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RESSIE SKINNER, aged 36 years, was in company with EDWARD GREEN at the time when GREEN was shot on Tuesday, April 3, 1934, at 778 Rendo Street, 5t. Paul. She had driven with GREEN to 778 Rendo Street on the morning of April 3, 1934, at which time she and GREEN entered the home of LEONA GOODMAN, 778 Rendo Street, St. Paul, and requested that LEONA GOODMAN go to apartment 106, 2214 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, which apartment was rented to D. A. STEVENS, and secure all personal property which was in said apartment and, after placing it in a tan handbag which would be found at the apartment, bring it to LEONA GOODMAN'S home at 778 Rendo Street where EDWARD GREEN would call for it,

LEONA GOODMAN, colored, has stated that EDWARD GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER came to her home on the morning of April 5, 1934, and requested that she obtain the property in apartment 106 at 2214 Marshall Avenue and advised her that the place was not "hot" and that there was "nothing to it"; that LEONA GOODMAN would find a quantity of silver money at said apartment from which she sould take and keep \$10 for her services.

According to admissions of BESSIE SKINNER, she went to the home of LEONA GOODMAN on the morning of April 3, 1934, with EDWARD GREEN, at which time they were in an Essex Terraplane Sedan.

It has been further established that EDWARD GREEN and HESSIE SKINNER were at the home of LEONA GOODMAN on the morning of April 3, 1934, by the statement of MOSES GARDNER, who resides at 778 Rondo Street with his sister, LEONA GOODMAN.

LEONA GOODMAN and her sister LUCY JACKSON proceeded to 2214 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, at approximately 11:00 a.m., on April 5, 1954, and LUCY JACKSON, who had been given a key to the apartment by her sister LEONA GOODMAN, who in turn had received the key from either BESSIE SKINNER or EDWARD GREEN on the morning of April 5, 1934, entered the apartment on Marshall Avenue and when she did so, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, B. S. Department of Justice, were therein and brought her and LEONA GOODMAN to the Division of Investigation offices in the Post Office Building, St. Paul, for questioning. Thereafter, on the same date, LEONA GOODMAN took the leather handbag which was in the apartment No. 106, 2214 Marshall Avenue, to her home at 778 Rondo Street as she had been instructed to do by EDWARD GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER.

Among the property which was in apartment 106, 2214 Marshall Avenue, on April 3, 1934, and which property EDWARD GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER were endeavoring to obtain through LEONA GOODMAN, were the following articles:

One Thompson submachine gun stock

One tan belt-type revolver holster

One pair Busch field glasses, 3.5x38

One small brown woman's purse containing: Forty 5¢ pieces and 14 silver dollars.

One set of 1933 Illinois license plates No. 1-257-855

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One set of 1934 Tennessee license plates No. 172-554

4 - .45 saliber automatic elips

1/2 box of .580 caliber automatic shells

14 - Automatic shells for .45 caliber

- 7 Automatic shells for a .38 caliber
- 2 No. 16 gauge shot gun shells

One bullet from a .32 caliber high-power rifle shell

- Unused wrappers for the wrapping of 25¢ pieces to the amount of \$10.00
- 5 Unused money wrappers made to contain \$2.00 in 5¢ pieces
- One duplicate sales ticket from J. V. Hudson, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated February 20, 1934, with the following notations thereon: Cash sales, person "D", \$49.50 for "W.L.", 141-1880, Z. Miller, Admiral Hotel, city.
- 2 Sets of maps covering North and South Dakota and one covering Wisconsin

Just immediately preceding the shooting of EDWARD GREEN, GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER had driven to the vicinity of 778 Hondo Street in an Essex Terraplane Sedan, serial No. 25682, motor No. 57,917, in which car BESSIE SKINNER was sitting when GREEN was shot. In this car were found, among other things, the following articles:

One lady's brown purse containing invoice from O'Donnell Motor Company, Minneapolis, reflecting sale to Federal Acceptance Corporation, Terraplane DeLume Sedan, serial No. 25682, motor No. 57,917;

One driver's license issued to CLARENCE LEO COULTER, 64 West Summit Avenue, St. Paul.

One driver's license issued to THEODORE JOSEPH RANDALL, 251 Marshall Place, St. Paul.

There was also found in the purse money in the amount of \$105.00; and concealed on the person of RESSIE SKINNER was \$1,050.00 in currency.

One road get-away shart containing eight pages

19 - Haps

2 - Boxes of amminition.

At apartment 207, 5300 South Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, at which address it has been determined that EDWARD GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER were living together, there were found immediately following the shooting of GREEN, among other things, the following articles:

One 16-gauge, single barrel shot gun

One .351 saliber rifle

One .45 caliber automatic pistol, loaded

One .45 caliber Thompson submachine gun

One 3/4 of a box of .32 caliber sutomatic cartridges

5 - Automatic clips loaded with .52 caliber cartridges

4 - Automatic clips loaded with .45 caliber cartridges

One automatic clip loaded with .551 saliber automatic rifle shells

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One dark gray colored bullet proof west, back and front type

1-3/4 boxes of 16-gauge shot gun shells

One Brum loaded with fifty .45-caliber cartridges for a Thompson submachine gum

11 - Notebooks containing get-away road charts such as are often used for get-aways in connection with bank robberies.

Immediately following the gun battle between police officers and others on March 31, 1934, at 93 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, a man who according to our investigation was JOHN DILLINGER, escaped in a 1934 model Hudson Sedan, motor No. 38,884, serial No. 956437. This car was purchased en March 29, 1934, from the Potthoff Motor Company, St. Paul. In connection with the purchase of this ear, investigation has diselesed that HESSIE SKINNER negotiated with TOM P. FILBEN, owner of the Federal Acceptance Corporation, St. Paul, for its purchase and delivery. Investigation diselesed that this Hudson car, together with the Essex Terraplane Sedan which GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER were using at the time when GREEN was shot, were purchased by BESSIE SKINNER and EDWARD GREEN through TOM P. FILBEN.

BESSIE SKINNER has admitted that since September, 1932, she has been living with EDWARD GREEN under the name of MR. and MRS. RANDALL. She admits that she has also been known under the aliases BESSIE WALSH, BESSIE MOORE, BESSIE RANDALL, and BESSIE GREEN, although she admits having been married only once and then to a man by the name of SKINNER. She admits that both she and EDWARD GREEN had been in apartment 106 at 2214 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, which apartment, according to her statement, was occupied by part of the DILLINGER mob. She further has stated that the immediately aforementioned apartment, according to admissions which EDWARD GREEN made to her, was rented by GREEN.

BESSIE SKINNER has admitted that on April 51, 1934, shortly after the shooting between the DILLINGER mob and police officers at 93 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, a woman whom she has identified as being EVELYN FRECHETTE, paramour of JOHN DILLINGER, called at the apartment of BESSIE SKINNER and EDWARD GREEN at 5500 Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, and informed EDWARD GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER that JOHN DILLINGER had been shot over at the apartment occupied by EVELYN FRECHETTE and JOHN DILLINGER at 95 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul; that at that time, EVELYN FRECHETTE, who was known to BESSIE SKINNER as "BILLIE", requested EDWARD GREEN to accompany her and that EDWARD GREEN immediately left 5300 Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis, with EVELYN FRECHETTE.

BESSIE SKINNER has further admitted that on Wednesday or Thursday immediately prior to March 31, 1934, JOHN DILLINGER and EVELYN FRECHETTE called at apartment 207 at 3300 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, in the absence of EDWARD CREEN and BESSIE SKINNER. She has further admitted that on either Thursday or Friday immediately preceding March 31, 1934, JOHN DILLINGER and EVELYN FRECHETTE called at the apartment occupied by EDWARD GREEN and BESSIE SKINNER and visited for some time.

BESSIE SKINNER has further admitted that in the spring of 1932, while not married to EDWARD GREEN, she proceeded by automobile with him from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Chicago, Illinois, where she lived as man and wife with GREEN.

In the apartment which JOHN DILLINGER and EVELYN FRECHETTS occupied at 95 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, and at which apartment BESSIE SKINNER admits that she and EDWARD GREEN had visited, among other things were found reversal high-powered fire arms, quantities of ammunition, and a bullet proof vest.

EDWARD GREEN, who is now at the Ancker Hospital, has admitted that he knows JOHN DILLINGER and that JOHN DILLINGER was living at apartment 303 at 93 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, in which apartment he was located on March 51, 1934, when the shooting between the DILLINGER mob and officers occurred.

BESSIE SKINNER claimed to have no previous criminal record.

According to the records of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, EDWARD GREEN has the following criminal record:

- As EUGENE GREEN arrested Police Department, Milwankes, Wisconsin, 8-11-16; sentenced to six months, House of Correction.
- As GEORGE GRAHAM alias CHARLES RYAN alias GEORGE GREEN afrested Police Department, St. Paul, Minnesota, 7-7-21 for investigation.
- As FRED ROGGE arrested Police Department, Minneapolis, 9-50-21; auto theft; sentenced to 90 days City Workhouse; sentence suspended on charge of vagrancy.
- As FREDERICK RILEY arrested Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, 8-8-22; charge, investigation, suspicion, auto theft, and safe blowing; released on bond.
- As KDDIE GREEN alias FRED RILEY alias FRED ROGGE alias FRED GRAHAM received Reformatory, St. Cloud, Minnesota, 11-15-22 on charge of first degree robbery to serve a sentence of 40 years--5 years.
- As EDDIE GREEN received at State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota, 7-26-23 from State Reformatory, St. Cloud, Minnesota; charge, robbery first degree, to serve an indeterminate sentence.

The records of this Division carry notation that he was arrested at St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 17, 1922, on a charge of robbery, and was released.

The following investigation was conducted by Inspector H. H. Clegg:

BESSIE SKINNER, with aliases, advised that en Thursday night, before the shooting which occurred on Lexington Avenue on Saturday, March 31, 1934, wherein JOHN DILLINGER and others fired on a Special Agent and a police officer, she (BESSIE SKINNER) and EDWARD GREEN, the man with whom she was living, entered the apartment building on Lexington Avenue and visited with JOHN DILLINGER and "BUILLE" FRECHETTE for several minutes.

She likewise admitted that she maintained safety deposit boxes as follows: One at the Midway National Bank under the name of MIZABETH KLINE; and one at the Liberty National Bank under the name of HESTER HINDS.

She further advised that an individual known to her as HOMER VAN METER was at her apartment, that is, the one occupied by herself and EDWARD GREEN, on Saturday night, March 51, 1934, following the effort on the part of individuals in the apartment at Lexington Avenue to shoot a Special Agent and a police officer. She stated that HOMER VAN METER arrived in the evening, the hour of which she does not recall; that several minutes subsequent to his arrival, she departed for a mearby store, was gone for a while, and when she returned VAN METER was gone.

Concerning the purchase of automobiles, she stated that at the request of EDWARD GREEN, the man with whom she was living, she went to the Federal Acceptance Corporation and discussed the exchange of a Terraplane for a new 1934 Terraplane; and she then was accompanied by a young man from the Federal Acceptance Corporation to O'Donnell Motor Company. There the exchange was made whereby the old Terraplane which had been used by herself and KDWARD GREEN was exchanged for a new Terraplane; and she drove the new Terraplane away. The agreement entered into for the sale and delivery of this 1934 Terraplane, motor No. 57,917, was signed by her as C. R. COULTER and she identified her signature when she used the name of C. R. COULTER on the papers constituting the sales contract. She stated that at the same time, a Plymouth automobile bearing California license tags was exchanged to the O'Donnell 🐇 Motor Company in some sort of a trade agreement whereby a Hudson automobile was received. She stated that this automobile (the Hudson) was driven out of the O'Donnell Motor Company sales room immediately in front of her as she was driving away the Terraplane. She denies knowing any of the arrangements or agreements concerning the purchase of the Hudson automobile; and stated that a young man by the name of GLEEMAN drove the Hudson out of the place where it was at the time it was purchased. She stated there was another man with GLEEMAN but she denied knowing his identity.

With reference to the finding of the machine gun and other emmunition and firearms equipment in her apartment, she admits that she was at her home during the afternoon of Tuesday, April 5, 1954, and that she drove with EDWARD GREEN from her apartment directly to 778 Rondo Street where EDWARD GREEN endeavored to get the packages which she understands contained some firearms equipment.

## Witnesses:

H. H. CLEGG, Inspector, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, can testify to all of the information set forth in this report as emanating from BESSIE SKINNER.

S. W. HARDY and R. T. NOONAN, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, can testify concerning all admissions made by KDWARD GRKEN which are set forth in this report.

WERNER HANNI, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S., Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, can testify concerning the articles found at apartment 207, 3300 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota; also concerning the articles found at apartment 106, 2214 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and at apartment 303, 93-95 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul. He can also testify as to the property found in the personal possession of RESSIE SKINNER and in the Essex Terraplane Sedan at the time when EDWARD GREEN was apprehended.

R. C. COULTER, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, can testify concerning the identity of JOHN DILLINGER as being one of the occupants of apartment 303, 93-95 South Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

THOMAS P. FILBEN, owner, Federal Acceptance Corporation, St. Paul, Minnesota, can testify that RESSIE SKINNER negotiated with him for the purchase of a Hudson DeLuxe Sedan and an Essex Terraplane Sedan.

Attached hereto will be found memorandum of details of an interview with BESSIE SKINNER.

The Tollowing investigation was conducted by Inspector H. E Clegg in regard to Bessie Skinner alias Bessie Green alias Mrs. Randall and Eddie Green altas T. T. Bandall and other aliases; 法国际制度 重量的

Bessie Skinner, who advises that since September, 1952, she has been living with Eddie Green under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Randall, was interviewed at the St. Paul office of the Division of Investigation. At that time her residence address was 5500 Fremont Avenue, Minneapolis Minnesota, at which address she made her home with Eddie Green. She indicates that she has from time to time used the name of Bessie Walsh, Bessie Moore, Bessie Randall, and Bessie Green, although she claims she has been married but once, and that was to a man by the name of Skinner who is the father of her son, Leonard Skinner.

She stated that the following are members of John Billinger!

gang:

"Red" - she identified a photograph of John Hemilton as the individual she referred to as "Red". Tommy Carroll.

Homer Van Meter.

Jimmie", who is small of stature, rather light hair, and is just a kid about 24 years of age, last name unknown.

illy", last name unknown. Eddie Green, the man with whom she was living

She stated that she is not married to Eddie Green, although she claimed to have been divorced in St. Paul, Minnesota from Skinner. She stated that she and Eddie had been in the apartment house located at 2214 Marshall Avenue on one occasion. She did not deny having been in it more frequently. She stated, "I have been there". On that occasion she stated that Eddie had told her that he had rented the apartment at this address, and it was planned that Eddie and Bessie would move to this apartment. They subsequently changed their mind, however, as they had lived at the apartment, 3300 Fremont Avenue, for a long time, and they decided not to move, and Eddie stated he was letting someone else have this apartment. She states that she does not know, but she believes that this apartment was turned over to Homer Van Meter, and that she has seen and knows that Van Meter owns a green Ford Coupe.

This woman further advised that shortly after the skooting had occurred in the apartment house an Lexington Avenue on Saturday; March 31, 1934, a woman known to her as Billie called at her apartment at 3300 Fremont Avenue, and upon entering this apartment, she stated that there had been trouble "over at our apartment and John Billinger has been shot in the leg", and she asked Eddie Green to go with her, and he did so. At that time she stated that in the apartment on Lexington Avenue on this occasion was John Billinger, who fired the machine gum down the hailway, also Homer Van Meter and Billy. Bessie Skinner alias Bessie Green then identified the photograph of Evelyn Frechette as that of "Billie".

She advised that on Wednesday or Thursday prior to the shooting on Saturday, March 51, 1934, she (Bessie), and Eddie ware absent from the apartment, although she later learned that John Dillinger and this girl, Billie, called at the apartment in their absence. However, on the next day, which was probably Thursday or Friday, John Dillinger and Billie both called at the apartment occupied by Eddie Green and Bessie Skinner alias Bessie Green, and they stayed several minutes at this apartment. She, Bessie, saw both Dillinger and Billie there, although she claims that she did, for the most of the time, work in the kitchen while Dillinger and Billie were visiting at her apartment.

She stated that to her knowledge Homer Van Meter had been living in the apartment rented by Eddie Green at 2214 Marshall Avenue for more than two weeks and Eddie Green claimed that Van Meter's wife, Mickey, had to go to the hospital, and that this was the reason Eddie had agreed to give the apartment up to Van Meter. She further advised that on the Saturday on which the shooting occurred at the Lexington Avenue apartment, Van Meter came to the apartment occupied by Bessie and Eddie Green, late in the afternoon, at which time he stated that he is the individual who came in to the Lexington Avenue apartment and when questioned by the officer, said that he was a soap salesman, and that he opened fire on the officer who questioned him.

This woman, Bessie, also stated that she accompanied Eddie Green to the home of Leona Goodman at 778 Rondo Street, St. Paul, and she and Eddie Green entered the home of Leona Goodman, at which time Eddie asked Leona to go to the apartment, No. 106, at 2214 Marshall Avenue and get the laundry, coat, suitcase and any money which might be in the apartment and bring them over to Leona Goodman's home, for which Eddie Green stated that Leona Goodman, the negress, could keep \$10.00 of the money which would be in the apartment for herself; that later in the

afternoon she returned with Eddie Green to 978 Bondo Street, and while she waited in his ver. Eddie Green want into the Bondo Street house and after he had left the house, he was shot, and she ren over to him as he lay in the street. She stated that it was her belief that Eddie Green was intending to take the bag which was to be furnished him by Leona Goodman and proceed to her apartment at 5500 Fremont Street. Minneapolis, after which Eddie was planning to go to see John Dillinger and probably Homer Van Meter.

She also stated, in the writer's presence, to Epecial Agent in Charge Werner Hanni that in the spring of 1932 she, while not legally married to Eddie Green, proceeded by automobile with Eddie Green from St. Paul in the State of Minnesota to Chicago in the State of Illinois, the entire trip being made by automobile, and that she lived in Chicago as man and wife with Eddie Green.

The state of the s Moses Gerdner, who resides with his sister, Leona Geodman, at 778 Rondo Street in St. Paul, Minnesota, stated that on Tuesday, April 5, 1954, at about 10:50 or 11:00 o'clock in the morning he was at a garage near the place where he ran a barbecue stand, paying for some gasoline that he had purchased, when the operator of the garage informed him that he was wanted on the telephone. He answered the telephone, and his sister, Leona Goodman, talked to him by telephone and told him to bring his sister, Lucy Jackson, to Leona's house at 778 Bondo Street. Lucy Jackson at that time was working at the barbecue stand at 443 Bondo Street. He stated that when he went to the house on Rondo Street, there were a white men and a white woman in the house, talking with his sister, Leona; that he only stayed in the house a minute that his sister, Leona, told him to leave the automobile which he had used to drive his sister, Lucy, to Leona's house, in front, and the white man in the house came out with Moses Gardner and returned him to the barbecus stand.

He stated that about 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, he returned to his sister's home at 778 Bondo Street, and his sister, Leona, was there as well as some officers, and he went to his room. While in the room, he heard some shooting and afterwards saw a man lying in the street, who had evidently been shot, and this man was the same man who had been seen in his sister, Leona's, house in the morning, and who had driven him from Leona's house to the barbeque stand

Leona Goodman, residence 778 Rondo Street, advised that she operates the G & G Barbesus Stand 45 443 Houds Street as a partner with her brother, Moses Gardner. She stated that on Tuesday morning, April 5, 1934, at about 10:50 4, M. she received a telephones. call at her home, and the party who telephoned stated it was Mr. Stevens the husband of the somen known to her as Miss Bessie. She stated she had known Miss Bessie for a number of years; as Miss Bessie had previously worked at the Hollywood Inn, where Leona likewise worked. At that time Miss Bessie was living with a man by the name of Bob, elthough it is Leona's understanding that Bessie and Bob were not married, The Mr. Stevens who telephoned asked her the number of her house, and she toad him, and he said he would come by, and about thirty minutes later we di drive up in en automobile in front of her house on Avon Street. Both Mr. Stevens and Miss Bessie came in to her Mouse, at which time she told to go to the apartment out Marshall near where Mrs. Aldrich lived, and to go to spartment 106 in this apartment building, and pick un a suitoase, seat, laundry and some silver money, and everything the was in the place except the furniture. He stated at the time that he had let some other man have this apartment to live in, and that the staff which she was to get belonged to the other man, although he did not explain why the man known to her as Stevens did not go and get the materials mentioned himself, as he was at that time in an automobile. At this time she was ill, she stated, and in fact was in her hightgown when Stevens time in. However, he told her that she could keep \$10.00 of the sliver money which the would find in the apartment for herself. As she was 111 she called the garage near her barbecue stand and asked to speak to her brother, Moses Gardner, and she asked him to bring her sister, Incy Jackson, to the house, and Moses did bring Lucy Jackson there. She and Incy Jackson then got in the car and she, Leons, drove the car to the apartmen house on Marshall Avenue, and her sister, Lucy, who was given the key which had been furnished to Leona by Stevens, went up to the apartment. and later she was brought up to the apartment by officers.

She subsequently returned to her home at \$78 Bondo Street, and officers were likewise in her home, and the bag which had been obtained to make apartment, 106 on Marshall Avenue, was brought to her home by the officers. She stated that in accordance with instructions given her by the officers, she was to give the bag to this man, Stevens, when he called. Later, about 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon or a little later, this man, Stevens, drove up in this car and the officers asked her if that was the man who called that morning, and she stated it was, as she recognized him. He came up to the door and she handed him the bag and

slammed the door in his face. Later she heard some shooting, and after the shooting, she saw this man known to her as Stevens lying on the sidewalk and he apparently had been shot, although she did not see Stevens at the time he was shot and did not see anyong shoot him.

Lucy Jackson, sister of Moses Gardner and Leona Goodman, stated that she works at the barbecue stand at 445 Rondo Street, and that she went with her brother, Moses Gardner, to her sister's home at 778 Rondo Street, where Mr. Stevens and the woman, Miss Bessie, were, and in accordance with the request of Stevens, she proceeded with her sister, Leona, in an automobile to the apartment on Marshall Street, and after she unlocked the door to the apartment, she opened the door, and the officers were there. She was then brought to the Post Office Building in St. Paul, and she did not return to the home of her sister, and in fact was at the Post Office Building for the remainder of the day.

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