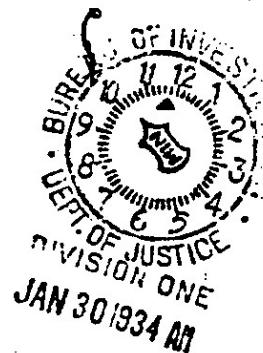


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Director  
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Washington, D. C.

Re: Harry Pierpont with alias, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act,  
Murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber,  
Lima, Ohio  
L. A. File 26-3287

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum submitted on this date by Special Agent C. J. Endres who is now at Tucson, Arizona.

The Division will be advised immediately of any additional developments in this matter.

Very truly yours

*[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum for File Number 26-3287

Re: HARRY PIERPONT, with aliases, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;  
murder of Sheriff Jesse Barber, Lima, Ohio.

Subjects Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark, Charles Makley and John Dillinger apprehended by Tucson, Arizona, Police Department on January 25, 1934.

Subjects accompanied by the following women: Mrs. Harry Pierpont, Berniece Thompson, May M. Miller and Ann Martin.

Subject Pierpont was in possession of a 1934 Buick Sedan, Motor Number 2866900, Serial Number 2707596, bearing 1934 Florida plates 2-692.

Subject Makley was apprehended in possession of a Studebaker Club Sedan, Motor Number C 24036, Serial Number 8048836, bearing Florida plates D 13-373. It is noted on this automobile that the last numeral in the motor number and the serial number (the 6) may have been added to the motor and serial numbers.

About 8 P.M. on January 25, 1934, Frank Sullivan and Ann Martin were apprehended in a Hudson Club Sedan, Engine Number 30071, Serial Number 252007, bearing 1933 Wisconsin plates 27-001.

It appears that the Studebaker Club Sedan entered the State of Arizona at Benson, Arizona, on January 21, 1934; that the Buick Sedan entered Arizona on the same date. The Hudson Sedan bore no tag of the Arizona Highway Patrol showing entry into the State of Arizona.

Subject John Dillinger was booked under the alias of Frank Sullivan and the papers pertaining to the Hudson Club Sedan reveal that this car was purchased from the Hudson-Franpton Motor Car Company, 4535 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri.

Subject Dillinger had in his possession \$6875.44 and later \$500 in currency was found on his person. Subject Dillinger was taken to the Pima County Jail at Tucson, Arizona, and in a further search made of his person \$2000 was found in a money belt.

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A search of the premises occupied by subject Dillinger and Ann Martin at 1304 E. 5th Street, Tucson, Arizona, revealed a money bag containing an amount of money not determined at the present time. Among the money found in the possession of subject Dillinger were National Bank Notes on the First National Bank of East Chicago, Indiana, bearing the serial numbers, in part, as follows: A000919 to A001107.

On January 26, 1934, the information concerning the five dollar notes found in the possession of subject Dillinger was communicated by telegraph to the Chicago Division Office by the writer on advice of Special Agent in Charge, J. E. P. Dunn, of Los Angeles.

Subject Pierpont had on his person a sum of \$94.81. Mrs. Pierpont having \$3116.20. Subject Clark had a sum of \$1264.70; subject Makley \$794.09.

Subjects Clark and Makley when further searched in the Pima County Jail had additional sums in the amount of \$6000 on their persons in money belts.

From information furnished by the Tucson Police Officers it is the understanding of Agent that the subjects were registered at the Congress Hotel in Tucson, Arizona, on Monday, January 22, 1934, at which time there was a fire in the Congress Hotel. Subjects paid local firemen \$12 each to rescue certain baggage which subjects had in their rooms in the Congress Hotel. These local firemen, after this occurrence and while reading a magazine article concerning the fugitive subjects, recognized subjects as the persons who had occupied rooms in the Congress Hotel. They reported this fact to local police and the Sheriff Department. A trace was made of the baggage taken from the Congress Hotel and it was determined that the baggage had been taken to 927 N. 2nd Avenue. Officers from the Tucson Police Department went to the above address on the afternoon of January 25, and there apprehended subject Clark after a struggle in which no shooting took place. Subject Makley was followed to the Grabe Electric Company on Congress Street and he was there apprehended. After the apprehension of these two subjects one of the local motorcycle officers recalled that he had reprimanded a person in a Buick Sedan a few nights previous and went to an auto camp at the corner of 6th Avenue and 19th Street and apprehended subject Pierpont who was preparing a hasty departure from Tucson. Subject Pierpont was brought to the Tucson Police Department and while being formally questioned by Chief of Police C. A. Wollard, and other officers, drew guns from his person and attempted to shoot Chief of Police Wollard, but was unable to do so by intervention of other officers.

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About 8 P.M. January 25, 1934, subject John Dillinger was apprehended in front of the premises at 927 N. 2nd Avenue, together with Ann Martin. Upon being searched at the Police Department an address was noted as 1304 E. 5th Street, and when these premises were searched, additional money, machine guns, ammunition and baggage of the subjects was located.

Also subjects were identified from fingerprints and classifications on file in the office of Mark L. Robbins, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification, Tucson Police Department and there is no doubt that subjects are the fugitives wanted by the Indiana Penitentiary authorities and also wanted for bank robberies and murders in the vicinity of Chicago, Ill.

Chief of Police Wollard has received various communications by telegraph and long distance telephone from police authorities in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois. It is stated that all four subjects, together with the women, are wanted for bank robberies and jail breaks.

On the morning of January 26, 1934, subjects were arraigned before Justice of the Peace C. V. Budlong on charges of being fugitives from justice. All were held for preliminary hearing set for Tuesday, January 30, 1934, at 10 A.M., and bond set at \$100,000 each for the men subjects. Mrs. Pierpont is being held as a material witness on a charge placed against subject Pierpont of attempted assault on Chief of Police Wollard.

At the time of writing this memorandum, the women companions of subjects have not been fingerprinted and no effort has been made to identify them, but telegraphic communications received by Chief Wollard from the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana, indicated that one of the women may be Mary Kinder, who is also wanted in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, on bank robbery and murder charges.

At the preliminary hearing 2 Winchester 351 caliber rifles, mounted as machine guns, and 3 Thompson sub-machine guns were introduced as evidence, together with 5 bullet-proof vests taken from the baggage of the subjects. The total amount of money found in possession of all subjects has not been computed at the present time, but it is stated to amount to about \$25,000. This sum of money was also introduced as evidence before the Justice Court in order that it might not be used by subjects for attorney's fees and for bonds.

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Since the apprehension of the above subjects numerous calls have been received by the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department, in which it is stated that two more members of the Dillinger gang were yet in the vicinity of Tucson. Due to the excitement resulting from the apprehension of the above-named subjects, no concentrated effort has been made to locate the two remaining subjects believed to be in this vicinity. It is thought that these two subjects might be John Hamilton and Hilton O. Crouch.

Agent has been assisting local officers in the identification of the subjects, in checking the automobiles involved, and in attempting to trace the money found in possession of the subjects. Any further important information ascertained will be immediately communicated to the Los Angeles Office.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. Andres.