas, " PD; attempt burglary
10/16/29	" " " PD; safe burglary
3/2/30	" Waco, " PD #414; burglary and auto theft; sentenced to 14 yrs.
3/18/30	" Middletown, Ohio #765; fugitive
4/21/30	Rec. State Pen., Huntsville, Texas #73527, from McLennan Co.; burglary and theft; 14 yrs. Granted general parole 2/2/32 by Governor Sterling.
3/25/32	Wanted at Dallas, Texas; robbery by firearms and burglary.
4/30/32	Wanted at Hillsboro, Texas; robbery by firearms and murder.
5/12/32	Wanted at Lufkin, Texas; robbery by firearms.
8/1/32	Wanted at Dallas, Texas; robbery by firearms.
8/5/32	Wanted at Atoka, Okla.; murder and assault to murder. (Killed officer).
8/30/32	Wanted at Wharton Co., Texas; assault to murder. (Shot officer)
10/8/32	Wanted at Abilene, Texas; robbery by firearms.
4/13/33	Wanted at Joplin, Mo.; murder and assault to murder. (Killed officer).

This man is very dangerous and extreme care should be taken in arresting him.

Relatives:

Mother	Mrs. Cumie F. Barrow, Route 6, West Dallas, Texas.
Brother	L.C. Barrow, " "
Sister	Mrs. Ortis Wilber, Denison, Texas.
Uncle	Jim Muckelroy, Martinsville, Texas.

MRS. ROY HARDING, nee Bonnie Parker,
aliases: BONNIE HARDING; BONNIE BARROW
MRS. CLYDE BARROW
BONNIE PARKER

Fingerprints and specimen of handwriting not available.
Photograph attached hereto.

DESCRIPTION

Age	20 yrs.
Ht.	5 ft. 5 or 6 in.
Wt.	100 lbs.
Eyes	Not known
Hair	Dark brown; bobbed
Build	Slender

Nationality	American
Residence	Dallas, Texas.
Scars	Bullet wound lft. foot in toe next to little toe

No criminal record, although known to have accompanied Clyde Barrow in all of his escapades.

Relatives:

Mother	Mrs. Emma Parker, 1216 South Lamar St., Dallas, Texas.
Sister	Mrs. Billie Mace, same address.

On 6/20/33 complaint was filed before the U.S. Commissioner at Dallas, Texas charging Clyde Barrow and Mrs. Roy Harding, nee Bonnie Parker, on or about 9/16/32 transported in interstate commerce from Dallas, Texas to a point at or near Pawhuska, Oklahoma, a Ford coupe automobile - knowing it to have been stolen.

On 6/27/33 complaint was filed before the U.S. Commissioner at Dallas, Texas, charging Clyde Barrow, with others, transported Ford coach automobile from Shreveport, La. to Coleman, Texas - knowing it to have been stolen.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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NEW ORLEANS	8-16-33.	8/9-11/33.	W. A. TEMPLE

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases; et al.	NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at 211 Mohawk Street, R.F.D. #40, Box 813, Mobile, Alabama, failed to reveal any information relative to the whereabouts of subjects.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Birmingham Office dated August 8, 1933.

DETAILS:

The Birmingham Office, on August 8, 1933, wrote this office enclosing two copies of a letter received from the Kansas City Office dated August 4, 1933, wherein it was stated that Park A. Findlay, Chief of the State Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, telephoned that office on August 4, 1933, advising that the following letter had been received by the Sheriff at Adel, Iowa, from one Mrs. L. C. Parl, Route 40, Box 813, Mobile, Alabama, the letter being dated July 31, 1933:

"Would you give me description of Mrs. Bonnie Parker Barrow, where her parents live, what their first name is, and have you found her yet? If you have let me know at once, and if you have not, send me all the information you can about her, and I may be able to help locate her for you."

To this letter was also attached photograph of Mrs. Harding, commonly known as "Bonnie Parker," and copy of circular issued by the Police Department, Joplin, Missouri, containing photographs of Clyde Champion Barrow and Melvin Ivan Barrow.

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AT MOBILE, ALABAMA.

Agent ascertained from J. D. Bass, Postal carrier on Route No. 40, Mobile, Alabama, that Post Office Box 813 receives mail addressed to Mrs. W. E. Parker, 211 Mohawk Street; that the only people that he had seen at this address besides some small children were an elderly gentleman and a heavy-set lady, whose name he did not know.

Mrs. W. E. Parker, 211 Mohawk Street, Route No. 40, Mobile, Alabama, advised that her daughter, Frances Medalla Parker, ran away from home February 10, 1931; that she, Mrs. Parker, later learned that her daughter married a sailor named Joe Ernest Jolley, who is at the present time in Division C, U.S.S. AUGUSTA; that she received a letter from Jolley dated January 22, 1933, advising her that he had not seen nor heard of her daughter, his wife, in over a year. Mrs. Parker said that when she saw the account of the shooting and capture of Melvin Iva Barrow, and that Clyde Champion Barrow and his wife, Bonnie Parker Barrow, had escaped, that she thought possibly that this latter party might be her daughter; that she had discussed with a lady by the name of Mrs. L. C. Parl whom she met in front of one of the picture shows in Mobile, Alabama, the disappearance of her daughter, and also showed her the newspaper clipping relative to Bonnie Parker Barrow; that Mrs. Parl suggested to her that it would not be a bad idea to write the authorities to ascertain whether or not Bonnie Parker Barrow answered the description of her daughter, stating that she, Mrs. Parl, would write the letter for her and that Mrs. Parl wrote the letter above referred to but she did not know that Mrs. Parl had signed Mrs. Parl's name to the letter, but thought that she had signed her name, Mrs. W. E. Parker. Agent inquired of Mrs. Parker where Mrs. Parl could be located, and was informed that she had left Mobile, Alabama, for New Orleans, but her address was unknown; that Mrs. Parl had informed her, Mrs. Parker, that she had resided at the Salvation Army in Mobile.

At the time agent interviewed Mrs. W. E. Parker, Mrs. Anna Powel, who resides at 1214 South 14th Street, Hamilton, Ohio, and who was visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Parker, was also interviewed. Mrs. Powel stated that she had not seen nor heard of her sister in over a year. Agent submitted photograph of Bonnie Parker Barrow to Mrs. Powel and Mrs. Parker, and they both stated that it resembles somewhat Frances Medalla Parker, but that it was not her photograph.

Mr. Ray Garing, Adjutant of the Salvation Army, Mobile, Alabama, advised agent after searching his records, that he did not have any record of anyone by the name of Mrs. L. C. Parl having worked at the Salvation Army Headquarters, or having resided there during the year 1933.

During the course of the conversation had with Mrs. Parker, agent learned that her daughter, after leaving home February 1931, became a common prostitute, and was such at the time of her marriage to Jolley.

Mrs. Parker furnished the following description of her daughter, Frances Medalla Parker:

Name:	FRANCES MEDALLA PARKER
Age:	15 (Year 1931) (Born April 20, 1916,)
Height:	5' 6" (at Escatawa, Miss.)
Weight:	90 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown - large
Hair:	Dark brown
Complexion:	Dark
Build:	Slender
Teeth:	Upper teeth protrude
Scars:	Large scar on inside of right arm between wrist and elbow.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 19, 1933

Mr. P. K. Hardy
Chief of Police
Wellington, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter, addressed to Special Agent O. C. Dewey of this Division, at Des Moines, Iowa, pertaining to your .44 calibre Smith and Wesson revolver seized by the Barrow brothers several months ago.

There is in this office a group of pistols which were recovered from the Barrows at Dexter, Iowa, a few weeks ago and upon examination I find a .44 calibre Smith and Wesson, Serial #7457, bearing the initial W on the left hand side of the handle grip. This is apparently your gun. The same is being sent c.o.d. express to you.

In the event that this be not your property, it is expected that you return same since it would probably be claimed. However, it bears all of the earmarks mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Dallas

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DALLAS FILE NO. KC 26-4397

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~~Kansas City, Mo.~~	~~8-17-33~~	7-20-33 to ~~7-27-33~~	~~D. W. BRANTLEY~~

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with alias, et al	NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Officers Platte County, Missouri, engaged Clyde and Buck Barrow, Hubert Bleigh, Bonnie Parker and Mrs. Marvin Barrow in a gun fight the night of 7-19-33; two officers, one bystander and Marvin Barrow wounded. The wound of Marvin Barrow proved fatal. All subjects escaped the officers 7-19-33. This gang traced to Iowa where they were again engaged by officers in gun battle 7-24-33, in which one officer and members of gang wounded. Marvin Barrow and wife captured. Clyde Barrow, Hubert Bleigh and Bonnie Parker escaped. Marvin Barrow died 7-29-33. Hubert Bleigh later apprehended in Oklahoma. Mrs. Marvin Barrow returned to Platte City, Missouri, to answer state charges. Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker still at large. 39 Colt 45 automatic pistols and 4 Browning automatic rifles, all Government property, recovered from this gang. Value $1100. Two other guns, 1 44 S & W and 1 38 caliber, recovered. Value $50.00.

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DETAILS: Agents participating in this investigation were O.C.Dewey, J.R. Calhoun, L. G. Turrou, Gus T. Jones and Dwight Brantley.

DETAILS:

On the morning of 7-20-33, the Sheriff's office, Kansas City, informed the Kansas City Bureau Office there had been a gun battle between some parties at a tourist camp near Platte City, Mo. on U. S. Highway 71, during the night of 7-19-33, at which time two officers and one bystander and one member of the gang were wounded. The information obtained from the Sheriff's office at Kansas City was to the effect that on the night of 7-19-33, Prosecuting Attorney D. R. Cleavinger, Platte City, Mo., had called the Sheriff's office at Kansas City, Missouri, and requested that an armoured car

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be sent to a tourist camp at the junction of Highways 71 and 59, south of Platte City, Missouri as there were some individuals in some cabins there that appeared to be suspicious, and the Sheriff of Platte County was not properly equipped to engage in a gun battle with any desperate criminals. The Sheriff's Office at Kansas City, Missouri, dispatched one of its armoured cars containing four (4) deputies, namely; Jim Thorpe, George Highfille, Lyle Smith and Mr. Ryan. These officers contacted the Sheriff of Platte County, Holt Coffey, D. R. Cleavinger, the Prosecuting Attorney, and Captain Baxter of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The Sheriff of Platte County subsequently called upon the parties in the cabins to come out, a gun battle ensued when the number as described above were wounded, and the members of the gang escaped.

Upon learning of the above Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones and Agents Turrou and Brantley immediately went to the scene of the shooting on the previous night. There County Prosecutor Cleavinger, Sheriff Coffey and Captain Baxter were contacted. Agent in Charge Jones, with Sheriff Coffey, Captain Baxter and L. T. Gordon, of the Identification Bureau of the Kansas City Police Department, made an inspection of the cabins occupied by the gang the previous night. In these cabins were found five (5) Colt 45 automatic pistols, numbers

588676	573279	527651
615363	373993	

and a Browning Automatic rifle number 252660; approximately 47 empty shells from cartridges used in the Browning Automatic Rifle; a pair of shoes; women's underwear; a pair of lounging pajamas which were blood soaked; and a medicine case apparently stolen from the automobile of some physician.

The doors and windows of the cabins (the cabins were of brick) were riddled with bullet holes. There was blood in front of the garage door and in the garage of one of these cabins, indicating that someone had been shot.

The stories of Sheriff Coffey, Captain Baxter and Cleavinger, in substance, seemed to be as follows:

On Tuesday night July 18, 1933, about 10 o'clock a Ford V-8 Sedan drove up containing five people and engaged two cabins at the tourist camp in question, which is operated by Mr. Houser. These persons remained in the cabins almost all the time during the day of July 19th save that one woman, who has been identified as Mrs. Marvin Barrow, would go to the restaurant and purchase meals and drinks for five persons. From the best the officers could learn from Houser there were two men and three women in the party, although some said three men and two women. During the afternoon of July 19th one of the men, some say Clyde Barrow, and others say Hubert Bleigh, went to the drug

store in Platte City and purchased tanic acid and toilet articles. The tanic acid was apparently to be used on the burned portions of the body of Bonnie Parker. D. R. Cleavinger has said that he can identify a photograph of Hubert Bleigh as the person in the drug store in Platte City during the evening of July 19 as he, Cleavinger, was there. The persons at the Tourist Camp became suspicious of the activities of these persons and report was made to Sheriff Coffey, of Platte City who, in turn, contacted Mr. Cleavinger. Captain Baxter, of the Highway Patrol, and two of his men were then called in. It was decided that these officers would not have the proper equipment, and therefore the Sheriff's office at Kansas City, Missouri, was called for an armoured car, as above described. Altogether there were twelve officers in the party.

Sheriff Coffey and Captain Baxter approached the cabins shortly before midnight July 19, 1933, informing the persons therein that the Sheriff was at the door and they should come out. A woman answered the Sheriff informing him that the persons inside should be given time to dress. The Sheriff and Captain Baxter waited for a minute or two and when there was no apparent activity on the inside of the cabins Sheriff Coffey is alleged to have said "Well, let's give them some gas". Immediately thereafter firing began from the inside of the cabins. Sheriff Coffey had an iron shield in front of him. This shield was hit several times. Coffey was shot in the little finger, on one side of his neck, and slightly in the shoulder, none of which wounds were serious. Sheriff Coffey and Captain Baxter retreated with the protection of the iron shield, which is the only thing that saved their lives. The armoured car from the Sheriff's Office, of Jackson County, containing four deputies, was pulled up in front of the garage door to the cabin to prevent the gang inside from escaping. This armoured car has bullet proof glass and has armour plate around the bottom. The bullet proof glass was riddled and there were 8 holes altogether in this "armoured" car. Agent examined it. It was shot up like a sieve. It contained four deputies, only one of whom, George Highfille, was wounded through both legs. The bullet that wounded Highfille, which was shot from one of the Browning Automatic Rifles, went through the armour plate and through the steering post of the automobile, and then through both of his knees. His wounds are said not to be serious. Sheriff Coffey's son was standing several yards away from the camp, in the kitchen of the restaurant, and one of the bullets from the Browning automatic rifle went through a tank and hit him in the arm. His wound is said to be serious, but he will recover.

After all of this gun fight from the cabins the officers retreated to safety. Buck Barrow and his wife were occupying one of the cabins. Clyde Barrow, Hubert Bleigh and Bonnie Parker, the other. After the officers retreated Marvin Barrow and his wife made a run for the other cabin, or for the garage containing the car of the gang and were fired upon by the officers. Marvin Barrow was seen to fall or stumble. The automobile of the gang was then backed out and all members of the gang managed to get into it, and left on Highway 71, going North.

It is alleged that the officers fired three or more shots from shotguns into the car as it was leaving. Captain Baxter had a machine gun, said something got wrong with it. James Thorpe, Deputy Sheriff from Jackson County, who had a machine gun, said it jammed on him. The gang, upon leaving, are said to have gone up the road several miles and turned off into a road known as Missouri Highway number 92, and made their way into some by-roads. None of the officers went in pursuit of them that night.

The following day Agents Turrou and Brantley went with some officers and searched the surrounding country into which the gang was said to have gone that night. It was found where they had been. They had tire trouble. They inquired at two farm houses for a pump and a jack and finally obtained the same and repaired their tires. The gang could not be located. Deputy Sheriffs later found another spot that had been occupied by the gang that night, and a woman's dress bloodsoaked was found. From the best that could be learned these persons had headed north. They were traveling in a Ford V-8 Sedan with red wheels. One of the wheels had been driven so much with a flat tire that it was beyond repair, and was left by the gang. This was recovered and taken to the Sheriff's office at Platte City.

During the afternoon of August 19th there was received at the Sheriff's office a telephone call from the Sheriff at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, to the effect that some persons had been seen in that vicinity and were burning some clothing, and their actions appeared suspicious.

Immediately upon receipt of the foregoing information the Kansas City Bureau Office contacted Park Findley, of the State Bureau of Investigation of Iowa, and requested him to put this information, and the best descriptions available of these persons, upon the radio, which was done.

The Sheriff and the County Prosecutor at Platte City stated that they did not know who was in the cabin prior to the time that they rented it and did not know until sometime thereafter, or did not even suspect that it was the Barrow gang. Photographs of the Barrows were presented to the persons at the Tourist camp and to the Sheriff's office. As above stated, Marvin Barrow's wife was identified as the woman who got the meals, and Hubert Bleigh was identified as the person who went into the drug store at Platte City. There was no question, as this report will show, as to the identity of the persons in the cabins at Platte City.

As observed from the report of Special Agent C. R. Davis, San Antonio, dated 7-27-1933, Colt 45 Automatics, numbers 588676, 573279, 527651, and 615363, have been identified as having been stolen from the Enid, Oklahoma, Armoury on July 7, 1933. From this report it is noted that Browning Automatic

Rifle number 252660, and Colt 45 Automatic 373993, have been identified as having been stolen from Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, April 19, 1933, at Plattsville, Illinois. A search of the Postal Guide fails to show any Plattsville, Illinois. The St. Louis Office should therefore ascertain from the Adjutant General of the State the location of Company E, 129th Infantry, and there interview Commanding Officer of said organization with respect to the loss of these guns, and ascertain whether any of the other guns indicated in this report are listed as having been stolen from said organization.

All of the guns listed in this report have been examined by M. A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, in an effort to determine whether any of them were used in the Union Station massacre at Kansas City June 17, 1933. Mr. Gill has advised this office that none of the guns taken from the Barrows were used in the killing at the Union Station.

Agent O. C. Dewey made investigation in the vicinity of Iowa after the Barrow gang had fled from Platte City. The results of his investigation in that vicinity are as follows:

This investigation is predicated upon information received from the County Attorney and Sheriff at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, that they had picked up some blood soaked clothing a short distance north of Caledonia, Iowa, and believed same might have belonged to the parties wounded in the encouter with police south of Platte City, Missouri, on the night of July 19, 1933.

Agent examined the bloody clothing being held by the Sheriff's office at Mt. Ayr, Iowa, which had been partly burned. The clothing consisted of a pair of men's trousers, shirt, shorts and one sock, all of which were very bloody. It was particularly noticed that around the waist and inside seat of the trousers there was considerable blood, and that one sock was very bloody, which might indicate that this man was wounded above the waist, and possibly in one leg which caused the blood to run into his sock while seated in the car. The woman's garments consisted of a light blue with white polka dots, pair of house pajamas, which was burned in spots and covered with blood, also step-ins covered with blood, and a pink rayon slip which appears to have been used to stop the flow of blood from possibly the woman. Also found a copy of the "Country Gentleman" magazine which was opened and apparently used by someone to sit on as it was covered with blood. From the outside cover was secured the address slip "Ray N. White, Yale, Ia."

Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Booth, at their store at Caledonia, Iowa, a small community consisting of about three stores. Mr. Booth stated that about 9:30 o'clock on the morning of July 20, 1933, a black V-8 Sedan with red wheels was seen to go through town going north. A short time later a young man, wearing light trousers, white shirt, and hat, walked into the store and stated that he had run out of gas north of town and wanted to know if he could

get the pail he had with him filled with gas. This was done and the man carried the gasoline out of town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Booth stated that the photographs of Clyde Barrow resembled this man. A short time later the man returned again and got two more gallons of gas, on his third trip to the store he got two more gallons of gas and two quarts of oil, and on returning the quart oil bottles, he purchased some bananas, cookies, mercurochrome, adhesive tape, and four bottles of pop. He drank one bottle in the store but took the other three with him.

Several other persons, whose names were not secured, were questioned in the store for further information, and it was learned that the rural mail carrier had noticed this Ford car, with Texas license parked alongside of the road a short distance from town. He only noticed two men and a girl, but believed that there could have been another party in the car or lying on the ground in the shade of a tree who was not seen by him.

A half mile or more from this place, in a corner of a field, they had taken their bloody clothing and set fire to them. This fire was noticed a short time later by the farmer who owned the field, and upon investigation he found the clothing, and after thinking this strange called it to the attention of a neighbor, who then called the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff had not as yet heard of the shooting at Platte City, Missouri, but a visitor in his office had and told him where it was. The Sheriff then called Platte City to verify same, and upon learning details he immediately went to Caledonia and made investigation. Deputy Sheriff Frank Vaughn advised Agent that he and the Sheriff had trailed this car to Brown's corner, located about three miles north and east of Caledonia, and then lost track of it.

Agent interviewed Ethel Brown, who advised that she observed this black Ford V-8 Sedan with red wheels stop at the corner, and back around as if the parties were confused in which direction to go. One of the men came to the house and got some water, and he resembles the picture of Clyde Barrow. After he left they found some adhesive tape in the yard covered with blood. When they left this corner they were headed north. Agent and Deputy Sheriff Vaughn proceeded north a mile to a "T" cross road, and being unable to find any automobile tracks going West, proceeded east for a mile or more making inquiries at various farms. At the Mosher farm, Mrs. Mosher stated that about ten-thirty on the morning of July 20 she noticed a Ford car go by her house traveling rather slowly. There were several people in the car, just how many she did not notice. She stated that the road past her house was seldom used by strangers, and as she had recently been missing several chickens, she paid more or less attention to strange cars. She stated that the parties in the front seat of this car appeared to be looking around observing the country-side. This Agent followed the road east about three miles further where it enters to a fairly well traveled country by-road. Numerous inquiries along this latter road, both north and south, failed to elicit any further information concerning this car. However, as this road only runs north and south it is presumed that the car went north, as it had been traveling north and east since leaving Caledonia.

This section is fairly well wooded and is crossed by a number of streams, and as the parties in the car appeared to be looking over the country side, a search was made of half a dozen vacant farm houses and timber shacks for several miles south of the Mosher farm, but no trace of Subjects was found.

At Des Moines, Iowa, Agent learned from Mr. Findley, Iowa Bureau of Investigation, that Ray N. White at Yale, Iowa, was a reliable farm, and that on Tuesday morning, July 18th, several mail boxes at the corner of his farm had been robbed by parties unknown; that the previous evening there was a series of filling station hold-ups in this same vicinity in which the parties used a Ford Sedan. It is thought that these were committed by Subjects. Mr. Findley further advised Agent that about 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning, July 23rd, there had been a stick-up and murder near Wappello, Iowa, a town south of Muscatine, Iowa, near the Mississippi River which his men were now investigating. He has not secured information as yet concerning the details.

Information was received at the Kansas City Office on July 24, 1933, to the effect that the Barrows had been engaged in a gun battle near Dexter, Iowa, early on the morning of that same date, at which time one officer was wounded, Marvin Barrow and wife were captured, and Clyde Barrow, Hubert Bleigh and Bonnie Parker had escaped.

Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, of Jackson County, contacted the Kansas City Office and stated that in view of the fact that one of his deputies had been wounded by this gang, and one of his armored cars had been shot up he would like to proceed to Iowa to learn the particulars connected therewith. The writer accompanied Sheriff Bash to Des Moines.

At the County Jail in Iowa Blanche Barrow was interviewed by Sheriff Bash and the writer. She admitted being the wife of Marvin Barrow and said that she, her husband, Hubert Bleigh, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were in the cabins at Platte City, Missouri, on July 19, 1933, when a gun battle took place; that on this occasion her husband was wounded and seriously injured; that after leaving Platte City they had stopped in the woods not many miles from Platte City until daybreak, and thereafter made their way north through Iowa. She said that her husband was the only member of the gang who was wounded in Platte City, but as the car left the officers fired upon it, one of the shots hitting the windshield and spattering glass into her eye, which injured it severely and impaired her vision.. She was practically blind. At the time of the interview she was extremely nervous, almost to the point of hysteria, and no satisfactory answers to questions could be obtained from her. She denied that she knew where the boys, meaning the Barrows, obtained the guns. She denied that she did any shooting at Platte City, Missouri. She stated, however, that she was in the house on the outskirts of Joplin, Missouri, on April 13,

1933, at which time two peace officers were killed by the Barrow gang. She said that present in this house at that time were herself, her husband, Clyde Barrow, Hubert Bleigh and Bonnie Parker. She said her husband did not do any shooting on that occasion as she and her husband were upstairs. She was questioned concerning other trips and escapades and murders attributed to the Barrow gang, but would not answer questions in connection with some of them.

With respect to the automobile accident in which Bonnie Parker was severely burned near Wellington, Texas, she said that Clyde Barrow, Hubert Bleigh and Bonnie Parker were the only persons in that accident, and that night near Sayre, Oklahoma, in a wooded section, she and her husband met Clyde, Hubert and Bonnie with the two kidnapped officers and that the boys tied the officers to the tree.

The further information obtained from Mrs. Barrow at this interview is in substance the same as will be contained in an account of the results of the investigation by Agent Dewey in Iowa, which will be found in this report.

After leaving Des Moines Sheriff Bash and the writer proceeded to Adel, Iowa, where arrangements were made with Sheriff Clint Knee to interview Marvin (Buck) Barrow, who was in a hospital at Perry, Iowa.

At Perry, Iowa, Marvin Barrow was interviewed. He was dangerously ill from gunshot wounds. He was under heavy guard. He was entirely conscious at the time of the interview. Marvin Barrow, as well as his wife, stated he sustained a wound in the head during the gun battle with officers at Platte City on July 19, 1933; that he had been unable to obtain any medical attention since that time, and that none of the mob since the gun battle had slept in a house but had been camping and sleeping in their automobile at night. He stated that he was in the battle near Dexter, Iowa, that morning and that he was wounded twice, but which wounds were not serious. The wound in Buck Barrow's head was over the right eye. Due to the lack of medical attention the wound in Barrow's head gave off such an offensive odor that it was with the utmost difficulty that one could remain within several feet of him.

Marvin Barrow stated that he did not know where the boys obtained the guns, and denied that he had participated in any robberies of National Guard Armories. No satisfactory statement could be obtained from him. He did, however, admit that he participated in three filling station robberies near Fort Dodge, Iowa, a few days prior to the gun battle. These are, no doubt, the robberies mentioned by Agent Dewey in his part of this report. Marvin Barrow's attitude was cynical, and even though realizing that he probably did not have long to live,he, on several occasions, laughed heartily about some of his escapades. During the course of the interview one of the officers asked him why he and his companions so ruthlessly took human life, and his reply thereto was, "Well, I had to see that I did not get hurt".

As will be observed later on in this report, Marvin Barrow died from his wound.

Special Agent O. C. Dewey with State Agent William Arthur, of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, interviewed Ed Penn, near Dexter, who advised that on Sunday afternoon, July 23, 1933, he had gone to the Johnson and Hicks woods a short distance north of his property to pick berries, and after driving into the woods, came to a fence and could go no further. Here he noticed where a party had been camping and left their fire burning, and upon examining the fire he found some old bloody clothes, cushions and rubber mats burning. On the ground nearby were several bloody bandages. He immediately returned home, which was around 2:00 or 3:00 P.M. Sunday afternoon. A short time later he noticed two new Ford Sedans stop at the school house on the corner, near his farm. He went down to this corner through his cornfield to see what these parties were doing. They evidently spied him, as they drove down his lane, and then turned around and came back. Mr. Penn stated that he has no phone and he did not like to leave his family alone at the farm, so waited until his hired man, Henry Ney, came home in the early evening, when they both went down through the woods to make sure that the two cars were there before calling the officers. They spotted the cars, but Penn and Ney became separated, and Penn returned to his home. Ney went to a neighbor, Carlton Johnson, and told him, and he in turn called the Town Marshal, John E. Love, at Dexter, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Johnson, both Jr. and Sr., were interviewed and reported the visit of Ney, and verified the report that they called Mr. Love, and after doing so, left the farm and came to town as they were afraid something might happen as their house adjoins the woods.

Mr. John Love, Town Marshall, Dexter, Iowa, advised that he operates a shoe store in town and that on Friday July 21, 1933, Clyde Barrow came into his store and tried on a pair of shoes. Mr. Love stated that he wears his badge during the day pinned to his shirt inside the pocket and when he bends over the badge is noticeable. He saw his customer observe this badge and to then become uneasy. He took the shoes without having them wrapped, and hurriedly left the store. Mr. Love again observed this man with another man and a girl in a Ford V-8 Sedan in town on Saturday night July 22nd. On Sunday he received a report that this same man came in to Bloom's Cafe twice on Saturday and again on Sunday and ordered five meals which he took with him from the Cafe. Later Sunday evening he received the report from the Johnsons relative to the bloody clothing, and he then called Sheriff Clint A. Knee at Adel and advised him. Mr. Knee came to Dexter to investigate, and then decided to call the State Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Park A. Findley, Chief of the Bureau, dispatched several men to the scene late Sunday night, who, after making an investigation and finding the sector very wooded sent for additional help, and the assistance of the Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Des Moines,

Iowa, was secured.

The officers secured the best description possible of this wooded sector, and a number of men were then placed at strategic points blocking all roadways and bridges. A party of about 15 officers formed in a "V" shape approached the Subjects' camp. Due to the heavy underbrush, it was not believed advisable to completely surround the subjects for fear the officers would shoot at one another, and the further fact that the open, or north side of the "V" was protected by a river. The officers approached and called upon the Subjects to surrender and their reply was a volley of shots. The attack was made shortly after daybreak on Monday July 24, 1933.

The subjects all jumped into one car and endeavored to make a dash for freedom, however, were cunning enough not to use the regular road through the woods but turned off on an unused wagon road, and immediately struck a hidden stump, unable to free this car one or two jumped into the second car which was nearby and started to make a dash down this same wagon road when they again hit a stump. The subjects then split, and due to the heavy underbrush were able to crawl out of sight. However, the officers pursued and finally overtook Marvin Barrow and his wife after the former was wounded and entrenched behind a fallen tree.

Several of the officers, hearing no further shooting, left their posts of duty along the road believing that the subjects had been killed as fully 1000 shots were fired. However, Clyde Barrow and his alleged wife, Bonnie Parker, and Jack Sherman, believed to be Hubert Bleigh, crawled out of the woods into a neighboring cornfield, through the field to the farm house of Valley Fellers, fully a mile and a half from where the shooting took place. Here they held him up, stole his Plymouth Sedan, and made their escape. An hour or so later they lost a tire on this car, and stole a Chevrolet Coach bearing Iowa License plates number 77-13662, from the George Allbright farm located about five miles north of Polk City, Iowa. During the rest of the morning numerous reports were received from the surrounding section that Subjects and the car had been seen.

The escape of these subjects was immediately sent out over the radio by Mr. Park Findley, Chief of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation, who then through the aid of an aeroplane searched the surrounding territory. Report that fleeing desperados had abandoned their car north of Panora, Iowa, along the river, lead a large posse to proceed to this section and make a search along the river.

Later, information was received from the Ford Dodge, Iowa, Police Department that a few days before Subjects had robbed three oil stations in a row, and it had been learned by the Police Departments that Subjects had a hide-out near Sutherland, Iowa, which was known to certain members of the force.

Securing permission of Special Agent in Charge Vetterli to proceed to Sutherland, Iowa, which is in the northern part of Iowa, within the St. Paul office territory, Agent then formed a posse of about 14 men and went to Sutherland, Iowa, which lies in a very rugged part of the State. After arrival in this vicinity after dark and investigating the territory, and finding it impossible to make a satisfactory search at night, this Agent, with the assistance of State Agent Arthur and U. S. Marshal Fred Hird, of Des Moines, formed into three groups, and at day break scoured a large area in an effort to locate the Subjects who had escaped. The previous camping spot used by Subjects on Sunday, July 16, 1933, was found and Subjects apparently were not returning thereto.

The trail thereupon having been lost and no further reports received as to the whereabouts of the fleeing subjects, Agent telephoned to Acting Agent in Charge Coulter, of the St. Paul Bureau Office, advising him of the occurance of the previous day, and asking him to get word out over the radio, and to the Sheriffs in the Southern part of Minnesota in the belief that the Subjects were making for that State.

Accompanied by State Agent William Arthur investigation was made at Spencer, and Algona, Iowa, in effort to verify that subjects had been seen in these towns on Monday afternoon, July 24th, the day of the shooting, but no definite information could be obtained.

At Luverne, Iowa, Agent and Mr. Arthur interviewed Dave Gardner, who operates the Shell Filling Station on the edge of town. He advised that about 12:15 Monday noon, July 24th, a 1930 Chevrolet Coach raced down the road and stopped at his station and ordered ten gallons of gas. The car was driven by a party who had his left arm in a sling; a woman sat beside him in the front seat, and a man was lying down in the back seat. Gardner stated he became suspicious of these parties as they did not shut off their motor, and he was afraid they were going to run off without paying him, so he noticed their license number and later wrote it down. The car then sped out of town going east on a rather unused road. Later when the Sheriff was in town, Gardner happened to mention the above incident, and upon producing the license number he had written down it was found to correspond with the license number on the Allbright car, namely, #77-13662. The only difficult part to understand about Gardner's story was that he noticed no blood on the occupants of the car except a little on the chin of the driver. All reports up to this time indicated that subjects were all badly wounded and it was not believed that they could drive that far.

This Agent and State Agent Arthur returned to Des Moines, Iowa, and there interviewed Blanche Barrow, the wife of Marvin Barrow, at the City Jail. Blanche gave her father as M. F. Caldwell, at Dallas, Texas, and her mother Mrs. Lillian Marcum, Wilma, Texas. She claimed to have married Marvin Barrow on July 3, 1931, at Idabel, Oklahoma. She further stated that when Marvin was

released from the Texas State Penitentiary on March 23, 1933, they returned to Dallas, Texas, and remained for nearly a week, when they drove to Joplin, Missouri, about April 1, 1933, in a Marmon 68 purchased by them from Carl Beatty, of Dallas, Texas. Upon arrival at Joplin, Missouri, they met Clyde Barrow, and his wife, Bonnie Parker, and Jack Sherman. Blanche would not definitely state that Clyde and Bonnie were married. She knew nothing about Jack Sherman. However, it was learned later that she had identified the picture of Hubert Bleigh as being the same as Jack Sherman. She stated in regards to the shooting on April 13, 1933, when two officers were killed at Joplin, Missouri, that Bonnie Parker was upstairs in the front of the house; that she and Marvin were upstairs in the back of the house, and Jack Sherman and Clyde were down stairs. Suddenly there was some shooting, and Clyde yelled to them to come on down that they had to get out of there. They got in Clyde's Ford V-8 Sedan, and drove to Dallas, Texas, where the boys visited their mother. They left shortly afterwards and had been on the road every since. From here on Blanche refused to make any definite statement as to where they were. Regarding the guns, she stated that the boys left her and Bonnie near some unknown town in central Kansas and drove away, and were gone all night. The next day they returned and had the car filled with guns. The boys never told them where they got the guns.

In questioning her further Agent had her confused and she admitted that about two weeks ago they were in Oklahoma as they had stopped at a Tourist Camp north of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; that there were six of them in the party, the additional member being Jack Sherman's girl, known to her only as "Bobby". A day or so later they dropped this girl at a ranch 30 miles northeast of Durant, Oklahoma. At the time they had two Ford V-8 cars. From Oklahoma they drove into Kansas and Missouri. She denied being in Omaha, Nebraska, or near there on July 13, 1933, or in or near Sioux City, Iowa on July 15, 1933, or near Sutherland, Iowa, on Sunday July 16, 1933. She further denied being near Ft. Dodge, Iowa, on the morning of July 18, 1933 when three filling stations were held up. She further denied being near Yale, Iowa, on July 18, 1933, where several mail boxes were robbed, but she did admit driving into the tourist camp south of Platte City, Missouri on the evening of July 18, 1933. She claimed not to know who did the shooting at this place. She admitted that they were near Mt. Ayr, Iowa, and burned some clothing; that they drove to Dexter, Iowa, and were there several days. She admitted that on the very morning that their camp was raided she and Marvin had planned to separate from Clyde and his outfit. She would not admit that one of them stole a Ford V-8 at Perry, Iowa, on Sunday, July 23, 1933, for just that purpose.

Blanche was turned over to D. R. Cleavinger, County Attorney, Platte City, Missouri, who with several other officers returned her to Platte City, Missouri, where she is to be arraigned August 5, 1933 on charges of attempt to murder one of the officers who was wounded in the fracas near there.

Attempt was made by Agent to interview Marvin Barrow regarding various matters, especially the guns, but he declined to talk. However, a day or so later he talked to various officers, and according to Deputy Sheriff A.D. Maxey, of Van Buren, Arkansas, Marvin admitted to him that he had killed H.D. Humphrey, Town Marshal, at Alma, Arkansas.

Numerous reports were received relative to severeness of the injuries received by the escaping trio, and from medical authority it was learned that Subjects could not escape any great distance if they were bleeding and punctured by bullets as reported. A conference was then had with Park Findley, Chief, Iowa Bureau of Investigation, who believed a posse should immediately be formed to search along the Des Moines River Bottoms, which is covered on either side by a heavy growth of timber. There are numerous unused shacks and cabins along the river which would make ideal hiding places. Mr. Findley then arranged to form a posse to cover the east side of the river, while this Agent and State Agent Arthur went to Adel, Iowa, and with the aid of Sheriff Knee formed a posse there and got them started and then went to Woodburn, Iowa formed a posse and led them over a large territory searching all vacant houses, barns and shacks. The above search was without results.

Being unable to reconcile the conflicting reports that the trio, Clyde Barrow, Jack Sherman and Bonnie Parker,were very badly shot upon fleeing from the fracas in the woods north of Dexter, and the report of Dave Gardner, of Luverne, Iowa, that he had seen subjects and the car in that town four hours after the fight, and they were not covered with blood and did not appear to have been recently injured, Agent accompanied by State Agent William Arthur interviewed Valley and Marvel Fellers and their hired man, Walter Spillers, who advised that they had heard the shooting, but did not know what it was about, and some little time later while standing around talking, a man sneaked out of the cornfield, climbed a fence and was standing in the hog yard 50 feet away when they first saw him. The Fellers identify him as Clyde Barrow and stated that he had a large automatic in his right hand, and pointing it at them ordered them to come over. He then stated that the law had killed two of his pals, but they had escaped. He then asked if the Fellers had an automobile, and being advised in the affirmative stated he wanted it and that they (the Fellers) had to help them escape. He then called to a party named "Buddy" and a man, who from description is believed to be Hubert Bleigh, appeared with a woman on his back. Clyde then ordered the three farmers to help his partner over the fence with the girl, which they did. The farmers were cautioned not to get the girl on the ground as she had been shot in the leg and in the stomach. Clyde then made Valley Fellers back his car out of the garage and help place the girl in the back of the car. Clyde did the driving, and while the rest were getting the girl in the car, he rested his head on the steering wheel. The Fellers farm sets back about three-quarters of a mile from the road, and the trio went out the lane and turned north. Keeping to the unused country roads the fleeing subjects worked their way eastward, and are believed to have crossed the Des Moines river on the Madrid bridge, which is located

three miles west of the town of Madrid. Subjects then hit concrete highway #60 and headed south to Des Moines, Iowa. About five miles north of Polk City their car threw a tire and they endeavored to stop C. S. Johnson, of Perry, Iowa, and take his car but he kept on going. They continued driving on the rim for another mile south until they arrived at the George Allbright farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Allbright were interviewed and Mrs. Allbright stated she was working around her yard about 9:00 o'clock on the morning of July 24th, when she suddenly noticed someone trying to start their car. She ran over to see who it was and this man, whom she identifies as Clyde Barrow, pointed a gun at her, and told her to come over and show him how to start the car. However, she turned and ran screaming towards her house and hid behind the stone step abutment. Her husband came running from the farm yard, but she warned him to go back as the man had a gun. Clyde succeeded in getting the car started, and turned out of the yard headed south, and stopped a short distance down the road where an unknown number of persons got out of the wrecked car into the Allbright car and sped on south. Mrs. Allbright stated that about the time Clyde came into the yard she noticed another car drive up and stop in front of her house, and after Clyde stole their car this other car drove off. Subjects were not seen to go through Polk City, Iowa, which is five miles south of the Allbright farm.

It might be stated here relative to the conditions of the fleeing subjects. The girl, Bonnie Parker, according to Clyde's own statement, is shot in the right leg or knee and in the stomach. This Agent found at the camp of subjects' a light blue nightgown, containing several holes in it about knee high. It was badly bloodstained over most of the lower part. The officers at Platte City, Mo. reported that one of the girls was seen to flee in her nightgown when Subjects made their escape there.

According to the Fellers, the man who first approached them with the gun, and whom they identified as Clyde Barrow, carried his gun in his right hand, his left arm hung at his side and he did no motioning with it. While his clothes were wringing wet from perspiration and from the heavy dew and he had considerable blood on him, the bloodiest spot appeared to be on his left shoulder, between his breast and armpit. He also had a flesh wound on the left cheek. While it bled freely it did not appear to be deep. He was seen to use both arms when he drove away in the car.

The second man, believed to be Hubert Bleigh, while he had considerable blood on both his back and front did not appear to be wounded. He apparently became covered with blood in carrying Bonnie Parker. It stands to reason that he could not have been hurt very badly if he was able to drag and carry Bonnie Parker for nearly a mile and half from the wooded area where the fight took place, through heavy underbrush, across a fair size river, up and down hill, and finally through a cornfield to the automobile which was

stolen from the Fellers.

The description of these men as given by the Fellers is as follows:

Number 1 - Man who had gun, and believed to be Clyde Barrow: Age 24, height 5' 9"; weight 145 pounds; dark hair, parted on left side, and hair hung down over forehead.

Number 2 - Man who carried the girl: Age 27, height 5'7"; weight 155 to 160 pounds; hair dark and cut short.

Number 3. The girl, believed to be Bonnie Parker, age 25; height 5'; weight 100 pounds; dark brown hair; wearing pajamas with some kind of a jacket.

Subsequent reports received that these parties were seen on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 25, 1933, at Dennison, Iowa; that a young man, later identified from pictures as Clyde Barrow, entered Stanley Bailey's drug store and purchased a hypodermic needle and inquired for a doctor. Mr. Saggau, an insurance man of Dennison, reported that an individual entered Dr. Coon's office, was very nervous and did not wait.

On Thursday afternoon, July 27, 1933, the Chevrolet Coach, Iowa license 77-13662, motor number 1431431, belonging to George Allbright of Polk City, Iowa, was recovered at Broken Bow, Nebraska, where a Ford V-8 was stolen.

On Friday morning, July 28, 1933, Hubert Bleigh was reported in custody of the Police at Snomac, Oklahoma.

After the gun fight north of Dexter, Iowa, the two Ford V-8 Sedans abandoned by subjects were seized as well as a large supply of guns from the Armory, First Battallion Headquarters, Enid, Oklahoma, on the night of July 7, 1933, The following guns stolen from this armory were recovered:

Automatic Colts .45 Cal. marked "Property of the United States".

530415	587841
617954	56206
615892	571987
580158	603844
527224	588412
615638	587182
534106	587345
526699	587427
15489	617960
45976	614411
402794	588508

582546
540843
527959
530151

588680
8750 - Remington pistol
8761 - " "
KE-119389 Field Glasses

The following property stolen from the Armory at Enid, Oklahoma, not recovered:

Automatic Colts .45 Cal: 615363; 527651; 584248;
573279; 588676;
Field Glasses: KE-260287; KE-274574

The following Government guns were recovered and the place from which stolen is unknown, but are being traced:

Automatic Colts .45 Cal: 372294; 237489; 505915; 435167.
Browning Automatic Rifles: 252152; 86221 ; 251620

The two following guns likewise recovered:

S & W .38 #303576, said to belong to Town Marshal H. D. Humphrey, at Alma, Arkansas, who was killed by Marvin Barrow.

A .44 Colt (?) #7457.

The value of the Government guns is $1100. and that of the S & W. Revolver $50.00

The two cars recovered were closely examined:

Car #1. Ford V-8 Sedan, black body and wheels, Motor #18-223748 stolen from Edward E. Stoner, 1602 - 6th Street, Perry, Iowa, on Sunday, July 23, 1933. Badly shot up, containing over 50 bullet holes. In garage at Adel, Iowa.

Car #2. Ford V-8 Sedan, black body and red wheels, Motor #40-310946, secret #18-310946. This car contains bullet holes received in previous gun fight which have been partly covered over with mud. Trace is being made of this car, and API reports same delivered to Sam P. Hale, Ford Dealer, Ardmore, Oklahoma. It has been learned this car was stolen from the owner, Ed Williams, 26 S. 6th Avenue, Ardmore, Oklahoma 7-9-33. The Sheriff at Adel, Iowa, now has the car.

The following license plates were recovered from on the cars, or hidden under the seats of the above two cars recovered at Dexter, Iowa.

1933 Texas License #A14-999 (2 plates recovered) owner unknown.
1933 Oklahoma License #75-782 (1 plate recovered) owner unknown.
1933 Oklahoma License #366-629 (1 plate recovered) owner unknown.
1933 Iowa license #25-4867 (2 plates recovered) owner - Edward Stoner, Perry, Iowa, and same belong on car #1.
1933 Iowa License #21-2177 (2 plates) owner, L. P. Shaffer, Spencer, Iowa. Same belong to 1929 Chevrolet Sedan Motor #1132657. This car stolen at Spencer, Iowa July 17, 1933 and abandoned at Ft. Dodge, Iowa.
1933 Iowa license plates #11-2399 seen on subject's car at Sutherland, Iowa, on Sunday, July 16, 1933, belong to Augusta Richter, Storm Lake, Ia. and issued for Star Coach, 1928 Model, Motor 448840. These plates not recovered at Dexter, Iowa.

A resume of subjects' activities in Iowa in the last two weeks is as follows:

On Sunday, July 16, 1933, seen in woods at Sutherland, Iowa, by farmer, and Omaha, Nebraska newspaper dated July 13, 1933 and Sioux City, Iowa newspaper dated July 15, 1933 recovered. License plates, Iowa 1933, #11-2399 seen on car, same stolen from Augusta Richter, Storm Lake, Iowa, date unknown.

On Monday, July 17, 1933, Chevrolet Sedan, belonging to L. P. Shaffer, stolen at Spencer, Iowa. License plates for this car recovered at Dexter, Iowa.

On Tuesday, July 18, 1933, three men at about 11:00 A.M. held up three filling stations in a row at Ft. Dodge, Iowa. Chevrolet Sedan bearing license #11-2399 was used, car later found abandoned four miles west of town, and farmer reports seeing two women in Ford V-8 pick up the three men who got out of the Chevrolet.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 18, 1933, several mail boxes robbed at Yale, Iowa. A copy of "Country Gentlemen" with mail address printed thereon of "Ray N. White, Yale, Ia." found in Subjects' camp later at Caledonia, Iowa.

On Tuesday evening, July 18, 1933, arrived at tourist camp, south of Platte City, Missouri.

On Wednesday night, July 19, 1933, three officers shot in attempting to arrest subjects at this tourist camp.

On Thursday morning, July 20, 1933, subjects seen at Caledonia, Iowa, small town south of Mt. Ayr, Iowa, and their camp found. Bloody clothing,

which they attempted to burn, found; also copy of "Country Gentlemen" with address "Ray N. White, Yale, Ia." was found. Subjects purchased clothing at Mt. Ayr, Ia. consisting of woman's riding britches and high leather riding boots.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 21, 22 and 23, Subjects seen around Dexter, Iowa, where they had camp in woods.

Monday, July 24, 1933, subjects engaged in gun battle with officers in woods north of Dexter, Iowa. One officer, C. C. Riley, Deputy Sheriff, Des Moines, Iowa, badly wounded, but will recover. Stole Plymouth Sedan belonging to Valley Fellers, Redfield, Iowa, and abandoned same near Polk City, Iowa. Stole Chevrolet Coach belonging to George Allbright, and abandoned same on July 27, 1933 at Broken Bow, Nebraska. Marvin and Blanche Barrow captured at Dexter, Iowa.

Tuesday, July 25, 1933, Blanche Barrow turned over to officers and returned to Platte City, Missouri, to stand trial on charges of Attempt to Kill.

Thursday, July 27, 1933, Hubert Bleigh apprehended at Snomac, Oklahoma.

Saturday, July 29, 1933, Marvin Barrow died at 1:50 A.M. at Perry, Iowa.

On Wednesday, July 26, 1933, the following relatives and friends of Marvin Barrow arrived from Dallas, Texas:

Mrs. Henry B. Barrow, mother of Clyde and Marvin Barrow.
Mrs. A. C. Turner, friend of family.
L. C. Barrow, age 19, brother of Clyde and Marvin.
Mrs. Billie Mace, sister of Bonnie Parker.
Mrs. J. T. Parker, mother of Bonnie Parker.

These parties arrived in a Model A Ford, 1930 Model, 4 door Sedan, black body, green wire wheels, spare tire on rear and small silver eagle on each front fender, larger eagle on gas tank cap in front of windshield, tail light on each rear fender of car, Motor #1523397, bearing 1933 Texas license 265-972.

On July 27, 1933, there appeared in the Kansas City Star an article reflecting the apprehension of one Herbert Blythe, near Seminole, Oklahoma. The writer, after reading this article, contacted Acting Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, at Oklahoma City, with respect to the matter,

and during the conversation it was indicated that possibly this Herbert Blythe might be identical with Hubert Bleigh, alleged companion of the Barrow Brothers. Mr. Blake stated that he would definitely ascertain whether Blythe was Bleigh and subsequently informed the writer by telephone that it was Hubert Bleigh, companion of the Barrows who had been arrested. Mr. Blake desired to be informed as to whether Bleigh is wanted for the killings in Joplin, and whether he is wanted in connection with the shooting at Platte City. The writer contacted Clenvinger, at Platte City, who advised that he does want Bleigh for participation in the shooting there. L. D. Rice, County Prosecutor of Newton County, Neosho, Missouri (the killing of the officers in Joplin on April 3rd occurred in Newton County) was contacted by telephone and he advised that he is not in possession of any evidence connecting Bleigh with the murder of the Joplin officers, and therefore does not want him. He states he only wants the two Barrow Brothers in connection with this matter.

On July 25, 1933, Chief of Police Nicholson, of Junction City, Kansas, called the Bureau Office, and the writer talked to him. Nicholson stated that Ollie Carlson, a guard at the Central National Bank, of Junction City, on that date, saw a Ford or Chevrolet, new coupe, containing three men pass through Junction City at a rapid rate of speed headed south on highway 77, which goes to Herington, Kansas, and branches off into another road, and on this route one can reach Wichita. Nicholson said one man was in the rumble seat and that two men were in the front seat and that one of the men in the front seat had a machine gun in his lap.

Nicholson stated he was unable to obtain any description of the men or the license number of the car, but that he thought it might be some of the Barrow gang, for which reason he notified this office. He said, however, that the guard was positive that there was no woman in this car.

Chief of Police Calkins, Herington, Kansas, and Captain Lyle, Chief of Detectives, Wichita, Kansas, were immediately furnished the aforesaid information by telephone.

In a letter from the Dallas office dated July 19th reference is made to 1933 Kansas license number 2-1314, having been issued for a Ford Sedan, to Claude Barrett, General Delivery, Wichita, Kansas. Agent Calhoun of the Kansas City Bureau office conducted investigation at Wichita but was unable to learn anything of the identity of any Claude Barrett.

On July 28, 1933, a telegram was received from the Salt Lake City Office in which it was stated that the United Press at Salt Lake City had received a message from Iowa State Police that Bonnie Parker was supposed to be in custody in a Denver, Colorado Hospital, and that verification thereof was sought as the Denver Police had conducted investigation and failed to locate Bonnie Parker in any hospital there. This wire also states that the United Press in Salt Lake City later advised that the United Press Service

at Kansas City furnished the information. Investigation at Kansas City failed to show verification of any such message having been transmitted to Salt Lake City, and that nothing was known of it by the United Press or other Press services in Kansas City.

On July 27, 1933, D. A. Hindman, County Attorney, at Stockton, Kansas, contacted the Kansas City Bureau Office by telephone, advising a report had reached him that two men and a woman who were wounded had stopped near there the previous evening for gas; that he had interviewed these parties and learned a Ford V-8 stopped at the gas station near Stockton to obtain gas and that the car held a blonde woman, slender build, about 100 pounds, whose right arm was wounded being bandaged from below to above the elbow; that the woman was dressed in a smock which appeared to have dried blood on it. In the front seat with her was a heavy set man, with brown hair, with his right arm in a sling. In the back seat was a slender man with black, wavy hair, this man having a plaster on the left side of his face near the eye, and was covered with a robe. The car bore Nebraska license plates with the County Prefix number "36". The car left about 6 P.M. headed Southward on U. S. Highway #40. It was a black car.

The foregoing information was furnished the Salt Lake City Office by telephone with the information that these parties might be the remainder of the Barrow gang, and that the same be put on the air by radio from Denver and Cheyenne, Wyoming, at once.

On July 27, 1933, Park Findley of the State Bureau of Investigation of Iowa called the Kansas City office and informed he had learned that on Tuesday afternoon, July 25th, between 3 and 4 o'clock a suspicious looking individual called at the office of Mr. Sageau, insurance agent, at Dennison, and inquired for Doctor Coon, who has an office on the same floor, and that the man appeared nervous. Mr. Findley said that Stanley Bailey, a druggist, reported a man called at his drug store and obtained a hypodermic needle, and that the man in both instances had been identified from photographs as Clyde Barrow.

In a letter from the Dallas office dated July 10th the Kansas City office is requested to ascertain whether there is a Tommy Harriman of either Joplin or Neosho, who might be a brother of J. W. Harriman the constable who was killed by the Barrow Brothers at Joplin, Missouri, in April, 1933. A letter was transmitted to the Sheriff at Neosho, Missouri concerning this matter and he has replied that J. W. Harriman has a brother by the name of Tommy Harriman, and the last he was heard of was that he was somewhere in Texas.

An account of the investigation in this matter by Agent Calhoun at Wichita, Kansas, is as follows:

Chief of Detectives W. O. Lyle of the Police Department, upon

receipt of a telephone call from the Kansas City Bureau office to the effect that Clyde Barrow and two companions might be headed towards Wichita from Junction City, Kansas, issued radio instructions for all cars to be on the lookout for them. Agent advised Chief Lyle of the fact that Kansas 1933 license plates 2-1314, issued to one Claude Barrett, General Delivery, Wichita, Kansas, might have been secured by the Barrow Brothers, and Chief Lyle requested all officers to be on the lookout for this number. No record of a Claude Barrett could be found in Wichita. A car containing three men passed through Wichita at a high rate of speed on July 25th and outdistanced Detective Fred Dillon, but a telephone message to Wellington caused the halting of this car, and the Sheriff at Wellington reported that the car contained three Oklahoma men who had been fishing, and no machine gun was found in the car.

At Hutchinson, Kansas. Mrs. J. Leo Rauh, 502 East Sherman Street, stated that her husband had purchased Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor No. 40-310035 about nine or ten days before its theft on June 13, 1933. The purchase was made through the Ford dealer at Ness City, Kansas, and the car was secured at Kansas City, Missouri, for delivery. Kansas plates 6-10709 were secured for this car by Mr. Rauh. The theft occurred at the side of the Rauh home (a corner house) about 6 P.M. on June 13, 1933. Mr. Rauh had come home and parked the car on the side street, leaving the keys in the car for fifteen minutes. As soon as the theft was discovered, the Police and Sheriff were notified. Mrs. Rauh stated that a negro yard boy later reported that he noted that a Ford roadster containing two men rode past the Rauh home about three times and that later the negro noted the roadster go by with just one man in it.

Deputy Sheriff Guy Ankerholz stated that Mr. Rauh telephoned the Sheriff about 6:30 P.M. on the day of the theft of his car to advise that it had been stolen.

The Kansas City Bureau office has a card index showing the numbers of all Government pistols, revolvers and machine guns stolen in the district. A search of this index does not show Colt's .45 Automatic Pistol #451697.

On August 16th Prosecutor Cleavinger, of Platte City, obtained a signed statement from Mrs. Blanche Barrow, widdow of Buck Barrow, witnessed by Agent A. E. Farland, of the Kansas City Office, which is as follows:

> "I, Blanche Barrow, do hereby make the following statement without fear, threats or coercion from any officer and the same is made by me of my own free will and accord.
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> I was married to Ivan "Buck" Barrow in America, Oklahoma on the 3rd day of July 1931. I obtained the license myself

for us in Idabelle, Oklahoma. Our marriage occurred during the time my husband was an escaped convict from the State Penitentiary in Huntsville, Texas. He was serving a term of four years for robbery. After a trip through Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida and finally up the coast to North Carolina, we returned to Dallas, Texas. "Buck" was then returned to the State Penitentiary until he was pardoned on the 23rd day of March, 1933. I personally was instrumental in securing his pardon. After "Buck's" pardon we stayed in Dallas several days and then went to Joplin to see Clyde Barrow. At Joplin we found Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker and a man that I know as Jack Sherman, camping in the out-skirts of Joplin, Missouri at a tourist camp, and after a few days Bonnie and I went into Joplin and rented an apartment which was located over a private Garage. It was here that I first saw the Brownie Automatic and the 45 Colt's automatics which we carried with us afterwards until they were taken from us by the Iowa officers at Dexter sometime in July.

We stayed at this apartment in Joplin for approximately two weeks and one afternoon the officers surrounded us in this house and on an exchange of shots between the officers and Clyde Barrow and Jack Sherman we escaped in a car. At the time of this shooting, Jack Sherman and Clyde Barrow had been out in town in the car and had just returned when the officers came up. "Buck" Barrow and myself and Bonnie Parker were upstairs over the garage. There was a stairway leading from the garage on the first floor to our apartment on the second floor. All the shots that were fired were from the garage downstairs by Clyde and Jack Sherman. After the shooting Jack Sherman said we would have to get out in a hurry. I was the last one to leave and I had to run out down the stairs and out into the street as they had already driven the car out of the garage and into the middle of the street. As I ran into the street I had to pass by the body of one of the officers that was lying just outside of the door of the garage. I later learned that two officers were shot. Jack Sherman was wounded while exchanging shots with the officers. Myself and Clyde Barrow dressed the wound for sometime. He was shot on the left side just above the hip. The bullet entered from the back side going entirely through him and coming out on the left side. At the time "Buck" and I met Jack, Bonnie and Clyde in Joplin they had about fifteen guns, several 45 Colt's Automatics and three or four Brownie Automatics. This fight occurred on the 13th day of April, 1933. After escaping the officers at Joplin, for several weeks we traveled along the Texas-Oklahoma Border line. I would say that we were in Oklahoma and Texas just traveling from one place to another never staying but two or three days at one place, for about six or eight weeks. Dur-

ing these six or eight weeks Bonnie, Jack and Clyde visited Mrs. Barrow, the mother of my husband and Clyde Barrow, twice in Dallas, Texas, going into Dallas at night each time in order not to be recognized by the officers there. My husband and I had planned to leave the others on the day after the shooting in Joplin, but we were unable to do so.

After we left Joplin two cars were stolen in which we traveled during this six or eight weeks period of time. I do not know what filling stations or stores were robbed during this period of time, but I do know that our money was obtained through hold-ups or robberies. Although we had never had a great deal of money, yet we always had sufficient for our needs.

On the two visits back to Dallas which Clyde, Jack and Bonnie made, "Buck" and I would stay at some point either in Oklahoma or Texas and meet them at some prearranged place. On the last trip they made to Dallas, on their return their car turned over and was burned. This occurred some place near the Texas-Oklahoma Line and later that same time, "Buck" and I met them just outside of Sayre, Oklahoma on a bridge. When Jack, Bonnie and Clyde met us that night they had with them two officers which they claimed they had captured in order to keep from being arrested themselves after their car accident. The officers were left here at a bridge after being tied up and we again traveled around in the two cars.

A few days after we left Syra, Oklahoma, at the request of my husband I left Muskogee, Oklahoma by bus for Dallas, Texas. Before I left, my husband told me that they were in so much trouble that I had better not return unless I wanted to. I arrived on the bus in Dallas, Texas in the morning and went directly to the home of Elvin Barrow, where I visited them and where I saw "Buck's" mother and several other members of the family. At the time I talked with my mother-in-law, Mrs. Barrow, I told her the entire truth of all the trouble we had been in and returned to my husband at a little bus stop some place between McAlester and Muskogee, Oklahoma. I do not remember the name of it, and I returned of my own volition and accord and it was against the wishes and instructions of my husband that I did return.

After leaving Oklahoma we went to Fort Smith, Arkansas and for about a week we camped between Fort Smith and Van Buren, and one afternoon my husband and Jack Sherman left camp and I did not see any more of them until about sundown at which time

Clyde Barrow came to the cabin where I was and told me that Jack and my husband had had an accident and for me to pack up that we had to leave. We returned then as I now remember to Oklahoma and it was two or three days after leaving Arkansas that I read in a paper, called the "Daily Oklahoma" that our gang was accused of having shot an officer at a little town called Alma near Van Buren. My husband was accused by the officers of having killed this officer, although when I showed him the paper he told me he did not know which one of them had actually killed the officer, he or Jack Sherman, as they both shot several time in this fight. It was sometime after the Van Buren shooting and while we were in Oklahoma that I first saw the some thirty additional guns. They were all, outside of one or two, 45 Colt's Automatics. It was about this time that Clyde sawed the barrel and stock off of one of the Brownie Automatics which was shown to me by the officers on the day I signed this statement. Today I was shown thirty-eight 45 Colt's Automatics, one 44 H & W, four Brownie Automatics and a canvas bag kit which were the guns that we had been carrying with us for about a month and were the ones that we had when we were at the filling station near Platte City and later were taken from us when apprehended by the officers at or near Dexter, Iowa.

We then traveled into Missouri, Kansas and as far north as Iowa. I am not certain, but I think we stole at least one car while in Iowa, although I am not certain about this, but I will say that at all times when cars were taken they were generally V-8 Fords, Sedans and Coaches. This type of car was used because they were so fast and quick to start. How long we stayed in Iowa I do not know.

After going into Iowa we returned to Missouri and at about 10:30 o'clock on the night of the 18th of July this year, we passed a filling station on Highway #71, which I have later learned is about seven miles east of Platte City. After passing this station we decided to turn around and go back because we had seen some cottages behind a filling station. We drove into the filling station and I don't remember what two of them layed down, but I was in the front seat of the car and asked to rent the two cabins as there were two women and one man. We generally always used this method in renting cottages to keep down suspicion that there were five of us. While we were at the cabins near Platte City, I did all the buying of the food at the filling station, directly in front of these cabins, and I was in the filling station several times buying food on the day of the 19th of July. I will say that on several occa-

sions before we came to Platte City and between that and the time I visited his mother at Dallas, which I have heretofore related, my husband attempted to get me to leave, but I stayed, on my own accord because I did not want to leave them. We were surprised by the officers on the 19th of July and I am not certain as to just what time it was, but I would judge some place around 11:30 or 12:00 O'clock that night. My husband and I, during all the time we were at these cabins near Platte City and on that night were in the east cabin by ourselves. When the officer came and asked to send the man out that was in there with me, I told him to go to the other cabin. It seemed to me it was just like a minute or so that the first shots were fired. During the time of this shooting my husband used a Brownie Automatic and I believe that he had three clips that he used in the East cabin for the Brownie Automatic. There were also two 45 Colt's Automatics and I think that there were about five or six clips, that is full clips for these two guns. After many shots were fired someone, either Jack, Bonnie or Clyde yelled from the west cabin to get ready we were going to have to leave and it seems to me that I was the first out the door, my husband following after me. I got to the car and heard a shot fire and saw "Buck" fall and I ran back and picked him up and carried him to the car. As we pulled out of this filling station several more shots were fired and the glass in the car on my side was broken and fell into my eyes and I was blinded for two or three days. Because of the condition of my eyes I could not see and I do not know exactly where we went to except two or three days after we were in Platte City we were captured in a camp in Dexter, Iowa. Before we were captured in Dexter, Iowa, "Buck" tried again to get me to leave, but I would not do it.

I signed this statement this 16th day of August, 1933, after having thoroughly read the same, which consists of six (6) typewritten pages.

(Sgd.) Blanche Barrow.

Witnesses:
A. E. Farland, Special Agent, U. S. Division of Investigation.
Brook Miller, Weston, Mo.

As will be observed there were two Ford automobiles, one Plymouth and one Chevrolet Coach stolen by the Barrows, which were recovered during the course of this investigation. The approximate value of these cars recovered is $1200.00.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE, at Broken Bow, Nebraska, will check as to the recovery of the 1930 Chevrolet Coach left there by the Barrows, and the theft of the Ford V-8 at that place on July 27, 1933.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE, at Ardmore, Oklahoma, will ascertain from Ed Williams the facts relative to the theft of his Ford V-8 Motor, Number 40-310946.

At Enid, Oklahoma, will contact the proper officials of the National Guard Armory with respect to the theft of the firearms stolen there, and inform said officials that these guns are now in the Kansas City office and will be held until all ballistic examinations in connection therewith are completed, and that possibly they will be used as evidence in the case at Platte City, Missouri against Mrs. Blanche Barrow.

The Oklahoma City office will ascertain the owners of 1933 Oklahoma license plates 75-782 and 366-629, which were found in the possession of the Barrows.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE at Springfield, Illinois will ascertain from the Adjutant General of the State the location of Company E, 129th Infantry, and interview the commanding officer of said organization with respect to the loss of the guns listed on pages 4 and 5 of this report, and also ascertain from this officer whether or not Colt Automatic Pistols, 45 Caliber, Numbers 372294; 237489; 505915 and 435167, as well as Browning Automatic Rifles 252152, 86221 and 251620 were stolen from his organization. Ascertain from the officer whether other guns, either automatic pistols or Browning rifles, were stolen at the same time the first guns mentioned were missed.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DALLAS, TEXAS St. Louis FILE NO. 26-3740

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St. Louis, Mo.	8-25-33	8-21-33	M. B. Rhodes H.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, alias Roy Bailey, ET AL.	National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photographs of Clyde Champion Barrow and others exhibited to C. F. Merrifield, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Mexico, Mo., and Ben Dobyns of that city, a customer of above bank, who were present at 2:15 P. M. on 6-14-33 when the bank was robbed. They are unable to identify Subjects as those staging the holdup.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. W. Allen, St. Louis, Missouri, 8-1-33.

DETAILS: AT MEXICO, MO.

The photographs of Clyde Champion Barrow, Bonnie Parker, Buck Barrow and wife, and Hubert Bleigh were exhibited by agent to Mr. C. F. Merrifield, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and Mr. Ben Dobyns, proprietor of Dobyns' Cafe. Mr. Merrifield stated that he was the only employee of the bank who was in the bank at 2:15 on June 14, 1933, when the place was held up; that Mr. Dobyns, one of the bank's customers, entered the bank a few seconds after the robbers entered, and was immediately covered with revolvers; that Dobyns was present during the holdup.

DETAILS:

Messrs. Merrifield and Dobyns, after carefully examining the photographs of Subjects, stated that they could not identify these Subjects as being the persons who staged the holdup. Mr. Merrifield stated that the photograph of Clyde Barrow somewhat resembled one of the men, but he would not state for a fact that this was the man he had in mind. He further advised that he could

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not state that he is "reasonably certain" that Clyde Barrow's photograph resembles one of the men who held him up.

It is pointed out that Mr. Dobyns is positive that none of the photographs submitted resemble the holdup men.

Merrifield and Dobyns advised that two men entered the bank and staged the holdup, and at the time they did not see any women with them.

PENDING.

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Tex.

August 29, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

RE: Clyde C. Barrow,
with aliases; et al.
N.M.V.T.A.

Dear Sir:-

Report of Special Agent D.W. Brantley dated at Kansas City, Mo. dated 8/17/33, pages 2 and 16, shows that 4 Browning automatic rifles were recovered from members of the Barrow gang, some of which have been traced to Government armories.

I am bringing this to the attention of the Division with the thought that it may desire to make some representations to the War Department whereby armories may be more securely protected from depredation, particularly those containing Browning automatic rifles.

The number of rifles and automatic pistols found in possession of the Barrows, as well as the quantity of ammunition so found, indicates that the Government is furnishing ammunition and equipment to these outlaws.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMT
cc 26-4114-97

U. S. Department of Justice

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1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW
et al; Nat'l M. V. T. Act

Dear Sir:

The Kansas City office advised that at the time the officers in Iowa had the gun battle with the Barrows that Texas license plates No. A14-999 were found in an automobile abandoned by them and requested to ascertain to whom plates were issued and that owner be interviewed as to loss of same.

The Automobile Registration Division of the State Highway Department at Austin advises that 1933 Texas license plates were issued to Frank White, Naylor Hotel, San Angelo, Texas, for Ford sedan motor #179042. Records further show these plates to have been lost or stolen and have been replaced by Texas plates No. A23-227.

It is requested that you contact Frank White at the Naylor Hotel, San Angelo, Texas, and obtain information requested.

Very truly yours,

C R Davis.

C. R. Davis,
Acting Agent in Charge.

cc Division.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas FILE NO. 26-3243

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Washington, D. C.	9-1-33	8/24 & 26/33	DWIGHT BRANTLEY AM

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with aliases, ET AL	National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Ordnance Division, War Department, advises Colt .45 pistols #237489, #505915, and #435167, are property of the U. S. and stolen from Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, Chicago. Browning automatic rifles #252152 and #251620 stolen from same organization. Browning automatic rifle #86221 stolen from Company A, 180th Infantry, Oklahoma National Guard, Wagoner, Okla. No record of Colt .45 pistol #327794.

- R. U. C. -

REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office dated August 21, 1933.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

DETAILS: Mr. L. L. Kahlert, Ordnance Division, War Department, Washington, D. C., was contacted with respect to this matter and he has advised that Colt .45 pistols #237489, #505915 and #435167 are the property of the United States and were stolen from Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, Chicago, Ill. Mr. Kahlert also advised that Browning automatic rifles #252152 and #251620 were also stolen from Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard. He informed that Browning automatic rifle #86221 was stolen from Company A, 180th Infantry, Oklahoma National Guard, Wagoner, Oklahoma.

Mr. Kahlert informs that he has no record of Colt .45 pistol, #327794.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO OFFICE will contact the Commander of Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, with respect to the loss of the Colt .45 pistols and Browning automatic rifles mentioned in this report and inform him that said firearms were taken from the Barrow gang and are in possession of the Kansas City Office of this Division.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will contact the Commander of Company A, 180th Infantry, Oklahoma National Guard, Wagoner, Oklahoma, and inform him that Browning automatic rifle #86221 was found in possession of the Barrow gang and the same is in possession of the Kansas City Office of this Division.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

September 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 29, 1933, in regard to CLYDE C. BARROW with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, in which you suggest that inasmuch as the Barrow brothers were armed with Browning automatic rifles stolen from National Guard units in the United States, that representations be made to the War Department with a view to more careful steps being taken to protect armories from depredation by criminals, whereby such criminals become armed with Government weapons.

It is believed that it would be inappropriate for the Division to make any recommendation of this kind to the War Department. However, the matter has been called to the attention of the appropriate official of the Department of Justice, for any recommendation to the War Department which may be deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

J. Ed. Hoover

Director.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas

FILE NO. 26-3779

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	9-26-33	9-22-33	M. Sorola

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with aliases, et al	National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On September 22, 1933 Richard F. Jones, Commander of Company A, 180 Infantry, Oklahoma National Guard, Wagoner, Oklahoma, was informed that Browning Automatic Rifle #86221 was located and is now in possession of the Division Office, Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Jones states this rifle was stolen April 4, 1933 from the armory at Wagoner, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Washington, D. C. 9-1-33.

DETAILS:

On September 22, 1933 Agent informed Richard F. Jones, Commander of Company A, 180 Infantry, Oklahoma National Guards, Wagoner, Oklahoma that Browning Automatic Rifle #86221 was found in possession of the Barrow gang and same is now in possession of the Kansas City office of this Division.

Mr. Jones searched the records of his office and stated that this rifle was stolen on the night of April 4, 1933 from the Armory at Wagoner, Oklahoma.

DETAILS: PENDING

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420 Post Office Building,
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September 28, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,
with aliases; et al.
N.M.V.T.A.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Division telegram of 9/27/33, the following dispositions on Texas arrests of Clyde Barrow are herewith given:

12/3/26 arr. Dallas, Texas PD #6048; auto theft; indicted 1/21/27; indictment dismissed 2/29/28.
2/22/28 arr. Ft. Worth, Texas PD #4516; investigation; released.
10/13/29 arr. Dallas PD; attempted burglary; indicted 11/15/29; indictment quashed.
10/16/29 arr. Dallas PD; safe burglary; released.

With respect to correct weight of Clyde Barrow; early arrest records give his weight as 125 lbs.; however, the enforcement officials who have seen him within the past year state his weight is approximately 150 lbs. - as given in letter from this office of the 11th ultimo.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

DLM:LMT
cc 26-4114- 981

311 Burley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

October 5, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW,
with aliases, et al
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE
THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from your office dated August 21, 1933, and to the report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Washington Field Office, dated September 1, 1933, concerning the above case, please be advised that Mr. L. L. Kahlert, Ordnance Division, War Department, Washington, D. C., has advised that Colt Automatic Pistol, .45 caliber, U. S. Model, #327794, originally was issued to the 102nd Cavalry, New Jersey National Guard.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Dallas, Texas, the office of origin, in the event it is desired to further trace this pistol.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas St.Louis FILE NO. 26-3740

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St.Louis, Missouri	10-7-33	9-9-33	G. B. NORRIS. GBN:N.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases, et al.	NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Company E, 129th Infantry Armory, located at Plattville, Ill., was burglarized 4-19-33, at which time Colt automatic pistols #373993, #372294, #237489, #505915, and #435167, were stolen, together with Browning automatic rifles #252152, #251620, and #252660.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. Brantley, Kansas City, Missouri, August 17, 1933.

DETAILS:

General C. E. Black and Major Clay M. Donner were interviewed at the headquarters of the Illinois National Guard located at Springfield, Illinois. They caused the records of the Illinois National Guard to be searched to determine whether or not the guns listed in the report of reference had been stolen from the Armory of Company E, 129th Infantry. They stated that their records show that Company E of the 129th Infantry is located at Plattville, Illinois, and that mail received at Plattville goes through the Yorkville, Illinois Post Office. They stated that the Armory at Plattville was burglarized on April 19, 1933, at which time Colt automatic pistols, 45 calibre, #373993, #372294, #237489, #505915, and #435167, were stolen; DETAILS: that at the same time Browning automatic rifles #252660, #252152, and #251620, were stolen. They stated that they have no record of the theft of Browning automatic rifle #86221 from any of the Armories in the State of Illinois.

They further stated that the proper person to contact at Plattville, Illinois regarding the theft of these guns is Captain Charles G. Howell, Commanding Officer of Company E, 129th Infantry.

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The photographs of Buck Barrow and his wife are being returned with copies of this report to the Dallas Division Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE at Plattville, Illinois will interview Captain Charles G. Howell, Commanding Officer of Company E, 129th Infantry, for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the theft of the guns listed in this report, and the circumstances surrounding said theft.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

October 10, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases,
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Division is awaiting a reply from you concerning the disposition of arrest records on the above entitled subject so that an Identification Order may be issued by the Division. The particular arrests concerning which the Division desires this information are as follows:

As Clyde Champion Barrow, #6048, PD, Dallas, Texas, arrested December 3, 1926, charge theft of auto.

As Clyde Champion Barrow, #4316, PD, Fort Worth, Texas, arrested February 22, 1928, charge investigation - general principles.

As Clyde Barrow, #414, PD, Waco, Texas, arrested March 2, 1930, charge burglary, auto theft.

As Clyde Champion Barrow, #6048, Dallas PD, arrested Dallas, Texas, October 13 and 16, 1929, charge attempted burglary and safe burglary.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
Director.

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UNITED STATES
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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 13, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases,
Natl. Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

In reply to Division letter of October 10, 1933, the information requested was furnished the Division by letter from the Dallas Office under date of September 28, 1933, and is as follows:

12-3-26 arr. Dallas, Texas PD #6048; auto theft; indicted 1-21-27; indictment dismissed 2-29-28.

2-22-28 arr. Ft. Worth, Texas PD #4316; investigation; released.

10-13-29 arr. Dallas PD; attempted burglary; indicted 11-15-29; indictment quashed.

10-16-29 arr. Dallas PD; safe burglary; released.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LM
26-4114- 107

Memo

10/10/33

Re: Clyde Barrow.

Carl Kell - employed A. Harris + Co. advised he saw Barrow night before last near Peeltown, Texas, with Bonnie Parker. Clyde + Bonnie living around there protected by a nest of bootleggers and ex-Convicts.

One Mike Burton - Sevry, Texas see Clyde often.

Clyde has 32 model Chev. Black Sedan Auburn Q, and also 28 Chev. Coupe.

Hangs around Ad. Coopers place at Peeltown.

Talked to Will Fritz and Richburg about above who stated S.P.C. Blake and They were already in possession of this information.

Kell says he can Point Clyde out if down there.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Dallas, Texas

FILE NO. 26-3779

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	10-13-33	10-6-33	F. S. Smith
TITLE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Oklahoma license tag #75-782 issued May 11, 1933 to Jack Martin, who gave his address as 2205 S.W. 29th St., Okla. City, for Ford Coupe, Motor #4644759. No such address as 2205 S.W. 29th St., Okla. City, and Jack Martin not known. Oklahoma license tag #366-629 issued June 1, 1933 to John E. Williams, 626-6th Street, N.W., Ardmore, Okla., for Ford 4-door Sedan, Motor #40-310946. Pistols recovered from Barrows as indicated in reference report check with list of pistols reported stolen at Enid, Okla. from National Guard Armory.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. Brantley, Kansas City, Missouri, August 17, 1933.

DETAILS:

A check of the records of the Oklahoma State Highway Department reveals that Oklahoma license tag #75-782 was issued May 11, 1933 for Ford Coupe, 1928 Model, bearing Motor No. 4644759, in the name of Jack Martin, 2205 S.W. 29th St., Oklahoma City. Investigation revealed that there is no such address as 2205 S.W. 29th Street in Oklahoma City and no such person as Jack Martin known in the vicinity of where 2205 S.W. 29th Street should be. There is no Jack Martin listed in the city or telephone directory.

A check of the State Highway Department records further revealed that Oklahoma license tag No. 366-629 was issued June 1, 1933 to John E. Williams, 626-6th Street, N.W., Ardmore, Oklahoma, for a Ford 4-Door Sedan, 1933 Model, bearing

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Motor No. 40-310946.

A check of the list of automatic pistols recovered from the Barrows as indicated in reference report was made against the list of pistols reported stolen at Enid, Oklahoma and those recovered checked in detail. The Commander of the National Guard at Enid, Oklahoma is being advised of the recovery of the pistols enumerated in reference report.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Ardmore, Oklahoma, will interview John E. Williams, 626-6th St., N.W., and obtain from him such information as he may be able to furnish concerning Oklahoma license tag #366-629, issued in his name June 1, 1933 for Ford 4-door Sedan, Motor No. 40-310946, found in possession of the Barrows when apprehended.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT DALLAS, TEXAS FILE NO. 26-5301

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
CHICAGO, ILL.	Oct.19,1933	Oct.10,1933	J. J. KEATING JMS

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW alias ROY BAILEY L. C. BARROW; RAYMOND HAMILTON BONNIE PARKER alias MRS.CLYDE (BONNIE) BARROW	NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Streator,Illinois, disclosed that Ford V8 coach, 1933 Model, motor number 18-231602, was stolen on or about 5/1/33 in that town, from residence of Ray Grimm, legal owner. Identity of thieves unknown.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City,Missouri, May 27, 1933.

DETAILS: Investigation at the Police Department, Streator,Illinois disclosed that they had no record of the theft of Ford 1933 model V 8 coach, motor number 18-231602. The Police Sergeant in charge however, believed that it was the Ford automobile which had been stolen from Ray Grimm, who is a salesman at the Owl Garage at Streator, on or about May 1, 1933.

DETAILS: RAY GRIMM, who is employed as a salesman by the Ford dealer, Owl Garage, Streator,Illinois was interviewed and stated that he was the legal owner of Ford V 8 coach, Motor number 18-231602; that the aforementioned automobile was stolen from in front of his residence, 1108 South Bloomington Street, Streator,Illinois, between 12 and 12.15 P.M. on or about May 1,1933. He stated that he did not know the exact date on which his automobile had been stolen, advising however that the Police Department should have a record of this date. When the car was stolen it bore dealers 1933 Illinois plates number 2204, and was insured against theft by the Maryland Insurance Company with offices at175 West

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Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Grimm further stated that he drove his automobile home, and that same was stolen while he was partaking of his lunch; that he gave no person permission to drive his automobile away, nor did he know the thieves. He further advised that at about the time his car was stolen, a strange woman wearing a black dress and carrying a suit case was seen in the vicinity of his home. The description of this woman could not be obtained, and Mr. Grimm advised that her true identity was never established.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Lucerne, Indiana, will submit photographs of Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker, and the unknown man to employees of the Lucerne, Indiana Bank for identification.

Will contact Commander of Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, with respect to the loss of the Colt 45 pistols, and Browning automatic rifles mentioned in report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, 9/1/33, Washington, D.C. and inform him that said firearms were taken from the Barrow Gang and are in possession of the Kansas City office of this Division.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

October 9, 1933.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number 242514.

J. E. HOOVER, *Director.*

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
SO, Wewoka, Okla.	Hubert Bleigh, #---	11-10-29	investigation	
PD, Sapulpa, Okla.	Hubert Bleigh, #883	11-10-29	burglary	to Creek Co.
SRef., Granite, Okla.	Hubert Bleigh, #7436	11-24-29	burglary	2 years
PD, Oklahoma City, Okla.	James Davis, #11864	5-31-32	not given	held for Tulsa, Okla.
SO, Tulsa, Okla.	Hubert Bleigh, #9728	8-3-32	interstate theft	6 months Co. Jail, 10-27-32
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Hubert Bleigh, #9282	8-3-32	larceny - interstate shipment	
PD, Seminole, Okla.	Hubert Bleigh, #---	7-27-33	investigation - M.K.T. box car robbery	
PD, Muskogee, Okla.	Hubert N. Bleigh, #11061 US	9-6-33	larceny - interstate shipment	

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Creek Co., Okla., #2581.
#9728, SO, Tulsa, Okla., as H. N. Bleigh; dispo. Sapulpa.

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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

October 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with aliases,
HUBERT N. BLEIGH with aliases;
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of the criminal record of Subject Hubert N. Bleigh with aliases.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Encl. #366009

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UNITED STATES
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KANSAS CITY

October 26, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent A. E. Farland recently secured from the Police Department at Joplin, Missouri, a photograph of Jack Sherman, known to be a close friend of the Barrow brothers, Clyde Champion Barrow and others, who are Subjects of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act file in your office. An enlargement of Sherman's photograph is enclosed herewith. This is the individual identified as having participated in the murder of officers at Joplin, Missouri, during April, 1933, at which time the Barrows were also implicated.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy mos.

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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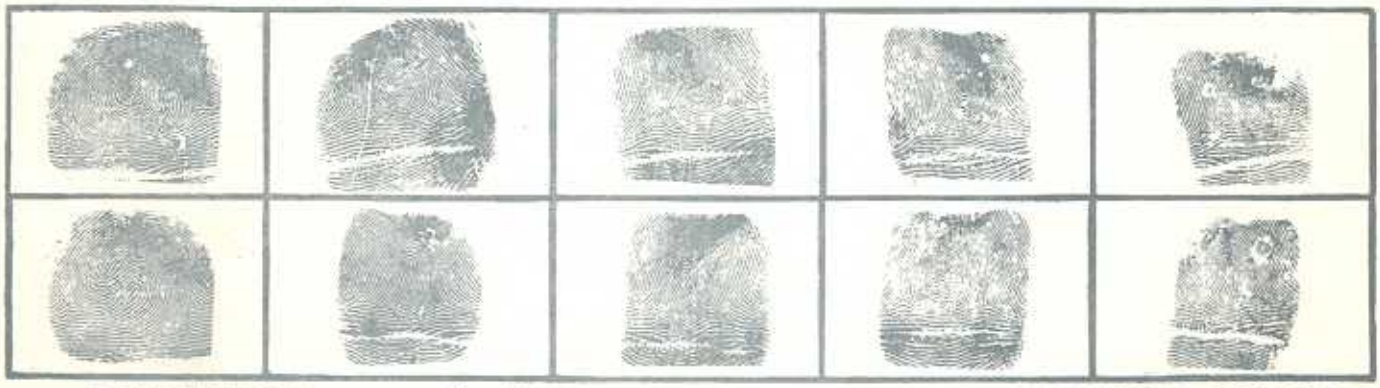
CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, aliases CLYDE BARROW, ELVIN WILLIAMS, ELDIN WILLIAMS, JACK HALE, ROY BAILEY.

NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT



DESCRIPTION

Age, 23 years
Height, 5 feet, 7 inches, bare feet
Weight, 150 pounds
Build, medium; Hair, dark brown, wavy, reported dyed black; Eyes, hazel; Complexion, light; Marks, shield and anchor with U.S.N., on right forearm outer; Girl's bust, left inner forearm; Residence, West Dallas, Texas.

le Clyde Barrow

RELATIVES:

Mrs. Cumie F. Barrow, mother, Rural Route 6, Dallas, Texas
L. C. Barrow, brother, Rural Route 6, Dallas, Texas
Mrs. Ortis Wilber, sister, Denison, Texas
Mrs. Clyde Barrow, aliases Bonnie Barrow, Bonnie Parker, Mrs. Roy Harding, wife, probably accompanying Barrow
Mrs. Emma Parker, mother of Mrs. Clyde Barrow, Dallas, Texas

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Clyde Champion Barrow, No. 6048, arrested police department, Dallas, Texas, December 3, 1926; charge, auto theft; indictment dismissed.

As Clyde Champion Barrow, No. 4316, arrested police department, Fort Worth, Texas, February 22, 1928; charge, investigation; dismissed.

As Clyde Barrow, No. 6048, arrested police department, Dallas, Texas, October 13, 1929; charge attempted burglary and safe burglary; indictment quashed.

As Clyde Barrow, alias Elvin Williams, No. 414, arrested police department, Waco, Texas, March 2, 1930; charge, burglary; sentence, 14 years Texas State Penitentiary; escaped County Jail, Waco, Texas, March 11, 1930.

As Clyde Barrow, No. 765, arrested police department Middletown, Ohio, March 18, 1930; charge, fugitive.

As Clyde Barrow, No. 63507, received Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas, April 21, 1930, from Hollerman County; charge, burglary, theft over and from the person; sentence 14 years (7-2's, cum.); paroled February 2, 1932.

This man is very dangerous and extreme caution must be exercised by arresting officers as he is wanted in connection with assault and murder of officers.

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Complaint was filed at Dallas, Texas, on May 20, 1933, charging Clyde Champion Barrow and Mrs. Roy Harding, nee Bonnie Parker, with transporting Ford Coupe, Motor No. A-1878160, property of Dr. E. L. Damron of Effingham, Illinois, from Dallas, Texas, to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on or about September 16, 1932.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which is nearest your city.

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Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.