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CHICAGO FILE

Liberace

Chicago 87-41572

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File No.

87-41572-1A-1
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Date Received

4-17-74

From

ADOLPH LEWIN

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

R604 S.N. WABASH

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

CG ILL

(CITY AND STATE)

b7C

By

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Receipt for
watch (pocket-
TIFFANY + CO) seized
from LEWIN

Date: 4-17-74

Place: CHICAGO, ILL

The following items were seized on 4/17/74
from the person of ADOLPH LENIN pursuant to
the execution of search warrant number _____,
dated 4-17-74, issued by United States Magistrate
(Judge) OLGA JUREO, Northern District
of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois:

1- approx 3x6 envelope containing TIFFANY & CO watch
with "L" jeweled on back.

witness

A.L. b7C

witness:

[REDACTED] SA FBI
Chicago Per 4-17-74
[REDACTED] b7C
- SA - FBI
Chicago, Ill. 4-17-74

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File No.

~~87-41572~~

Date Received

4/18/74

From

Adolf Lewin/Universal

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

5 N. Wabash

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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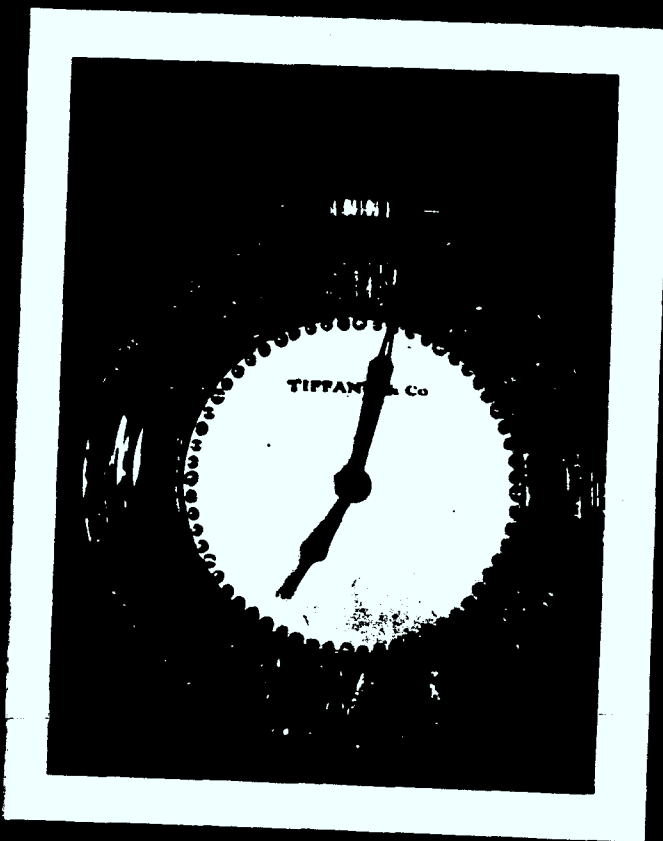
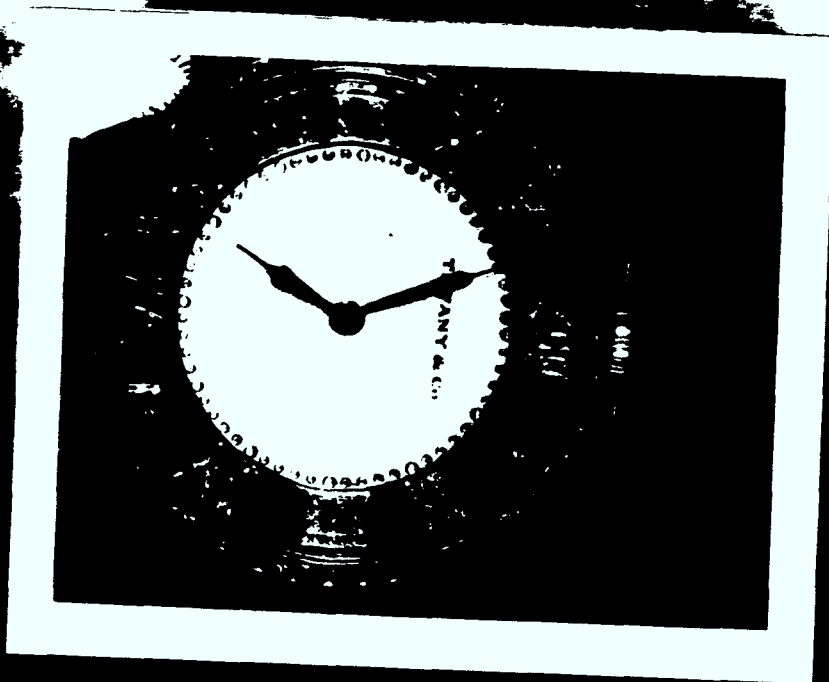
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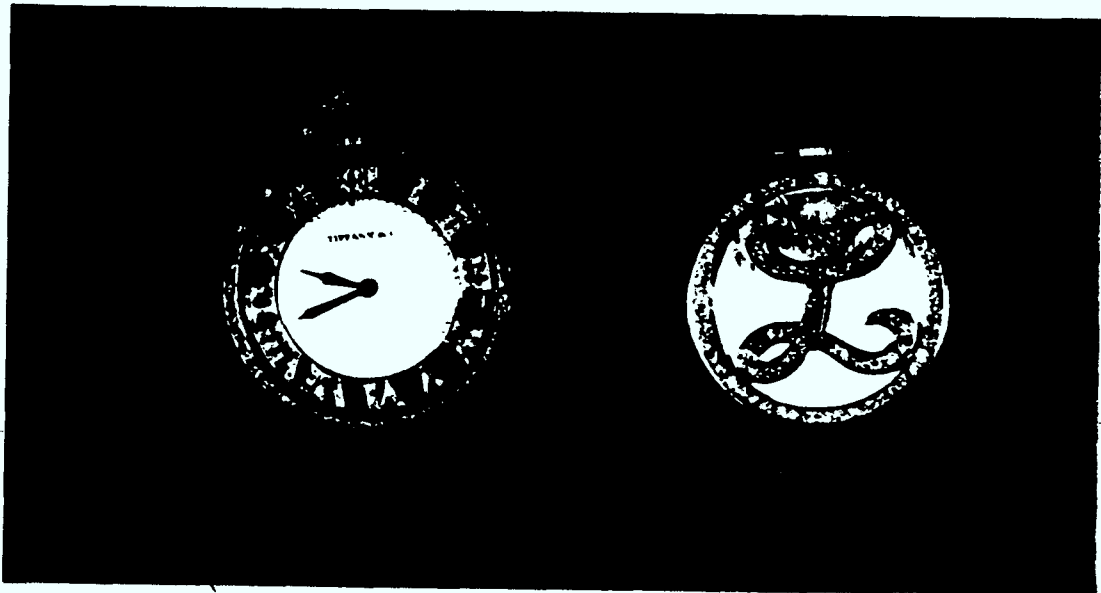
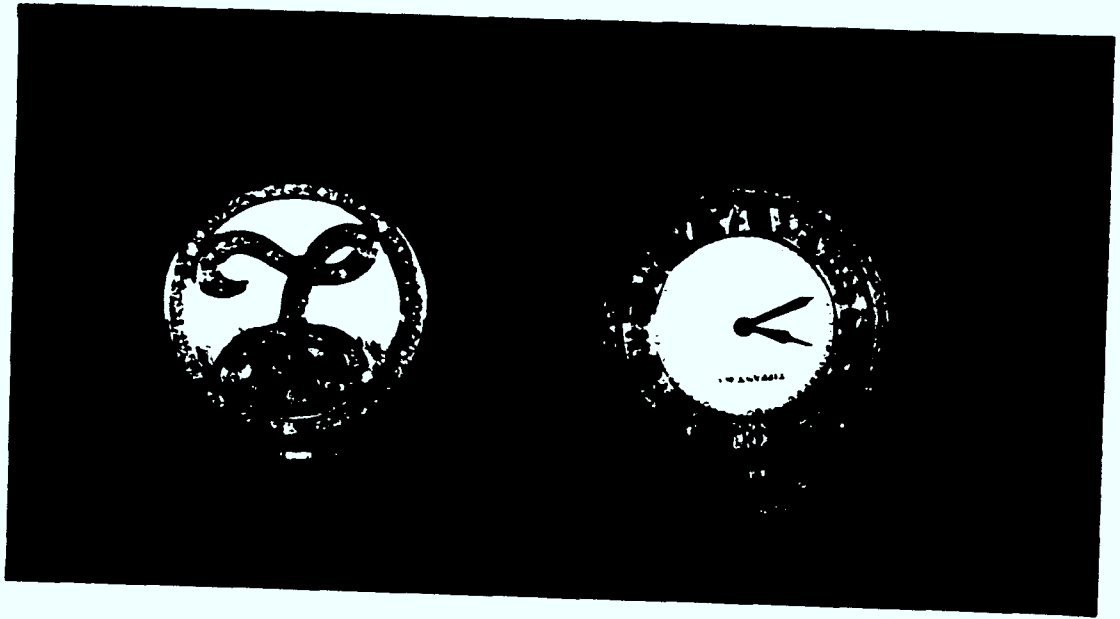
To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Polaroid color photos of
Liberace's watch:
10 copies of front
10 copies of back







File No. 87-41572-1A4

Date Received 4-25-74

From Los Angeles office
(Name of contributor)

(Address of contributor) b7C

By [redacted]
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:

Photo of Liberman
wearing his watch

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File No. 87-41572-1A7

Date Received 3-14-75

From USM
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Chicago, Ill. b7C
(CITY AND STATE)

SA [REDACTED]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes Receipt Given ☐ Yes
☒ No ☐ No

Description:

U.S. Marshals Service
Evidence Control Form.



UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EVIDENCE CONTROL

RECEIVED FROM (Name and address)

FBI, Chicago

CASE NO.

CASE TITLE & TYPE VIOLATION **ADOLPH LEWIN; UNSUB; BURGLARY OF \$24,065**
IN JEWELRY FROM L. LIBERACE **ITSP** **7000 -**

SUBJECT (Name, address and identification data)

87-41572-1B1

VALUE: \$24,065

ITEM NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (Include model, serial no., identifying marks, condition, value, etc.)
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**Tiffany and Company Pocket watch,
Platinum; on back script letter L encrusted
in diamonds, front and back also circled in diamonds.**

SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

AUSA:

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I certify that I have received and held myself accountable for the articles listed above:

NAME & TITLE (Typed or printed)	AGENCY	DATE	SIGNATURE
[REDACTED] SUPR.	U.S.M.	6/3/74	[REDACTED]

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

ITEM NO.	DATE	RELINQUISHED BY NAME & AGENCY SIGNATURE	RECEIVED BY NAME & AGENCY SIGNATURE	PURPOSE
	10/23/74	[REDACTED] USMS	[REDACTED] FBI	
	11/13/74	[REDACTED] FBI	[REDACTED] USMS	
	3/14/75	[REDACTED] U.S. MARSHALS	[REDACTED] FBI	TO be TOT owned

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File No. 87-41572-1A⁸

Date Received 4-5-75

From Los Angeles Office
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

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(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:
*Receipt obtained by LA
Office for Liberace's
watch.*

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NOTE: DALLAS, TEXAS

1 - Selfy Exhibit, [redacted] Selfy Company Inc.,
[redacted] North [redacted] [redacted] Illinois

Reason for Retention of Property: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] of Same

Signature of [redacted] and Director of Agent [redacted]

- * 1 - Tiffany and Company Pocket watch,
Platinum; on back script letter L encrusted
in diamonds, front and back also circled in diamonds.

* Sent to the Los Angeles office
by Airtel dated 5/21/75
[Signature]

Signature of [redacted] to justify retention of property (Initial and Date)

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3/28/74

UNSUB; Burglary of \$24,065 in Jewelry
from L. LIBERACE, 2/14-15/74, Hilton Hotel
Dallas, Texas
ITSP

Between 7:00 PM, 2/14, and 12:45 AM, 2/15/74, \$24,065 worth of jewelry belonging to LEE LIBERACE, well-known entertainer, stolen from his suite at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Jewelry was contained in an aluminum suitcase with combination lock. No signs of forcible entry into the suite or suitcase.

A list of the stolen jewelry, which included an elaborate men's pocket watch, a diamond bracelet and several pairs of cufflinks, is contained in the file.

Appropriate contacts and dissemination to law enforcement agencies should be made concerning the above.

- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - Each Criminal Supervisor
- 1 - Each SRA
- 1 - Night Supervisor
- 1 - Each Agent C-2
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Chicago, Illinois
April 18, 1974

PRESS RELEASE

RICHARD G. HEED, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), announced today the arrest of ADOLPH LEWIN, age 58, of 2501 Webbford Road, Glenview, Illinois, for violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property (ITSP) Statute, Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2315.

LEWIN was arrested in the evening of April 17, 1974, on a U.S. Magistrate's complaint at his place of business, Universal Gem and Jewelry Company, Inc., Suite 604, 5 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At that time a search warrant for the premises at that address was executed.

As a result of the execution of the search warrant, a quantity of stolen jewelry was discovered. One of the pieces recovered was a platinum Tiffany pocket watch, encrusted with diamonds, identifiable with the pocket watch stolen in the \$24,000 jewelry burglary of entertainer LEE LIBERACE on February 14, 1974, in Dallas, Texas. Numerous other rings were recovered identifiable with the \$65,000 burglary of a Hammond Company, San Antonio, Texas, jewelry salesman's motel room in Dallas, Texas, on February 17, 1974.

- 1 - SAC, Chicago
- 1 - ASAC
- 4 - C-2 Supervisor (87-40596)
 - 1 - 87-41578
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LEVIN is scheduled to appear this date for a bond hearing before U.S. Magistrate OLGA JURCO.

Conviction for violation of the ITSP Statute is punishable by imprisonment for ten years or \$10,000 fine, or both.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ADOLPH LEWIN
TTP
ITSP
OO: Chicago
Chicago File 87-40596

LEWIN is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	March 14, 1916
Place of Birth	Wausaw, Poland
Height	5'10"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Address	2501 Pebbleford Road Glenview, Illinois
Owner of	Universal Gen and Jewelry 5 North Wabash Chicago, Illinois
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Home telephone number	[REDACTED]

LEWIN was arrested by SA [REDACTED]

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Jeweler arrested here

Recover Liberace watch

Adolph Lewin, 39, was arrested by agents in his Universal Gem and Jewelry Co., 8 N. Wabash.

The watch was among the items of jewelry, valued at more than \$20,000, recovered Wednesday.

Richard G. Held, head of the Chicago FBI office, described Lewin as a suspected dealer in stolen jewelry.

"Among the jewelry recovered were rings, pendants and

watches stolen in two separate Dallas hotel burglaries in February," said attorney Peter S. Vaira, head of the Justice Department Chicago Strike Force.

VAIRA SAID a court-authorized wiretap was used April 2



Front and back of Liberace's watch.

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7-day... rights. Price from Chicago to San Diego (or similar...)

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Liberace's watch is recovered

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by the FBI to assist in the arrest of Lewin, of 2501 Peddlerford Rd., Glenview, on charges of interstate transportation of stolen property.

Liberace reported personal jewelry valued at about \$75,000 was stolen Feb. 14 from his hotel room in a burglary while appearing in a concert.

"There was at least \$90,000 in jewelry taken in Dallas hotel burglaries in February and some of it has been recovered with the arrest of Lewin," Vaira said.

Lewin, now on probation for filing a false income tax report, was released on a \$15,000 recognizance bond Thursday after an appearance before U.S. Magistrate Olga Jurco.

Vaira and Held said Liberace's watch was found in Lewin's pocket when he was arrested.

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Liberace's stolen watch found here

A \$5,000 diamond-studded watch stolen from entertainer Liberace has been recovered from the pocket of a Loop jeweler, described as a suspected fence for the underworld.

The platinum watch was found late Wednesday in the pocket of jeweler Adolph Lewin, 58, at his Universal Gem and Jewelry Co., 5 N. Wabash.

Richard G. Held, head of the Chicago FBI office, said Lewin is a suspected fence. Lewin, of 2301 Peddleford Rd., Glenview, was charged in a warrant with interstate transportation of stolen property.

Stolen jewelry valued at \$51,000 was found in Lewin's store, Held said.

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Recover Liberace watch

A \$5,000 diamond wristwatch stolen from entertainer Liberace last Feb. 14 in Dallas was recovered here by FBI agents with the arrest of a Loop jeweler.

The platinum watch was among 500 pieces of jewelry, valued at more than \$50,000, recovered late Wednesday when Adolph Lewin, 58, was arrested by agents in his Universal Gem and Jewelry Co., 5 N. Wabash.

Richard G. Held, head of the Chicago FBI office, described Lewin as a suspected dealer in stolen jewelry.

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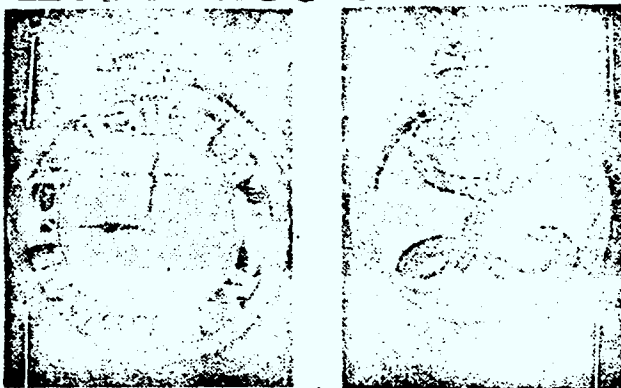
VAIRA SAID a court-authorized wiretap was used April 2 by the FBI to assist in the arrest of Lewin, of 2501 Peddlerford Rd., Glenview, on charges of interstate transportation of stolen property.

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Front and back of Liberace's watch recovered by the FBI.

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Time tells on jeweler

By Richard Phillips

THIN, sharp-featured Adolph Lewin doesn't look a bit like Liberace. Yet he was wearing Liberace's \$5,000 pocket watch, said federal agents who went to his Loop jewelry shop Wednesday night.

Since the watch had been stolen from the entertainer's Dallas hotel room Feb. 14, it alone would have been enough evidence for them to arrest Lewin, they said.

However, the agents were carrying a search warrant, and inside the vault of Lewin's Universal Gem & Jewelry Shop, 5 N. Wabash Av., they found 500 other stolen jewelry items worth an additional \$25,000, they reported.

Lewin, 58, who was described by agents as a fence for big-time burglary rings, was charged with violating federal laws against interstate transport of stolen goods.

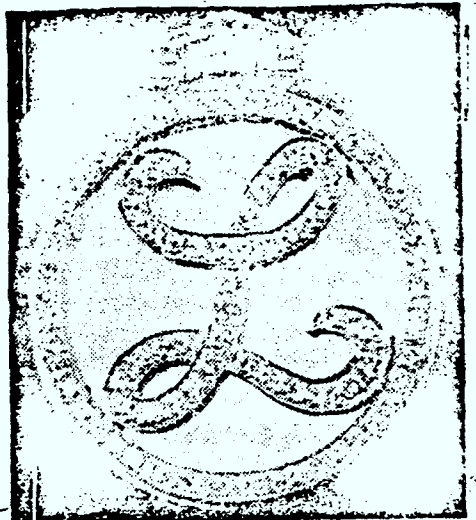
PETER VAIRA, chief of the United States Justice Department's organized crime strike force here, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation used a court-approved wire tap to obtain the information needed to get a search warrant.

Key evidence came from a phone conversation between Lewin and another man identified as "Herby" in which purchase of the stolen Liberace watch was discussed, he said.

The authorities believe most of the stolen jewelry was intended for resale, Lewin apparently admired the platinum, diamond encrusted watch so much he decided to keep it, they said.

The Lewin's operations have been under surveillance by Chicago police, most of the loot found in his shop was stolen from Texas, Vaira said.

Lewin, of 2501 Pebbleford Rd., Glenview, was released yesterday on a \$15,000 personal recognizance bond after an appearance before U. S. Magistrate Olga Jurco.



Liberace's diamond-studded watch.



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3 CHICAGO TRIBUNE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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Liberace's gems found; Chicagoan arrested

The FBI announced here Thursday it has recovered entertainer Liberace's \$5,500 stolen diamond-encrusted watch and 500 other pieces of jewelry taken in thefts across the nation.

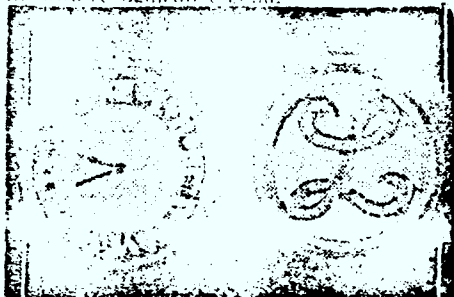
FBI agents arrested Adolph Lewin, 58, owner and operator of the Universal Gem & Jewelry Co., in Suite 604 at 5 N. Wabash, on a charge of illicit transportation of stolen property.

The expensive watch was described by FBI agents as platinum with Roman numerals set in diamonds and the initial L in diamonds on the back. It was stolen from Liberace's suite in the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Dallas on Feb. 17. The other stolen items were mostly rings, cufflinks and pendants.

The arrest of Lewin came after FBI agents tapped three phones used by Lewin in his business. The agents had obtained court wiretap permission April 2.

In one intercepted conversation, Lewin and a man identified as a customer were discussing the price of a platinum watch which a third male voice in the background said was stolen from Liberace, agents said.

Lewin, on probation for a 1972 income tax violation, was arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Olga Jurco Thursday and released on his own recognizance bond.



Liberace's \$5,500 diamond-encrusted watch

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3 CHICAGO SUN TIMES
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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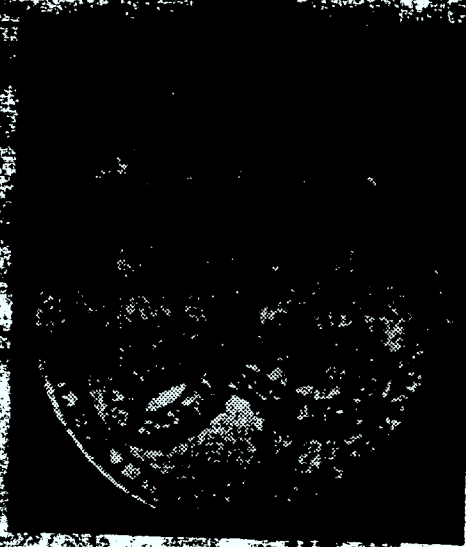
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Liberace's diamond-studded watch.

Times Photo by Rex-Mall

Liberace's watch found

Time tells on jeweler

By Richard Phillips

THIN, sharp-featured Adolph Lewin doesn't look a bit like Liberace. Yet he was wearing Liberace's \$5,000 pocket watch, said federal agents who found it in his Loop jewelry shop Wednesday night.

Since the watch had been stolen from the entertainer's Dallas hotel room Feb. 14, it alone would have been enough evidence for them to arrest Lewin, they said.

However, the agents were carrying a search warrant, and inside the vault of Lewin's Universal Gems & Jewelry Shop, 5 N. Wabash Av., they found six other stolen jewelry items worth an additional \$25,000, they reported.

Lewin, 32, who was described by agents as a "nice, friendly-looking fellow," was charged with possession of stolen goods.

PETER VAINA, chief of the United States

States Justice Department's organized crime strike force here, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation used a court-approved wire tap to obtain the information needed to get a search warrant.

Key evidence came from a phone conversation between Lewin and another man identified as "Herby" in which purchase of the stolen Liberace watch was discussed, he said.

The authorities believe most of the stolen jewelry was intended for resale. Lewin apparently admired the platinum, diamond encrusted watch so much he decided to keep it, they said.

The Lewin's operations have been under surveillance by Chicago police, most of the loot found in his shop was stolen from Chicago stores.

Lewin was arrested Wednesday at a police precinct headquarters and after an inquest before a coroner's jury.

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STATION WASH DC 4/18/74

TO DIRECTOR (100-45390)

FROM DALLAS (87-41572)

ADOLPH LEVIN, ITSP; (OO: CHICAGO) CG FILE (87-4 2590),
DALLAS FILE (87-22726), BUFILE (87-128366).

UNSUB; BURGLARY OF \$24,563 IN JEWELRY FROM L. LINERACH, FEBRUARY 14-15, 1974, STATLER-HILTON HOTEL, DALLAS, TEXAS.
ITSP. OO: DALLAS. DALLAS FILE (87-23145), CG FILE (87-41572).

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UNSUB; BURGLARY OF UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF JEWELRY FROM
[REDACTED], HAMMOND COMPANY, TRAVELODGE HOTEL, 4309
HARRY HINES BOULEVARD, DALLAS, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 17, 1974.
ITSP. OO: DALLAS. DALLAS FILE (87-23154). CG FILE (87-41578).

RE CHICAGO NITEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL 18, 1974.

ON APRIL 19, 1974, [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] HAMMOND COMPANY, SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE WAS SENDING A COMPANY
REPRESENTATIVE [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] TO CHICAGO VIA BRANIFF
INTERNATIONAL TO ARRIVE CHICAGO 11:05 AM., APRIL 22 NEXT. HE
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STATED [REDACTED] WILL STAY AT THE DRAKE HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
AND HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT THE CHICAGO DIVISION. HE
b7C ADVISED [REDACTED] WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE STOLEN JEWELRY
IN THIS MATTER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : C-2 Supv

DATE: Apr 20, 1974

FROM : [REDACTED] b7C

SUBJECT: Recovery of stolen jewelry including watch belonging to Liberace.

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[REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] contacted office by telephone this date to inquire concerning recovered merchandise. [REDACTED] advised that she and her husband and another couple, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] phone [REDACTED] had been staying at the Sheraton-Dallas just prior to the visit by Liberace, and that the suite they were sharing was robbed on the evening of January 19th, 1974. Caller was wondering whether any of the recovered loot may have been from the robbery of their rooms.

List of jewelry taken was long, but included gold bracelets, earrings and chains, and some opals and ~~pearls~~ pearls. According to caller the Dallas PD is in possession of entire list and drawings and descriptions. Total theft from both couples was judged to amount to approximately \$6,500.00.

Caller was advised that information would be brought to attention of appropriate people but that no info could be given at this time.

Both couples were at Sheraton for Osteopathic Surgeons convention and were sharing suite of rooms on top floor of ~~AAA~~ Sheraton-Dallas.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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United States District Court

FOR THE

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Magistrate's Docket No.

Case No. 74W 3

VS.
Universal Gem and Jewellery Company Offices known and numbered as Suite 604, located on the sixth floor of the multi-storied brick office building situated on the Northeast corner of Wabash Avenue and Madison Street and known and numbered as 5 N. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois

SEARCH WARRANT

To Any Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Affidavit having been made before me by Robert Keane, Special Agent F.B.I.

that he ~~has~~ ^{has reason to believe} that ~~on the person of~~ ^{on the premises known as}

Universal Gem and Jewellery Company Offices known and numbered as Suite 604, located on the sixth floor of the multi-storied brick office building situated on the Northeast corner of Wabash Avenue and Madison Street and known and numbered as 5 N. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois.

in the NORTHERN District of ILLINOIS

there is now being concealed certain property, namely (see attached description) and other jewellery stolen from Dallas, Texas, including 1000 , 14 karat gold Princess rings, bearing manufacturing initials BMH.

which are being possessed with knowledge that are stolen and which has a value in excess of \$5,000 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2315; and which constitute evidence of a criminal offense in violation of the laws by the United States under the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3103A.

and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the ~~person~~ ^{premises} above described and that the foregoing grounds for application for issuance of the search warrant exist.

You are hereby commanded to search forthwith the ~~person~~ ^{place} named for the property specified, serving this warrant and making the search ~~in the daytime~~ ^{in the daytime} and if the property be found there to seize it, leaving a copy of this warrant and a receipt for the property taken, and prepare a written inventory of the property seized and return this warrant and bring the property before me within ten days of this date, as required by law.

Dated this 17th day of APRIL

, 19 74

U.S. Magistrate.

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One platinum pocket watch with roman numerals laid out with diamonds of a total weight of 85 points. On the back of the watch was the script letter "L" laid out in diamonds, approximate weight 1.25 ct.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

74K-377

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A F F I D A V I T

ROBERT A. KEANE, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, being duly sworn, states:

1. On April 2, 1974, a court order was entered authorizing the interception of wire communications on telephone numbers (312) 368-1647, (312) 368-1648 and (312) 368-1649, located at Suite 604, Sixth Floor, 5 North Wabash, Chicago, Illinois.

2. On April 17, 1974, a conversation was intercepted from telephone number (312) 368-1647, wherein Adolph Lewin was called by Herbie Levin. During this conversation Levin asked if Lewin came down in price, to which Lewin replied that the low price was "fifteen". Levin asked "what size" and Lewin replied a regular pocket watch, platinum. Levin asked if it was 18 or 12 size. Lewin then asked do you want it in inches. A silence was then heard. An unidentified male in the background then asked Lewin if the man on the phone was a customer and Lewin replied affirmatively. The unidentified male asked if that was the Liberace watch and Lewin replied affirmatively. Lewin then described the watch to Herbie as he apparently was measuring it, as a platinum pocket watch 1 5/8 inches in diameter on which were numerous diamonds totalling 5.25 karats.

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3. On March 5, 1974, the Dallas Texas office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised me that between 7:00 P.M. February 14, 1974 and 12:45 A.M. February 15, 1974, jewelry totalling \$24,065 belonging to Lee Liberace was stolen from Liberace's Statler-Hilton Hotel suite in Dallas, Texas. Included in this theft was one platinum pocket watch valued at \$5,500, with roman numerals laid out with diamonds of a total weight of 85 points. On the back of the watch was the script letter "L" laid out in diamonds, approximate weight 1.25 ct.

4. Special Agent James Dewhurst advised me that a confidential informant stated on March 20, 1974 that he (confidential informant) had been to Lewin's place of business on various occasions and observed Lewin discuss over the telephone the buying and selling of stolen jewelry. The confidential informant further stated that on March 19, 1974, he had seen 1,000-1,500 14k gold "Princess" rings bearing the manufacturer's initials BMH, which Lewin had indicated were part of a "load" he had just received. The confidential informant told Agent Dewhurst who told me, that Adolph Lewin is known as a jewelry fence who operates from Suite 604, 5 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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ROBERT A. KEANE
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

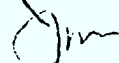
Subscribed and sworn to before me

this _____ day of _____, 1974.

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- 1 BLACK TRAY CONTAINING 48 RINGS.
- 1 BLACK TRAY CONTAINING 36 RINGS.
- 1 BROWN TRAY " 109 RINGS.
- 1 BOX CONTAINING 29 " "
- 1 BOX CONTAINING 78 RINGS.
- 1 WHITE BOX CONTAINING 80 RINGS.
- 1 BLACK ~~TRAY~~ TRAY " 58 " " "
- 1 BLACK TRAY CONTAINING 48 " "
- 1 BROWN TRAY " 18 RINGS.
- 1 OPEN TRAY " 36 RINGS.
- 3 TIE TACS.
- 1 set Cuff LINKS
- 1 OPEN TRAY CONTAINING 48 RINGS.
- 1 DUNHILL ELECTRIC CIGAR # 14336
- 1 WHITE BOX CONTAINING 370 Ring SETTINGS.
- 1 BLACK TRAY CONTAINING 72 RINGS. -
- 1 BLACK TRAY CONTAINING 83 RINGS.
- 1 BAUME & MERCIER Watch with 10 diam. ch. each side.
- 1 LADIES BAUME & MERCIER Watch -
- 1 BLACK TRAY CONTAINING 33 Sets & 2 Single R.
- 1 OPEN TRAY CONTAINING 68 RINGS.





PAGE 2.

1- Box approx 7X5X3 with ruler marked
ap. "JEWELS BY MARTINEZ 3 (?) W 36 ST.
(off 5th ave) NY NY 1008 addressed to Universal
Sims & Fry. SN Walworth A. Co. Ill. containing
8 lighters + 1 pr cuff links found SA [redacted] IN [redacted] b7C
Adolph Luwin ^{ADOLF LUWIN} MONTE CRUZ 1-1

1- DUNHILL RING ^{b7C} LAS PALMAS - markings on front
found by SA [redacted] & [redacted] b7C in safe 1-2

~~3X6 [redacted] MONTE CRUZ~~
2- Dunhill Rings - LAS PALMAS - markings on front found
by SA [redacted] b7C 1-3

1- Dunhill gold "butter" found in tray from safe at
Universal found by SA [redacted] b7C 1-4

1- envelope 3X6 with "Lete B" on it containing
1) 100 dollar bill and 3 gold rings 1-5

1- Dunhill ring - ^{MONTE CRUZ} LAS PALMAS found in box in
safe by SA [redacted] b7C 1-6

1- envelope containing 44 piece of personalized
jewelry which were seized from a tray in the
safe of Universal Sims, Inc. by SA [redacted] b7C 1-7

1- watch PHILIP ELECTRONIC watch
ser # 48662 seized by SA [redacted] from desk of
Adolph Luwin b7C 1-8

1- Dunhill lighter found on 2nd shelf from
top - next to Luwin's Desk. 1-9
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1 Ladies Geneve # 2286
 1 Mens " # 779
 1 TISSOT (Ladies) -
 1 " # 2265
 1 Mens Geneve # 2285.
 1 " " 2166.
 1 Ladies Ducharme # 1554
 1 Geneve Ladies w diamonds # 1901, # 112007.
 1 " " # 705.
 1 Leuba Ladies # 2040.
 1 Geneve " # 2281.
 1 Ducharme # 1553.
 1 Cont. Geneve # 1910.
 1 Breuche girot # RRM 2
 1 Audemars Piquet B 117
 1 TISSOT # 2299
 1 " # 2266
 1 Geneve # 2282
 1 Merano # 1470
 1 Geneve (Ladies) # 1911

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- 7 - 2 dollar bills
- 50 - 20 dollar bills
- 40 - 100 dollar bills
- 8 - 50 dollar bills
- 2 - 100 dollar bills
- 19 - 10 dollar bills
- 12 - 20 dollar bills
- 23 - 1 dollar bills
- 14 - 5 dollar bills
- 22 - 50¢ pieces
- 7 - silver dollars
- 6 - 25¢ pieces
- 6 - .05¢ pieces
- 17 - dimes
- 1 - gold plated silver dollar
- 1 - Cuban 5 pesos 1916 coin
- 5 - British gold coin 1912-1908 1909-1900 1915
- 1 - 1968 Mexican Olympic coin
- 1 - Portuguese coin 1961
- 2 - Spanish 5 ptas 1937
- 1 - Cuban 10 pesos 1916

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LOS ANGELES (87-39012)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (87-71762) (P)

ADOLPH LEWIN

ITSP - PTT (OO: CHICAGO)

RE CHICAGO TELCALL TO NEW YORK, MAY 28, 1974.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, RE CHICAGO TELCALL REQUESTED NEW YORK

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ASCERTAIN THROUGH [REDACTED]

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IN CANADA DURING PERIOD MAY 21 THRU MAY 26, 1974, AND IS NOT
DUE TO PERFORM AGAIN UNTIL JUNE 4 THRU JULY 1, 1974, AT
LAS VEGAS.

LOS ANGELES DETERMINE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF LIBERACE
THROUGH [REDACTED]

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AFTER DETERMINING ABOVE, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEAD TO
INTERVIEW LIBERACE RE WHEN, WHERE AND BY WHOM POCKET WATCH
PURCHASED IN ORDER THAT CURRENT MARKET VALUE MAY BE OBTAINED
AT NEW YORK.

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ADOLPH LEWIN; UNSUB, BURGLARY OF \$24,065 IN JEWELRY
FROM L. LIBERACE, 2/14-15/74, STATLER-HILTON HOTEL,
DALLAS, TEXAS, OO: DALLAS.

RE LOS ANGELES NITEL TO CHICAGO DATED 5/30/74.

FOR INFORMATION LAS VEGAS, ON APRIL 17, 1974, CHICAGO
AGENTS ARRESTED ADOLPH LEWIN, DBA UNIVERSAL GEM AND
JEWELRY CO, INC., 5 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
IN POSSESSION OF LOOT FROM TWO DALLAS BURGLARIES AND TWO
CHICAGO AREA BURGLARIES.

AMONG THE LOOT WAS A PLATINUM TIFFANY POCKET WATCH
WHICH WAS TAKEN IN THE CAPTIONED BURGLARY.

AUSA DESIRES CURRENT MARKET VALUE FOR THIS WATCH.
LOS ANGELES OFFICE ADVISES LEE LIBERACE CLAIMS HE PURCHASED
INSTANT WATCH IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, UNKNOWN DATE, FROM
UNKNOWN OWNER OF LAS VEGAS JEWELRY STORE. WATCH WAS ON
DISPLAY IN WINDOW AND AT FIRST NOT FOR SALE. WATCH THEN

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[REDACTED] PUT ON DIAMOND INSCRIBED "L"
AND ADDED FABREGE CHAIN. LIBERACE ADVISED [REDACTED] WOULD
HAVE INFORMATION INCLUDING DATE AND PURCHASE AMOUNT OF
WATCH PLUS ADDITIONAL COSTS OF DIAMOND. [REDACTED] b7c
b7D

REQUESTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS
NOTED AT TIME OF THEFT A FAB AND CHAIN WERE ATTACHED TO
INSTANT WATCH BUT THESE ITEMS NOT RECOVERED AND
CONSEQUENTLY ONLY VALUE OF WATCH ITSELF DESIRED.

SUTEL AND FOLLOW WITH FD-302. *[Signature]*Approved: _____
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