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Cincinnati, Ohio	July 16, 1933	July 10 to 14.	E. J. Connelley.
TITLE AND CHARACTER OF CASE			
Don Osborn, alias H.L. Putnam, 2575 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood; Rose Putnam, 2575 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood; R. G. alias C. W. alias Blacky Madison, Los Angeles; J. A. alias Jack Ryan, alias Graham, Los Angeles.			Vio. Sec. 32, C.C. Impersonation Gov- ernment Officer; Vio. Sec. 37, C.C. Conspiracy Violate Sec. 38; Vio. Sec. 145, Extortion.
FACTS DEVELOPED:			
At Springfield, Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio.			

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On Tuesday, July 10th, at 3:30 P. M. H. J. Fischer, talk-
ing for John L. Bushnell, President, First National Bank, Springfield,
O., called Cincinnati on long distance phone and advised that two suppos-
ed Federal men were then in Springfield demanding money of Mr. Bushnell
under threat of possible Federal prosecution and that they had sent a
decoy to the bank who was there at that time to demand the money; also
that the decoy and another party had in November, 1922, under the same
pretext demanded and obtained \$10,000.00 from Mr. Bushnell. This agent
immediately proceeded to Springfield for possible apprehension of subjects.

Don Osborn had been taken into custody by the local police
inasmuch as he was present at the office of Mr. Bushnell at the time they
called the Cincinnati office making inquiry as to whether or not the two
supposed Federal officers were really in the government service and he
was in that manner advised that the government would institute probable
action and they did not deem it advis-
able to let him go. The girl, Rose

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Putnam, was then at the Shamree Hotel where she together with subjects had registered in on the previous Sunday and H. J. Fischer, Private Detective, together with City Detectives Frank Haglon and Schreff, were covering the hotel for possible return of the two other subjects.

Briefly in November, 1922, subject, Don Osborn, appeared at Springfield, O., with a party by the name of Nelson, a supposed Federal officer, and demanded and obtained of John L. Bushnell \$10,000.00 under threat of prosecution for violation of the Mann White Slave Act for John L. Bushnell's action in bringing Rose Putnam from Los Angeles, California, via Beaumont, Texas, to New Orleans where he had registered into the hotels as man and wife in January, 1921. Don Osborn is an uncle of Rose Putnam and evidently living with her as man and wife in California. At the time of making this demand he represented himself to be the girl's brother, H. L. Putnam, and the money was paid to them at Springfield and they departed. After the departure of subjects, evidently for California, somebody who was evidently living with Rose Putnam and Don Osborn, addressed the following communication to Mr. Bushnell, it being supposedly from Earl Frank Dustin, General Delivery, Los Angeles, Calif., being registered letter 279041 from Los Angeles on December 22nd, 1922:

"Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 20, 1922. use at end?

"Mr. J. L. Bushnell.

Dear Sir:

"I am a stranger to you sir but by reading this letter you will undoubtedly say that I am a friend worth having.

"What I am about to tell you concerns you alone but through my principal I have to warn you of certain parties that you know to your regret.

"Too late I came into possession of knowledge that would have prevented the dastardly blackmail that you were the victim of a

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short time ago but fortunately I can prevent them crooks from doing the same thing again.

"They are planning right now to repeat there game, the success they had only made them hungry for more money.

"Before I go any further Mr. Bushnell I want to tell you don't worry I know now just you and I alone can beat them at their own game and make them sick without any notoriety or knowledge to anybody but you and I.

"To show you that I am worthy of your trust I'll tell you who these parties are. Rose Putnam is in this just as bad as her pimp and the fellow who pretended to be a Federal officer are.

"You might not know it but the fellow that pretended to be her brother is and has been for the last six months living with her as man and wife here in Los Angeles, further more I can prove he is her uncle that shows the degeneracy in them.

"They will soon attempt to hold you up again they still have left a bunch of your letters, they are sure spending money like princes and telling each other that the next time they are going to get ten times the amount they got before.

"This pimp of Rose Putnam is really and truly her uncle, his name is Don Osborn he is living with Rose as man and wife, he is a bum movie actor.

"He is bragging how he put it over on you posing as her brother and they think it a great joke how you gave him the fifty dollars to take her home and Rose remarked what a cheap skate you were for thinking you could get in good with Don her pretended brother.

"Mr. Bushnell if I couldn't prevent them from blackmailing you again I wouldn't write you at all. I know what I am talking about and when the time comes I have the plan all ready to execute successfully but if I help you you must do as I say unless I ask you the impossible until then I want your complete trust and confidence.

"You and I can do it and you wont have to give them another penny and you will get the remaining letters and they will consider losing the letters lucky that they are escaping with whole hides that's up to you Mr. Bushnell if they get off so fortunately.

"I am a concession man with the fairs in the summer and can't give you any recommendations only my word that I am a man and you will say that I am one of the best fellows you ever met when we get through with Rose and Don and their pal. All you can do is to wait until they are ready to try again it wont be long the way they are spending the money they now have.

"To succeed you must not let anyone connected with the law know of what is coming off we can do this without their assistance, time enough to call them in if we need them but at this stage especially not it would only warn them crooks to adopt different methods.

"The plan I have Mr. Bushnell is bound to succeed it is infallible I only wish I could have known in time to prevent the other.

"I didn't find out until after they had left Los Angeles what

*Mood fears
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was going to happen and I couldn't find out your name or business until to late.

"You know Rose never left here just the two men left and it was the money you sent Rose that financed them.

"But this time I have got all the dope on them and as soon as you answer this whenever I know something I will wire you in code.

"Just as soon as you get in touch with me we can plan together to beat these dirty cheap crooks. All I can do is at your service and I know we will beat them at their own game. I know you don't want any publicity and if they discover they have been tipped off to you they will know I am the one that gave them away and my life would pay for trying to help a stranger so I know you will be doubly careful for that reason I am the only one they know that knows their plans.

"I will close now Mr. Bushnell if they suddenly decide before I hear from you to rob you again I'll wire you but we have plenty of time.

"Don't worry about the outcome I have got them whipped before they start.

Yours truly,

/s/

"Earl Frank Dustin,
Los Angeles, Cal.
c/o Gen. Delivery.

"P. S. Here is a code I can wire you or you can communicate with me
in 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
3 0 3 and 2 Struck by Big Pot Whelp P. 3536.

"Each number denotes a letter of the end of each word make a figure 0 and at the end of each line two 00.

"I will do my utmost for you Mr. Bushnell you have my word for that but don't let these crooks ever know I helped you or my life will pay and possibly they would also wreck their vengeance on my wife who is afraid that through some blunder they will find out.

"But if you we can't beat these cheap crooks we had ought to be made suffer.

"We will do it it might take a little time that's all.

"Earl Frank Dustin."

As can be seen from the above letter evidently at that early date they were contemplating a second trip for purpose of further "Shakedown" of Mr. Bushnell.

On the night of July 10th agent, together with the above three officers, covered the hotel for the entire night for the possible

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return of subjects, Madson and Ryan. Subjects did not return to the hotel but at about 7:00 P. M. evidently Madson called girl on the phone and asked her to meet him on the street at once. Girl was shadowed on this trip from hotel but subjects did not approach her and girl returned to the hotel without meeting subject.

Subjects were registered into the Shamsee Hotel July 8th, 1923, Sunday, as follows:

Rose Putnam, Los Angeles, assigned Room 409;
H. L. Putnam, (Don Osborn) Los Angeles, assigned Room 408;
C. E. Madson, St. Louis, Mo., assigned Room 410;
J. A. Ryan, Chicago, assigned Room 407.

Registration of Rose Putnam and H. J. Putnam is in handwriting of Don Osborn, the other parties registering for themselves. Osborn, Mrs. Putnam and Madson arrived at the hotel at the same time and Ryan arrived late Sunday night. All four rooms are together on the fourth floor. Madson and Ryan evidently left the city after trying to communicate with the girl after the arrest of Don Osborn and all departed leaving their baggage at the hotel, which was examined and information obtained which will be set out later.

Rose Putnam on the following A. M. was taken into custody by the local police and she was interviewed at length by agent and while she told some things in regard to herself, still the major part of her story was untrue in interviews on July 10th and it was not until late on the day of July 11th that she finally agreed to tell the details of the entire transaction. In interview of Rose Putnam she advised she was married to one Walter O. Cooley and divorced from him in 1917. She advised

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her correct name is Rose Putnam and that she met John L. Bushnell through Jane McCormack, 1258 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass., about four or five years ago, Mr. Bushnell being brought to the apartment of Jane McCormack ~~where~~ where she was visited by a Mr. West. They were out together on this occasion but she denies any improper relations with Bushnell at that time. For about two years they continued to correspond and she did not see Bushnell further at that time. About two and a half years ago she came to Los Angeles to live with her brother, H. L. Putnam, who was then living in Pasadena, and she at that time was employed at the Hamburger Department Store as sales girl and John L. Bushnell sent her a letter requesting her to meet him at Beaumont, Texas, and sent her \$100.00 to make the trip. About January, 1921, she came on from Los Angeles meeting Bushnell at Beaumont, Texas, where they registered in some hotel on the afternoon of that day as man and wife and Bushnell had sexual relations with her here. That night they took the night train from Beaumont, Texas, to New Orleans, La., occupying lower berth together, and upon arrival in New Orleans registered into the Gruenwald Hotel as Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bushnell and they were here for two nights occupying the same room and bed together, Bushnell having sexual relations with her here. She then returned to Los Angeles to her home and Bushnell returned back to ~~Los Angeles~~ *Springfield*. She advises Bushnell told her he was a married man and gave her the details of his family life, advising he was very unhappily situated as to his relations with his wife and that Bushnell at no time promised to marry her but suggested he come West at that time and live with her. The correspondence between them continued up until November, 1922, and in the

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fall of 1922 he sent her \$300.00, he also having sent her various small amounts during the time of the above referred to correspondence, and requested that she come on to Columbus, O., where he would establish her in an apartment. All of these letters were in her effects at the place where she was living, 22 2575 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, California, which was a place owned by her uncle, Don Osborn, and John Weh, she keeping house for them, and while she was away on a visit to her brother the letters disappeared and later she saw these letters in the possession of Don Osborn.

The girl advises that she lived for a time with her grandmother, Rosetta Osborn, mother of Don Osborn, at 525 Hermosa Ave., Los Angeles, but that the grandmother is now living at San Jacinto, south east of Los Angeles, at the present time. She advises Osborn is the brother of her mother, her father and mother, Mrs and Mrs. Fred W. Putnam, living at Brattleboro, Vermont. She advises that she also has a brother, Harry Lawrence Putnam, who was formerly Captain in the army stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, where she visited with this brother and his wife; that this brother is now out of the army and has a ranch at Oxnard, Cal. She has another brother, Philip B. Putnam, probably located East together with the mother and father.

While they were at 2575 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, she advises that Don Osborn, learning of her relations with Bushnell, became very jealous and advised he was going east and make Bushnell pay. She said she did not know whether this meant he was going to treat him with force or demand money. At this time evidently it was Don's idea to handle the matter himself against Bushnell but in some manner Madison became

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interested in the matter and came east with Don Osborn and later they returned to Hollywood and she understood from Don that they had obtained \$10,000.00. She advises she received none of this money as Don handled all of the money paying all expenses and looking after their affairs, their money being held jointly with Don acting as the holder of same. She denies she had had sexual relations with her uncle but admitted living at the house as his house keeper. Later about June 1st the money from the previous trip having become practically exhausted she believes Madson called Don on the phone and Don went down to his place evidently for the purpose of discussing the matter of obtaining more money from Bushnell. She advises she is aware of the fact and knew at all times that Madson was not a Federal officer. She advises Madson and his wife, a small blonde woman, had called at their house on one or two occasions but they had not been very intimate with them. She advises they had driven over to the Madson Place where he lives with his wife in what she believes is the Louvre Apartments. She advises Madson drives a Nash car. When Don came back from the conference with Madson about June 1st he advised she would have to go east with them and she said she ~~was~~ did not care to do this and later on or about June 27th or 28th Madson called at the place, 2575 Beachwood Drive, together with Jack Ryan, and the four of them discussed the matter of coming east to see Bushnell in regard to getting more money but that she had very little to do with the discussion as she was busy about the house but she understands that it was arranged she must go east with them, - in fact Madson advising she would have to go with them. She advises Madson said that Ryan was a Federal officer or that he would represent

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the federal officer in the transaction. The main part of the discussion was as to whether or not they would start immediately but Ryan advised he would have to go North first and on Sunday, July 1st, Madson, called at their house and advised they would leave on the following Monday for Springfield and on the following Monday she, together with Don Osborn and Madson, left Los Angeles, Calif., for Chicago, Ill. She advises Don Osborn gave her \$100.00 to buy her own ticket, a round trip ticket, from Los Angeles to Chicago and that he told her this money had been given to him by Madson who was to finance the trip. Upon arrival in Chicago about July 5th all three registered into the Great Northern Hotel, she as Rose Putnam, Don Osborn as H. L. Putnam, and she does not know how Madson registered. She occupied room 916 and Madson and Osborn had rooms on the same floor. They waited here until Saturday evidently for the other party, Ryan, but she denies she saw Ryan at Chicago advising it was her understanding he came on from north of Los Angeles to Springfield by way of Columbus, Ohio.

On Sunday, July 8th, she, together with Madson and Osborn, came on to Springfield via Xenia over the Pennsylvania R. R., and registered into the hotel as above set out and later evidently this same night Ryan came on from Columbus. She advises she does not remember seeing Ryan until the following day. On Monday, July 9th, she, together with Don Osborn, called at the First National Bank and learned Mr. Bushnell was out of town. They returned to the hotel and she does not know just what conversation took place between Osborn, Madson and Ryan and on the following A. M. they returned to the First National Bank and awaited the arrival

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of Mr. Bushnell. Upon the arrival of Mr. Bushnell Don walked out on the street and met him and brought him into the bank and told him they wanted to discuss a matter with him. When they retired to his private office Don then told him that the Federal men were back and it would be necessary to fix things up or they were going to take him to New Orleans and probably put him in the penitentiary and would take her, Ross Putnam, along as a witness. He advised Madson, the Federal officer who had been here before, had been laughed at by his Chief or the man higher up for the small amount of money he had obtained and that he would not turn over the balance of the letters; therefore it was necessary that something further be done in the matter. Mr. Bushnell advised he had had losses and was not in a position to do anything at this time but would discuss the matter further with them at 1:30 and that it would not be necessary to bring Rose back with them but that he could or that he wished them to bring the two Federal officers with them. They then returned to the hotel and in either her room or one of the other party's rooms Don advised Madson and Ryan about Bushnell's desire to see them and they advised it was not necessary for them to go down, that Don should go back, which he did do at 1:30 and the next she knew of Don was when Madson called her on the phone and advised her to walk out on the street towards the interurban station. As she passed Madson on the street at this time he advised her Don was arrested and walked on. She then returned to the hotel and later in the evening Madson or Ryan again called her and told her to walk up the street next to the hotel, which is Limestone, and he would meet her. However they did not meet her but that she passed Madson at a distance

(Rose waiting at hotel 1:30 - 7:30 & then all night not knowing what's going on)

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and he told her to go on and did not try to see her although she walked up and down the street for about forty five minutes. She then returned to the hotel to await developments and did not hear further from subjects who evidently left town.

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Amongst the effects of the girl was a card of Turner Westray Battle, U. S. Navy. Also business card of this same party, Turner H. Battle, Wm. R. Staats Co., Government, Municipal and Corporation Bonds, 640 South Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif. She explained Battle is a party they met on the train coming east from Los Angeles. There was also a card of J. R. Overstreet, Specializing in Collections, 1355 Orange St., Los Angeles, phone Wilshire 3240, who she explained is a friend of theirs in Los Angeles. Also a memorandum on a card Frank Toplitz, 201 H. W. Helman Bldg., telephone Broad 8, whom she explained as being party they met on the train coming east.

I have potential victim?
Agent interviewed Don Osborn, who is evidently the brains of the organization, he being an uncle of the girl as he admits and advises he has a brother, George Osborn, living at San Jacinto and another brother, Arthur Osborn, living at Walter, Calif., and that his mother, who formerly lived at 525 Hermosa Ave., South Pasadena, is with one of these two brothers. He also advises that the parents of Rose Putnam, that is his sister, lives with her husband at Brattleboro, Vermont. He advises Rose lived with his mother at 525 Hermosa Ave. but at the time she made the trip to New Orleans with Bushnell she was working at the Hamburger Store and living elsewhere. He advises it was several months after she made the trip to New Orleans that he learned of same and this

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was when they were living at 2575 Beachwood Drive, Hollywood, which is place he together with George Web purchased of Patricia Palmer, a movie actress; that they were living at this place splitting the expenses 50-50 and Rose was keeping house for them. He denied he had had sexual relations with Rose Putnam but that he was very fond of her. He advises some girl in Hollywood who worked at the Hamburger Store had learned of Rose's trip to New Orleans and advised him of this and that later Madison appeared and told him he was a Federal officer and tried to get money from him and then suggested they see Bushnell and see what he would do as otherwise they would take him to the penitentiary and probably also take Rose Putnam with them. Subject's story is told in detail as in part it is true and in part false:

He advises in the last week of November, 1922, he came east via Chicago with Madison and at Chicago they sent several telegrams to Bushnell advising him in substance that they were coming on and that this fellow, Madison, had possession of the letters at that time but denied he gave them to him. He advises at this time he believes they stopped at the Monarch Hotel, he registering as West Danne. He does not know how Madison registered at this place. They were here about two days and then came to Springfield arriving in the afternoon and that he then went down to the bank as they had arranged on the train to have him do; that he told John L. Bushnell that he was Rose Putnam's brother, H. L. Putnam, and that a Federal officer was here who was going to look him up if he did not come through. He advises Bushnell asked to see this other man and that he then had to locate Madison, which he did at one of the depots.

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but Madison would not come to the bank and he then returned for Bushnell and took him out to meet Madison on the street and later the following morning he again met Madison and himself on the street he, Osborn, going to the bank and getting Bushnell and that Bushnell then turned over what was evidently \$10,000.00 wrapped in a paper to Madison but denies he received any of this money or actually saw ~~the money~~ Bushnell hand the money to him. He advises they then sent a Jecoy wire to a fictitious person in Chicago and took a taxi to the interurban line outside of Springfield and went to Indianapolis where they separated. After Bushnell had handed Madison the money Madison went around the corner and returned with a bundle of what was evidently telegrams and letters and handed them to Bushnell and stated he would send him the balance of such letters from Chicago. He advises they represented to Bushnell they were supposed to meet Rose in Chicago but in fact she was in Los Angeles at that time. He ^{2nd trip} advises he together with Rose Putnam and Madison came on to Chicago registering at the Great Northern Hotel on July 5th and he has in his possession the return trip tickets from Chicago to Los Angeles with the names of H. L. Putnam and Rose Putnam on same, being tickets number 2150 and 2151 form 24-14 RT via A. T. and S. F. C. L. and A. T. and S. F. He advises he bought one ticket and Rose bought the other ticket at the time they left Los Angeles; that each bought their own ticket at Chicago on coming on to Springfield. He advises they met this other party, Ryan or Graham as he told him his name was, at Chicago and that Ryan and Madison went up to their rooms in Chicago at the hotel where Rose was. He advises he was registered as H. L. Putnam at this place and Rose was registered

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as Rose Putnam. He advises he does not know how the others were registered. He advises he, Madson and Rose came on to Springfield by way of India and registered at the Shawnee Hotel as above set out and this other party, Ryan, ~~was~~ got in late that night the same day. He advises he first saw this other party the next morning when Rose and himself went down to the bank on Monday A. M. and Bushnell was out. The other two parties stayed at the hotel and upon return from the bank they were all at the hotel the balance of the day. The next morning he and Rose went down to the bank and went to the cashier and asked for Mr. Bushnell and he was not there. They waited for him to come in and Bushnell did come in and started out from the bank and he then ran up to him and Bushnell immediately told him that he had learned he was not what he represented himself to be; that he was not the girl's brother. He asked Bushnell what he was going to do about the matter and he said he would not do anything. He advised he told him the two Federal officers were here and it would be necessary to do something and Bushnell said it would not be necessary for Rose to come but to bring the other two Federal officers with him. He and Rose returned to the Shawnee Hotel and in Room 407 he told Ryan and Madson what Bushnell had said and asked them to go back with him at 1:30 but they would not go and said "You go back"; that he did then go back to see Bushnell, these fellows telling him to advise Bushnell to come across or they would come down and put the handcuffs on him. He advised Bushnell asked him what his story was and that Mr. Fischer, who was presented, asked him to get out of town, which he refused to do. He was then taken in custody by Mr. Fisher and locked up. He advised that the same party, Madson, was

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was here on this trip, was the same party who came east with him in November and obtained the \$10,000.00.

Agent interviewed Mr. John L. Bushnell and advised him as to what the girl had said as to the trip to New Orleans and he admitted he had made such trip with the girl and that they had registered into the Gruenwald Hotel at New Orleans and that he had first met this girl through Jane McCormack and Mr. West, the girl then living at 1258 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, about four or five years ago and that he had continued to correspond with the girl and she had come on to Beaumont, Texas, to meet him and had come on to New Orleans with him where they were two days when the girl returned to Los Angeles and that he came on north to Springfield. He advises in November, 1922, he received several wires in the girl's name from Chicago advising that they were coming on to Springfield and later on what was about Monday following Thanksgiving Day Don Osborn or as he represented himself H. L. Putnam, the brother of the girl, appeared at the bank and advised him that Madison, a Federal officer, was here with him and that this Federal officer was shadowing him, that is Osborn, and this man was a Federal officer working on this case in regard to him taking Rose to New Orleans and that they were going to prosecute him for violation of the Mann White Slave Traffic Act and suggested to him if he would put up something he might get him to drop the case; that he then went out with Osborn and saw this party, Madison or Robbins, as he also went by, ~~that he saw them for a few minutes and he suggested that they see him the next day. On the~~ ~~that he saw them for a few minutes and he suggested that they see him the next day. On the~~ that he saw them for a few minutes and he suggested that they see him the next day. On the

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first day he met them in the lobby of the Shawnee Hotel where he believes Osborn stayed that night under some name and as he believes Madson probably stayed at the Arcade Hotel. Madson advised him he was a Federal Officer or Inspector investigating the case in question and that he might be able to arrange things if he would care to do it as they were not especially anxious to prosecute and asked for \$10,000.00 for the return of the letters and evidence. The next day he met them at the Pennsylvania Station just outside of same; that both Don Osborn and Madson were present at this time and he handed to Madson \$10,000.00 in currency of various denominations up to \$100.00 bills wrapped in a paper and that this party then handed him some letters and telegrams wrapped in a paper but not all of them. He advised him this was not all he had agreed to turn over and Madson advised his partner had the balance at Chicago and "I will mail same to you". At the time Osborn suggested he could get train from Lima, Ohio, to Chicago as the girl was there and that another party was holding her in a room in hotel there and would not let her out until they returned with the money. He advised he asked Madson if he was not afraid to take a bribe, etc., but he did not make any remarks as to this and he does not remember whether or not he showed him a badge or any credentials. He asked Madson how he would explain the matter and he advised they had a way of explaining these things.

He advises on the morning of July 10th, 1923, when he called at the bank Rose Putnam and Don Osborn were waiting for him and that as he went to walk out of the bank again Osborn ran after him and asked him if he remembered him. Bushnell replied "Yes but you are not

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the man you represented yourself to be". Osborn replied "Well I must talk to you" and Bushnell replied he did not care to say anything in regard to the matter and told him to come to the bank at 1:30 after lunch and told him to get out of his office. Osborn replied "You are not going to put me out of the office". Osborn said the Federal men had made them come here and advised if he did not come across and fix it up to him they were going to take the girl to New Orleans and "They will come and get you". Osborn then said "Well you are not doing anything. - I will do something, and if you will not do anything I can kill you". Bushnell suggested he should go a little slow about this and ^{Osborn} said "There is nothing to prevent me from killing you if you don't fix things up and save the girl" or words to that effect. They then left the bank and Bushnell arranged with E. J. Fischer, Private Detective, to be at his office and when he, Bushnell, returned to his office at about 1:20 P. M., July 10th, Osborn was in the office waiting for him. He advised that the Federal officers with him were Graham and Robbins, he making this statement ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ the presence of Mr. Bushnell and Mr. N. J. Fischer. Fischer asked Osborn why the Federal officers did not come with him and Osborn replied they would not come and became angered and threatened to beat up Fischer. Fischer then called the Cincinnati office on the phone as above previously set out in the presence of Osborn and Osborn was then taken into custody.

On July 11th the following telegrams received:

"Western Union, 266 J WI 8 VM N. Columbus, Ohio.
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"Shawnee Hotel, Springfield, Ohio.

"Cancel room and keep luggage. Will send bill.

"J. A. Ryan."

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"Western Union, 278J WI 19 UN Columbus, Ohio.
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"Miss Rose Putnam,
Shawnee Hotel,
Springfield, Ohio.

"Write to our friend who runs sheet metal works to hotel in town
you left Sunday. Use his name.
/s/ "B".

By undercover means it was learned from the girl that the party referred to above as "Our friend who runs sheet metal works" is George Weh connected with sheet metal works on Western Avenue, Los Angeles, of which he is part owner, phone Dial 767946, and is a party who was living with them at 2575 Beachwood Drive and she advises he is well acquainted with Blacky Madison. The above referred to "To hotel in town you left Sunday" is the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Ill., where subjects were on Sunday, July 8th, before coming to Springfield, Ohio. Therefore wire as follows sent the Chicago office on July 12th, 1923:

"R. G. Madison alias Blackie alias G. W. Madison about five feet eight inches gray hair gray mustache age fifty five to sixty walks with feet out stop Jack A. Ryan age about forty weight two hundred dark hair dark eyes stop Madison was in Chicago July five to eight at Great Northern Hotel together with Rose Putnam and H. L. Putnam girl had room nine sixteen Putnam and Madison on same floor Ryan was also in Chicago same time stop all four to Springfield July eight Madison and Ryan to Columbus July ten other two in custody here stop Madison advised from Columbus July eleven to Great Northern Hotel Chicago under name George Weh stop Cover hotel and apprehend both and advise Cincinnati and certified copies will follow letter follows. Charge impersonation blackmail clever high class criminals."

She advised but later stated she did not care to make such a positive statement that evidently Don obtained possession of her mail from Bushnell from her effects while she was away on a visit from 2575 Beachwood Drive and that he left on Saturday, the latter part of November.

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and returned two weeks later on Saturday and from his conversation she learned they had obtained, that is Don Osborn and Madson, \$10,000.00 from Bushnell but she did not know the exact division of this amount between them. She advises they did not see Madson again for several months when Don went down to see him as previously above set out.

Amongst the effects of J. A. Ryan, Room 407, Shawnee Hotel, he having black leather handbag and a brown leather suit case and a number of silk shirts and two suits in same, was found the above information indicating probable identification of Ryan. The two suits, one being a gray suit and one a pin stripe blue and red, were made up evidently by S. Friedman, Los Angeles, and are about size 42. Subject's laundry mark was formerly J. F. R. which has been changed to ~~F III~~ which later mark is the mark of the California Laundry, Hollywood, Calif., and his work has evidently been done up recently as the wrappers of the laundry were still on the shirts. He has military brushes with the initial "F" on same. There were a number of cards and memorandums in a small book in Ryan's effects in which appeared the following:

Grace Foxcroft, 4848 West End Ave.

E. Hammond, 728 Taylor St., Apartment 2, Verden Apartments, Prospect 1965.

Dr. J. D. Beatty, 1001 Chapman Bldg., Alta Vista, Mrs. Rothwell.

Edgar S. Hurley, State Senator, 16th District, Oakland, Calif., 1904 Filbert St.

A container for railroad tickets SP Station June 29, 1923, 6:05 P. M.
Pullman ticket lower 11, car 37, Oakland to Omaha July 3d, 1923. \$19.18.
Pullman receipt July 5, 1923, lower 6, car P 10, Omaha to Chicago.

Juanita Sherlock Hotel, Mrs. Byrne Drexell, 4033 Del Mar Ave.

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Beck, care Mrs. Winch, Ardmore 0162, 816 Galt Ave.

W. H. Ward, 1827 Sunset Blvd., Apartment 28.

R. G. Madison, 605 East Wash. St.

G. Easberg, Watsonville, Calif.

Santa Cruzco, Route 1, Box 140.

Tonie, 825 Bush, Apartment 208, Prospect 5975.

J. H. Walker, 816 Parkview St., South Alta Vista.

The only marks of identification on the effects of Madison are some laundry marks M. C. D. J. D. S. S. O. S. (15-1/4 collar) M. D. M.

On the night of July 12th special delivery letter was sent to Chicago giving them in substance the above details of subjects' operations for cover of the Great Northern Hotel as it is very evident that R. G. Madison will call at this address for mail at least under the name evidently of George Web.

On the ~~morning~~ ^{afternoon} of July 12th the following telegram received:

~~"Wiring fourteen~~

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"Western Union, FC Chicago IL1 425P
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"Shawnee Hotel,

Springfield, Ohio.

"Wiring fourteen dollars for Room 407 ship baggage American Express office Chicago to Roy J. Jones Oblige.

/s/ "J. A. Ryan."

and Chicago immediately notified by wire as follows:

"Refer letter and wire Don Osborn et al Western Union wire quote sixteen nine 02FS 19 30 Chicago Illinois four two five P July twelfth Shawnee Hotel Springfield Ohio wiring fourteen dollars for room ~~sh~~ four naught seven ship baggage American Express office Chicago to Roy J. Jones oblige. J. A. Ryan unquote. Subjects baggage will not be shipped. It is suggested that when Ryan calls to make inquiry as to shipment at express office he be shadowed as ~~he may lead to R. G. Madison~~ both undoubtedly in Chicago now. They may send decoy for baggage."

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On the morning of July 13th agent conferred with Assistant U. S. Attorneys Mau and Abrams as to the issuance of warrant and warrant was issued for the arrest of Don Osborn and Rose Putnam charging conspiracy to violate Section 32, it being separate warrant not mentioning the names of the other parties in order that the names would not become known to the papers. Separate warrant was also prepared under the same charge against all four subjects in readiness to forward same to Chicago should parties be apprehended there.

Agent then, accompanied by First Assistant District Attorney Haveth E. Mau and his stenographer, Miss Lee, proceeded to Springfield, O., and previous to serving of warrant Rose Putnam was again interviewed at length by the District Attorney and questions and answers taken in detail for use in trial of case.

Subjects were then taken to Dayton, O., and agent and U. S. Attorney accompanied Don Osborn for purpose of securing possible statements of value but party refused to make any further statements. Rose Putnam and Don Osborn were then arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Lenz on the above warrant and entered pleas of not guilty, waived examination and were held to the September Grand Jury at Dayton, Ohio, under bond of \$15,000.00 each.

Don Osborn is

28 years of age,
born Los Angeles, Calif.,
6 ft. 3 in.,
168 lbs.,
brown eyes, brown hair,

and his Bertillon picture has been taken at Springfield by local authorities which will be available later.

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Rose Putnam is 33 years old,
5 ft., 1-3/4 in. tall,
weight 125 lbs.,
medium built,
brown hair,
gray to hazel eyes,
brunette,
fair complexion,

and her Bertillon picture taken at Springfield while under local arrest.
Copy of such picture forwarded Los Angeles for their assistance in positive identification and endeavor to ascertain the identity of the other two parties who are undoubtedly from Los Angeles.

R. G. Mason is about 5 ft. 8 in. tall,
gray hair, gray mustache,
age 55 to 60 years,
walks with feet out,
has very dark ~~skin~~ complexion or
else is heavily sunburned and
evidently wore gray suit with a
red pin stripes.

Jack A. Ryan is about 40 years old,
weight 200 lbs.,
dark hair and eyes and,
judging from clothes left behind,
dresses very well,
he wearing clothing about size 42.

As will be noted from above it is very evident that the party, Earl Frank Dustin, is undoubtedly George Weh. This party continued to write to Mr. Bushnell off and on up until February, 1923, advising that he would make effort to secure the letters subjects still held on Mr. Bushnell and for such services Mr. Bushnell forwarded him check for \$100.00. It is suggested that the Los Angeles office locate this man and determine if possible whether Earl Frank Dustin and George Weh are one and the same party and also ascertain whether or not by any possibility this party is

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the one who as J. A. Ryan appeared here at Springfield, which is also very probable.

Secreted in Room 407 occupied by Ryan on July 13th was found a gold badge upon which appeared the following "U. S. Department of Justice Inspector 246". Upon the back of same appeared the name Ed Jones, Oakland, California, evidently the maker of same.

On July 14th telegram as follows forwarded the Los Angeles office in code:

"Rose Putnam and Don Osborn of two five seven Beachwood Drive Hollywood California under arrest here. Were living this address with George Weh. Subjects together R. G. Madson alias Blackie Madson and Jack Ryan charged conspiracy impersonation blackmail stop Blackie Madson about five foot eight inches gray hair gray mustache age fifty five to sixty very dark complexion or sunburn. Has wife living either Louvre Apartments or six naught five East Washington street Hollywood or Los Angeles. Wife is small blonde woman much younger. Cover wife for return subject and apprehend subject for Cincinnati. Also apprehend accomplice Jack Ryan age about forty weight two hundred dark hair and eyes also from Los Angeles. Do not allow friends of subjects to know you are endeavoring to locate them. Report follows giving definite details. Madson and Ryan headed west July thirteenth."

Undeveloped Leads:

Chicago, Ill.: As previously requested, it is suggested that Chicago office cover the Great Northern Hotel and the American Express Company office. It is believed they can arrange a decoy package with the Express office at this place or if they believe it necessary subjects' baggage will be forwarded on there to the express company as subject will probably either call for this baggage at the American Express office or send a decoy. The location of subjects at Chicago may be somewhat hampered for reason that subjects in custody have caused considerable

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newspaper notoriety as to investigation being made.

Los Angeles, Calif.: It is requested that discreet inquiry be made until such time as we can locate and apprehend R. G. Madison and J. A. Ryan and that then full investigation be made of all the connections of these parties to determine what, if any, their operations have been at Los Angeles through the above indicated connections and addresses. It is suggested that effort be made to determine who Earl Frank Dustin is, also George Weh, and what their connections have been with this transaction and if suitable evidence can be obtained to connect them with the conspiracy arrangements will be made to have them taken into custody. It is very probable that George Weh and Earl Frank Dustin are one and the same party. It is very probable that Weh or Dustin could be picked up by decoy letter through General Delivery as Dustin gave that address.

At San Francisco, Calif.: It is requested that the San Francisco office determine for whom the above referred to badge "U. S. Department of Justice Inspector 246" was made up for as evidently Ed Jones, Oakland, Calif., is the maker and as indicated above J. A. Ryan was in Oakland, Calif., on July 3, 1923, and it is evidently this purpose that took him to Oakland, Calif., previous to making the trip east as he thought it would be necessary to have a badge to carry out details of their blackmail scheme at Springfield; also obtain any and all other information which might be of value in the possible apprehension of these parties and prosecution in this district.

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APPROVED

J. F. Eckhart
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE