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Washington, D.C. 20535

January 31, 2011

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Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama**

FILE NO. **88-6**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>                                     | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>9-22-34</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>9-15-34</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>H. J. L. PIEPER</b>   |
| TITLE:<br><b>REV. CORTEY HETHERINGTON, alias<br/>DR. CORTEY HETHERINGTON;</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION<br/>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Hetherington, professing to be a former doctor from London, England, converted and holding revivals in Birmingham, Ala., married and deserted Hazel Smith, 2604 42nd Avenue, Birmingham, and swindled her parents out of \$1,000.00. Present whereabouts believed near Corpus Christi, Texas, where Hetherington is believed to have married another local girl, promoting the same swindle scheme. U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, Alabama, declines prosecution.

**DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call from Chief of Birmingham Police, Luther Hollums, stating that Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2604 42nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, was in his office and was making a complaint that he believed might be a case for prosecution under the White Slave Traffic Act, or an unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

**DETAILS:** Mrs. W. L. Smith stated that her daughter, Hazel, had met Hetherington in the fall of 1933 while she was singing at a church to which he had come to preach; that in the course of her acquaintance, he was brought to her home, where he represented to them, as he did to everyone in Birmingham, that he was from London, England, having graduated from Oxford, and the Royal Surgery College, but now a preacher, having been converted when he had been cured of a paralysis by religious faith; that his father was wealthy and very old, residing in London, England; that her daughter was married to Hetherington on December 9, 1933, at Birmingham, Alabama, having been married by Dr. Walker, a Baptist minister. This marriage was against the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith. After the marriage Hetherington continued to hold revivals and was doing very well, having been considered as an exceptional preacher, and well thought of by everyone.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><i>Harrison</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   | 57-12-1<br><b>SEP 24 1934 A M</b><br>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION<br>ROUTED TO: <b>ONE</b> FILE | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>SEP 24 1934</b><br>CHECKED OFF<br>JACKETED |
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About March of 1934, Hetherington stated that he was going to be moving around continually, since she was preparing to give up giving revivals for her sake, her medical profession and open a laboratory for Germ Culture, which he believed was very badly needed in this part of the country. Claiming that there was some difficulty in obtaining the money from his father, he prevailed upon the Smiths to borrow \$1000.00, which they gave to him to purchase the necessary laboratory equipment. Hetherington stated that it would be necessary for him to go to Chicago to purchase this equipment. With this in mind he and his wife proceeded to Chicago, registered at the La Salle Hotel, at which place he deserted her on March 11, 1934.

Mrs. Smith stated further that Hetherington had always treated her daughter with kindness and affection, seeing to it that she had everything that she wanted, although they had lived with the parents during their married life, adding that all efforts made by the Chicago Police Department to find Hetherington had been unsuccessful.

Mrs. Smith stated that she had a communication from her sister, Mrs. A. W. Stevenson of Texon, Texas, to the effect that she had been advised by Mrs. Cecil Walton of Texon, Texas that there was a new preacher holding revivals around Corpus Christi, that answered the description of Hetherington, who claimed to have been converted in a similar manner as Hetherington, and who was supposed to have married a local girl, giving a similar story as to his past as was given in Birmingham.

The facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney Bradford, who declined prosecution.

A description of Hetherington as furnished by Mrs. W. E. Smith is as follows:

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| Name       | Rev. Courtney Hetherington, alias Dr. Hetherington |
| Age        | 45 years   |
| Height     | 5' 3"  |
| Weight     | 160 lbs.   |
| Hair       | Black  |
| Eyes       | Hazel  |
| Teeth      | One upper tooth discolored                         |
| Complexion | Olive.   |

**Scars**

Small indentation on top of forehead

Small scar on one upper forearm

Hair line scar under chin.

**Peculiarities**

Has a heavy beard requiring frequent shaving.

Wears number 5 shoe.

**Education**

Is well educated, intelligent and shrewd.

**Appearance**

Well mannered, courteous, uses excellent language in conversation.

No pictures are available, as subject consistently refused to be photographed.

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RECORDING

REC-1  
83-17-2

October 8, 1934.

Mrs. E. F. Watson,  
300 West 6th Street,  
Cisco, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated September 23, 1934, wherein you advised that your niece, Clyde Alexander, had married one Reverend Courtney Gouthey at San Antonio, Texas and in which you also enclosed a photograph of Gouthey.

Please be advised that the contents of your letter do not indicate a violation of the Federal Statutes over which this Division has investigative jurisdiction and, therefore, no action can be taken. It is suggested that you take this matter up with the local police authorities of your community.

The photograph, which you forwarded, is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Mr. Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I am writing to you about this case because I feel sure this man is an International crook. I am going to give you the history of the case as I have it.

On August 27th my niece, Clyde Alexander married a Rev. Courtney Gouthy at San Antonio, Texas. Her home is in Corpus Christi, Texas. About 10 days after she was married she visited me in my home. In the mean time a friend from San Angelo Texas came to see me. He had married him in his home. He had dinner guests from Birmingham Ala. he mentioned about this girl. His wife was visiting him and they were very much interested and stated that it sounded like Hazel Smith's husband in Birmingham. On the strength of this they got in touch with the Smiths of Birmingham got the man's description, and then got me to verify the description. In the mean time this Courtney Gouthy and his wife, my niece Clyde Alexander came on this short visit. While they were here I sent the enclosed picture of him. We sent it to Birmingham and came back with a positive identification. In the mean time they left, but I knew I would come in touch with them thru my niece.

On Dec. 9th he married Hazel Smith, 2604-42 Ave. North Birmingham Ala. He deserted her in Chicago soon afterwards after having gotten \$1000.00 from her father Mr. Walter E. Smith. Married her under the name of Courtney Hetherington. This wife has recently given birth to a baby.

We located him in Memphis this week at 1516 Latham St. care of Mr. George Hickson, but he slipped thru the fingers of Memphis police. Perhaps him failed to give description, any way today we are in receipt of a letter from the Kansas Protective Bureau stating this niece is there. The man said he was going to leave and made his getaway that way. He poses as a minister of the Gospel. This niece is of very good family and her character is beyond reproach. Her mother in Corpus Christi will tell you. She was Hazel Smith.

His description is this:

Five feet 2 1/2 or 3 inches tall, weigh 155 lbs. dark hair, hazel eyes, olive complexion, dark spot on chin, dark spot on front tooth, looks like a filling might have fallen out in forehead, defect on right side of left eye. Has six or eight names. English half English and half French he claims. Has decided English accent to speech. Claims to be a Major. Is now driving an Oldsmobile Coupe Mich. license # F18-686 Serial # 0415660 motor # F382876. These were gotten from the State of Michigan by our local police.

This man is a HOT NUMBER smooths the talk every night, knows every city or town in our country, prefers the north. Talks as tho he always has money. Travels fast and far. Had his car six weeks and had traveled 7000 miles. Holds revival meetings wherever he stops long enough. Has been in U.S. he claims.

I am giving you this data because I feel sure these two minor ones compared to others he has committed. Any thing I can do to help you I am glad to cooperate.

Yours very truly

Mrs. W. F. Watson  
300 West 6th St.  
Cisco Texas.

A.B.NAVE, MANAGER

# HOTEL CHILDRESS

FIRE PROOF  
EVERY ROOM WITH BATH

CHILDRESS, TEXAS,



**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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**PHOTOGRAPHS OF REV. COURTNEY GOUTHEY.**

Copy of photograph  
of subject sent  
to R. C. Off.  
on 5/4/35.  
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Photo in possession  
of Mr. Pennington



Rev. Courtney Hathorn was  
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1814 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
October 8, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tenn.

REV. COURTNEY BETHERTINGTON  
W.D.  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION;  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

Referring to copy of letter from the Birmingham  
office to the Nashville office under date of October 2, 1934,  
and report of Special Agent E. J. L. Phipps, Birmingham, Ala.,  
for Sept. 23, 1934.

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter dated October  
8, 1934, from Louis Pearson, Asst. District Attorney, Corpus  
Christi, Texas. It appears that Dr. Courtney Bethertington is  
making a practice of ingratiating himself, in certain communities,  
carrying an unsophisticated girl, transporting her throughout the  
country and later deserting her.

If the United States attorney at Nashville, Tenn., will  
consider a federal prosecution relative to the transportation of  
Miss Alexander, an investigation will be conducted by this office  
and the victim in this case can be fully interviewed by the Dallas  
office at El Paso, Texas, her present place of residence.

For your information, a photograph of Bethertington is at-  
tached hereto, which I would request that you return when it has  
served its purpose.

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Very truly yours,

Enc T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 118,  
Birmingham, Alabama  
November 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.



Re: Mrs. J. C. Smith, alias Dr. Courtney

Smith - Victim  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Chicago, Illinois  
IT - 10710-107  
11-10-34

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Rev. Courtney Rotherington, alias Dr. Courtney Rotherington, posing as a minister and doctor, married Miss Hazel Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, December 2, 1933, borrowed \$1,000 from her parents, took his wife to Chicago, Illinois where he deserted her April 11, 1934. His wife was returned to Birmingham where she gave birth to a child recently.

Subsequently a man believed to be Rotherington, using the alias of Rev. Courtney Smith, married one Miss Clyde Alexander of El Paso, Texas at El Paso, Texas, transporting her to various places in Arkansas and Alabama and thence to Memphis, Tennessee where he deserted the Alexander woman.

A. B. Black, General Supervisor, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, 1100 Mendota Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised a letter to the pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, Birmingham, Alabama October 11, 1934, advising that a man fitting the description of Rotherington and using the alias Dr. Courtney Smith, held a series of meetings at Santa Barbara, California, and his chief love to, and was described by witnesses, borrowed \$1,000 cash and deserted the Wittinger woman.

Mrs. C. F. Smith, mother of the victim in Birmingham, telephoned this office, advising that while her young nephew Raymond Repton was in Bolton, California recently, he exhibited a photograph of Rotherington to a policeman on Night City, first name Frank, surname unknown, who immediately identified the photograph as that of an alleged local minister who had a wife and family there, but spent most of his time away from Bolton, retaining home as his first interests.

Rotherington poses as a minister or doctor from England, claims single birth, is a suave talker and lecturer. He claims to have traveled in India and Africa on various expeditions, and is probably traveling at present in a 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor number 7032 070, bearing Michigan license 7-10-316.

The H. J. Attorney, in Birmingham, Alabama at first declined to authorize prosecution relative to the transportation of Hazel Smith from Alabama to Illinois, however, after additional information was obtained relative to Rotherington's activities with other women the H. J. Attorney, here advised that proceed

cution would be authorized against Letherington for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, provided evidence can be obtained that Letherington was married, and not divorced, prior to his alleged marriage to Hazel Smith in Birmingham December 9, 1933.

The physical description of Letherington as taken from the file follows:

Name - Rev. Courtney Letherington, alias Dr. Courtney Letherington  
Age - 45  
Height - 5'5"  
Weight - 160  
Hair - Black  
Eyes - Hazel  
Teeth - 1 upper discolored  
Complexion - Olive

Kindly interview Night policeman, first name Frank, at Colton, California relative to the description and activities of the alleged minister who it is believed is identical with Letherington, obtaining all information available relative to the date and place of Letherington's marriage and his present location.

At the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Los Angeles, California interview W. B. Black for details relative to Letherington's activities with that Church at or near Santa Barbara, obtaining all information possible relative to his location.

A photograph of Letherington is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

J. H. LAMSON  
Special Agent in Charge

DCS:JAG  
CC: Division  
San Antonio  
Dallas  
Nashville  
Chicago

Corpus Christi, Texas.  
October 6, 1934.

Mr. Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas.

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Dear Mr. Jones:

I am inclosing herewith a picture of Dr. Courtney Hetherington alias Rev. Courtney Gouthey, about whom I wrote you on September 21st, as having married Miss Clyde Alexander of this city, after having deserted another wife to whom he was married in Birmingham, Alabama. This picture was taken after he had left here with Miss Alexander and was conducting a revival meeting in San Angelo. The picture was sent by Miss Alexander's uncle in San Angelo to the wife in Birmingham who identified it as the picture of the man who had married her. After leaving San Angelo he took Miss Alexander, who thought she was his legal wife, to visit her aunt in Cisco. From there they went to various places in Oklahoma, then to Paris, Arkansas, and then to Memphis, Tennessee, and there he deserted Miss Alexander. She went to the police matron in Memphis and the latter wired to her relatives at Cisco, Texas, who sent the money for her return and she is now in Cisco. I am informed that the officers at Memphis missed the man by about twenty minutes as he made a swift exit from the city.

We will not be able to maintain a prosecution for bigamy here as, upon further investigation, I find that the alleged marriage did not take place here, but in San Antonio. It seems that Miss Alexander simply left here with him and sent back word that she had married him in San Antonio. I wrote to the County Clerk in San Antonio to find out if there was any record there of the issuance of a marriage license to these parties but have received no reply. I am, therefore, wondering if the Rev. Gouthey did not take some sort of certificate and make the girl think that it was a legal license. He has probably married various other girls in other states as he seems to be continually traveling about.

The Rev. Gouthey was in Corpus Christi about three weeks conducting services at a little Seventh Day Adventist or "Holy Roller" Church. He stated that he was from Michigan and his automobile, an Oldsmobile coupe, 1934 Model, bore a Michigan license plate, No. F-18626.

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Glyde Alexander, whom he married here, is now at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Watson, Box 555, Cisco, Texas. M. L. Purdue, Chief of Police, of Cisco, is familiar with the details of the case and if you desire more details, you can probably get them from those parties in Cisco. The girl has not written her parents here very complete details and for that reason my knowledge is limited.

While here, the man spoke of spending the winter in Florida. The Birmingham lawyer who wrote me about him stated that the authorities in Chicago had a record on him.

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Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Louisa Pearson

Asst. District Attorney.

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Clio Alexander, whom he married here, is now at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Watson, Box 305, Olney, Texas. H. L. Fordus, Chief of Police, of Olney, is familiar with the details of the case and if you desire more details, you can probably get them from those parties in Olney. The girl has not written her parents here very complete details and for that reason my knowledge is limited.

While here, the man spoke of spending the winter in Florida. The Birmingham lawyer who wrote me about him stated that the authorities in Chicago had a record on him.

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Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Louisa Ferrera

Asst. District Attorney.

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P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Ala.,  
Oct. 5, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Nashville, Tenn.

44839

Dear Sir:-

RE: REV. CORTNEY HETHERINGTON, alias  
DR. CORTNEY HETHERINGTON;  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION, U.S.T.A.

Attached hereto please find copy of a report made by Special Agent N. J. L. Pieper at Birmingham, Ala., dated Sept. 22, 1934, which reflects that Cortney Hetherington, posing as a minister and doctor, W. Hazel Smith in Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 9, 1933 and transported her to Ill., where he deserted her March 11, 1934. Subsequent to conducting the investigation mentioned in the report of Special Agent Pieper, it was ascertained the Smith woman returned to Birmingham, Ala., where she gave birth to a child within the past week.

Asst. U. S. Attorney Bradford of Birmingham, Ala., declined to authorize prosecution against Hetherington charging Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

Subsequent to the ruling made by Asst. U. S. Attorney Bradford, Mr. Reese Murray, an attorney located in the Farley Bldg., Birmingham, telephoned this office advising that a man fitting the description of Hetherington and using the name Rev. Courtney Douthey married a Miss Alexander at or near Cisco, Texas, recently and proceeded to Memphis, Tenn., with the Alexander woman, where he is stopping at 1516 Lathan St with one George Jackson or Lee.

Mr. Murray further advised that the father of woman is J. B. Alexander, who is reported to reside at 820 Corpus Christi, Texas and stated that the prosecuting attorney at Corpus Christi is acquainted with the facts relative to the travel of Alexander from Texas to Tennessee.

It is suggested that the Nashville investigation at 1516 Lathan St., Memphis, Tenn., be continued for details relative to her association with Hetherington, submitting the facts to the U. S. Attorney for prosecution.

88-12-3

Copies of this letter are being forwarded the Dallas and San Antonio Division Offices for information in event further investigation is desired at Cisco and Corpus Christi, Texas.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Cannon,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Division  
(2) Dallas  
(3) San Antonio

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Birmingham, Alabama

Dallas FILE NO. 31-2021-

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY BETHERRINGTON, with aliases;<br/>HAZEL ELITH - Victim,<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim.</b> |                                    |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION<br/>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject with victim Alexander visited in Cisco, Texas about September 1, 1934, claiming to be married. Victim Alexander now in San Antonio, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Copy of letter from the Birmingham office to Nashville office, dated 10/3/34; copy of letter from Birmingham office to Los Angeles office, dated 11/3/34.

**DETAILS:**

At Cisco, Texas

Mrs. W. F. Watson, Cisco, Texas, stated Victim Alexander, who is her niece, visited her for three days from September 1, 1934, with the Rev. GOUTHEY, whom she introduced as her husband, saying they had been married in San Antonio, Texas. Miss Alexander is now working in San Antonio and resides at 226 Monticello Court, in care of William Rush.

Frank Pearce, night Chief of Police, Cisco, Texas, stated Subject was driving a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, with Michigan license #F-18-536, which he checked through the Michigan Highway Department and found to be registered. Subject, although he has forgotten under which name.

Neither of the persons could add any information not already known to the interested offices. They described Victim Alexander as a beautiful, refined girl of good family and fairly well educated. They are sure she believed herself to be married to Subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE at San Antonio, will interview Clyde Alexander,  
223 Monticello Court, c/o/ William Rush.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Ala.**

FILE NO. **31-3076 Mc**

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| TITLE: <b>CHANGED: ○</b><br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, aliases: Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor; CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.</b> | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject married Gwendolyn Pittinger at Santa Barbara, Calif., on May 8th, 1934 and deserted her after obtaining \$1600.00 from an acquaintance. Subject married Clyde Alexander at San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 27, 1934, transported her to Memphis, Tenn., and deserted her. Subject is reported to have married numerous times and to have abandoned his wives. Airplane reported circled victim's home Nov. 18, 1934 and dropped a note supposedly from Hetherington.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent N. J. L. Pieper, Birmingham, Ala., dated 9/22/34, entitled Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

**DETAILS:** The title of this case is marked changed to include the aliases Courtney Gouthey, Courtney Darling and J. Wilbur Taylor and to include Clyde Alexander and Hazel Irene Smith as victims; also to change the character of the case to White Slave Traffic Act as the former classification was in error.

**AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.:**

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2604 42nd Ave. No., was interviewed and gave the following information: when her daughter, Hazel, had married subject, she had written to relatives in Texas, telling of the marriage and giving them some information about the kind of a man her daughter had married. Sometime after Hazel had been deserted in Chicago, Mrs. Smith received a letter from her sister, Mrs. A. W. Stevenson, Texon, Texas, stating that her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Walton, McCamey Texas, knew a Mr. A. C. Hays, San Angelo, Texas, whose niece, Miss Clyde

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Alexander, Corpus Christi, Texas, had married a preacher who was holding revival meetings in the neighborhood of Corpus Christi, Texas. This preacher called himself Courtney Gouthey and told a story of his life similar to that told by Hetherington. This aroused Mrs. Stevenson's suspicion and she wrote Mrs. Smith for a description of Hetherington. Mrs. Smith wired the description and it fitted that of the man who had married Clyde Alexander. Mrs. Stevenson then obtained a picture of the man who had called himself Courtney Gouthey from Mrs. Fred Watson, Cisco, Texas, an aunt of Clyde Alexander, and had sent this picture to Mrs. Smith. This picture was identified as being a picture of Courtney Hetherington. This information was given to Mrs. Hays who wired Mrs. Smith that Gouthey had taken his leave from Texas, and was staying at the home of George Hickson, 1516 Lacham St., Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Smith notified the Police at Memphis but Gouthey disappeared before the police arrived. He deserted Clyde Alexander in Memphis.

Mrs. Fred Watson wrote Mrs. Smith that Gouthey was driving an Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #N-382867, serial #0415660, equipped with a Philco Radio and carrying Michigan license tag #N18-686, and that Gouthey had told her that he had bought this car in Lansing, Michigan, using a check given to him by the Chief of Police of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mrs. Smith also stated that a man resembling Hetherington had been seen by Alice Abney, a neighbor girl, riding very slowly in a Coupe near her home on Oct. 10, 1934.

Alice Abney, who lives at 2600 No. 42nd Ave., Birmingham, was interviewed and stated that she was ten years old; that on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1934, she had seen a man who she thought was Rev. Hetherington riding very slowly a few blocks from her home; that this man was in a coupe and was looking from side to side and she saw him clearly.

Mrs. Smith also stated that she had been informed that Clyde Alexander had been married at San Antonio on August 27, 1934, Louisa Pearson, Asst. Dist. Attorney at Corpus Christi, Texas in a letter addressed to the San Antonio office, verified Mrs. Smith's story about Gouthey marrying Clyde Alexander, his picture being identified as that of Hetherington, and about the desertion of Miss Alexander in Memphis. Louisa Pearson also stated in this letter that Miss Alexander had gone to the Police Station at Memphis after her desertion and had then returned to Texas; that Miss Alexander was married in San Antonio but that the County Clerk at San Antonio, had not answered her inquiry if a marriage license had been issued to Miss Alexander and to Gouthey; that Gouthey had conducted services in a little Seventh Day Adventist Church for about three weeks in Corpus Christi; that Miss Alexander is at the home of Mrs. W. F. Watson, Box 365, Cisco, Texas; that the Chief of Police of Cisco, Texas, is familiar with the details of this case.



Mrs. Courtney Darling, 1415 Chatalac, Santa Barbara, Calif., in a letter addressed to Chief of Police, Birmingham, Ala., dated Oct. 11, 1934, stated that on May 8th she had married, after a short acquaintance, a man who gave his name as Dr. Courtney Darling of London, England. Mrs. Darling also stated that her husband left Santa Barbara after borrowing \$1600.00 from a member of her congregation; that when he left he had fourteen one hundred dollar traveler's checks, two of which had been cashed at the Chicopee Savings Bank, at Chicopee, Mass. Mrs. Darling enclosed a photograph of the man she had married. Chief of Police E. L. Hollums, Birmingham Police Department, in a letter dated Oct. 15, 1934, and addressed to Mrs. Courtney Darling, stated that the man Mrs. Darling had married is the same party that had married the Birmingham girl, Hazel Smith.

Rev. Grover C. Walker, rector of the 35th Ave. Baptist Church, 2428 35th Ave., Birmingham, Ala., advised that he recalled marrying Hazel Smith and Rev. Hetherington and that the marriage was perfectly legal as far as he knew.

Vol. 130, Page 160, Marriage License Record, in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson County, Ala., shows that a license to marry was issued to Courtney Hetherington and Hazel I. Smith on Dec. 7, 1933; that the certificate of marriage was made by Grover C. Walker on Dec. 9, 1933 and that the marriage bond was made by Courtney Hetherington and George Jackson.

Miss Hazel Irene Smith, 2604 No. 42nd Ave., Birmingham, Ala., stated that she gave birth to a baby girl about a month ago.

Chief of Police Alfred Seymour in a letter dated 10/24/34 to Mr. W. B. Black, General Supervisor, 1100 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif., a copy of which was sent to Chief of Police E. L. Hollums, Birmingham, Ala., stated that a C. Darling, who gave 1415 Chapel St., Santa Barbara, California, as his address, registered in Hotel Olds, Lansing, Michigan, on July 14, 1934, and checked out July 16, 1934. Chief Seymour further stated that C. Darling had purchased a new 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F-362876, serial #C-86366, from the Lansing Motor Company for cash and that Michigan license tags F-18686 were secured; that Darling had paid his hotel bill with either a \$100.00 American Express money order or a travelers' check; that the salesman who had sold him the car had heard from Darling from Tauton, Mass.

A description of Hazel Irene Smith follows:

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| Name   | Hazel Irene Smith |
| Age    | 22                |
| Height | 5'6"              |
| Weight | 155 lbs.          |

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Build         | Stout           |
| Hair          | Blonde          |
| Eyes          | Brown or Hazel  |
| Complexion    | Fair, freckled  |
| Teeth         | Good            |
| Scars         | None noticeable |
| Peculiarities | None noticeable |
| Glasses       | None            |
| Occupation    | Housewife       |

A photograph of the subject was exhibited to the clerks of the following hotels in Birmingham, all of whom stated that subject had not registered at their hotel recently: Thomas Jefferson, Molton, Bankhead and Redmont.

A photograph was exhibited to the following employees of the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, all of whom stated that they were positive that they had seen the man recently, but could not give any other definite information concerning him: George G. Fowler, clerk; E. M. Brame, clerk; W. P. Harris, timekeeper; T. H. Miller, bell-boy; F. T. Eloam, bell-boy; Edward S. McFarlane, bell-boy. All of these persons promised that they would notify the Birmingham Division office if the subject came to the Tutwiler Hotel.

Mrs. W. E. Smith, mother of the victim in Birmingham, telephonically advised the Birmingham office that while her young nephew, Raymond Compton, was in Colton, Calif., recently, he exhibited a photograph to a policeman on night duty, first name Frank, surname unknown, who immediately identified the photograph as that of an alleged local minister who had a wife and family there, but spent most of his time away from Colton, returning home at infrequent intervals.

W. B. Black, General Supervisor, International Church of the Foresquare Gospel, 1100 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif., addressed a letter to the Pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, Birmingham, Ala. 10/11/34, advising that a man filling the description of Hetherington and using the alias Dr. Courtney Darling, held a series of meetings at Santa Barbara, Calif., made ardent love to and wed Gwendolyn Pittinger, borrowed \$1100.00 in cash and deserted her.

Chief of Police Luther Hollums, Birmingham, Ala., telephoned the Birmingham Division office on the night of November 18, 1934, stating that a large airplane had circled the area of 2404 40th Ave. No. where the victim resides, during the afternoon, and dropped a printed note in the back yard, reading:

"I am afraid to send this by mail am sending it by plane - will be by to get you and baby in a few days to go to England

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Chief Hollums advised that members of his department were checking the Municipal and Messer's Airports relative to the identity of any person who may have assisted in the dropping of the note and requested this office to check Roberts Field, National Guard Unit, in Birmingham.

Special Agents Charles Holts and W. E. Overstreet immediately interviewed John Whitson, Roberts Field, Birmingham, Ala., who advised that the following officers had flown planes from the field Nov. 18, 1934:

| <u>PILOT</u>      | <u>PASSENGER</u>                              | <u>TAKE OFF</u> | <u>LANDING</u> | <u>PLANE</u> |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Lieut. Poe        | Sgt. Thiele<br>B'ham. Electric Co.            | 11:20 A.M.      | 1:40 P.M.      | #13          |
| Lieut. Stephenson | Sgt. Thomas<br>1205 Bush Circle               | 3:05 P.M.       | 4:20 P.M.      | 21           |
| Lieut. Poe        | Sgt. Roberts                                  | 1:30 P.M.       | 2:50 P.M.      | 5            |
| Lieut. Poe        | Sgt. Aloia<br>Aloia Art Shop,<br>Ensley, Ala. | 2:55 P.M.       | 3:35 P.M.      | 5            |

Sgt. Roberts was present at the field at the time of agents' visit and advised that he knew nothing concerning the note or any plane circling the residence in question.

Subsequent to conducting the above investigation, Lieut. Whitson advised that he had sighted a large red plane, striking because of the fact that it was of a size larger than is usually found in the average type of commercial plane; further that this plane was strange in Birmingham and that it had made a landing at the Municipal Airport where its license number could undoubtedly be found in the log book.

Hazel Irene Smith, Victim, telephoned the Birmingham office Nov. 19, 1934, stating that she and her father observed the above mentioned plane circling in the neighborhood of their residence on Sunday afternoon; that the plane was red in color and was exceptionally large; that the note was dropped in their back yard about 4 P.M. 11/18/34 and stated that she would preserve the note, which is printed, for any possible assistance in the investigation of this case.

Further investigation is continuing at the Municipal Airport, Messer Field and Roberts Field, in Birmingham, with the view to ascertaining if possible if Hetherington is in this vicinity or if he engaged a pilot to deliver the above mentioned note to that vicinity.

For the information of Field Offices that do not have pertinent reports on this case, the following information is being set out: Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2604 No. 42nd Ave., advised this office that her daughter, Hazel, had met Hetherington in the fall of 1933 while she was singing at a church to which he had come to preach; that in the course of her acquaintance, he was brought to her home where he represented to them, as he did to everyone in Birmingham, that he was from London, England, having graduated from Oxford, and the Royal Surgery College, but now was a preacher, having been converted when he had been cured of paralysis by religious faith; that his father was wealthy and very old, residing in London, England; that her daughter was married to Hetherington on December 9, 1933, at Birmingham, Ala., having been married by Dr. Walker, a Baptist minister. This marriage was against the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith. After the marriage Hetherington continued to hold revivals and was doing very well, having been considered an exceptional preacher, and was well thought of by everyone. About March, 1934, Hetherington stated that he did not want his wife to be moving around continually, since she was pregnant and that he was going to give up holding revivals for her sake, and go back to his medical profession and open a laboratory for Germ Culture and Analysis, which he believed was very badly needed in this part of the South. Claiming that there was some difficulty in obtaining the money from his father, he prevailed upon the Smiths to borrow \$1,000.00, which they gave to him to purchase the necessary laboratory equipment. Hetherington stated that it would be necessary for him to go to Chicago to purchase this equipment. With this in mind, he and his wife proceeded to Chicago, registered at the LaSalle Hotel, at which place he deserted her on March 11, 1934.

A description of Hetherington, as furnished by Mrs. W. E. Smith, is as follows:

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| Name:          | Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases  |
| Age:           | 45 years  |
| Height:        | 5' 3"   |
| Weight:        | 160 lbs.  |
| Hair:          | Black   |
| Eyes:          | Hazel   |
| Teeth:         | One upper tooth discolored  |
| Complexion:    | Olive   |
| Scars:         | Small indentation on top of forehead;<br>small scar on one upper forearm;<br>Hair line scar under chin. |
| Peculiarities: | Has a heavy beard requiring frequent shaving; wears number 5 shoe.                                      |
| Education:     | Is well educated, intelligent and shrewd.   |
| Appearance:    | Well mannered, courteous, uses excellent language in conversation.                                      |

Photographs of the subject are being sent with this report to each Division field office receiving leads.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Louis E. Nichols:

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Hazel Irene Smith Hetherington was interviewed after the receipt of information to the effect that a letter had just been received from Texas by Mrs. Hetherington. The letter was dated Nov. 8, 1934, addressed to Mrs. Hetherington, by Clyde Alexander, 286 Monticello Court, San Antonio, Texas, advising that she, Clyde Alexander, was a former wife of subject, whom he had deserted in Memphis, Tenn. on August 22, 1934. Miss Alexander then stated that she was in receipt of a letter from Brother Black of California, to the effect that subject had deserted Gwendolyn Pitinger, Santa Barbara, Calif., and that she had been informed that subject was unknown at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; that a letter addressed to London, England, had been returned unclaimed; that she understood subject had married a woman in Houston, Texas, later deserting her with a nine months old baby, that he has former wives in Mexico, and Des Moines, Ia.; that the State Superintendent of Assembly of God, San Antonio, had identified subject's picture as J. Wilbur Taylor, who had preached for him ten years ago at Fort Worth, Texas; that subject at one time was connected with the Council as a Missionary in Africa, where he had deserted another wife and child and ran away with a native; that he was later dismissed from the Council, and it is believed that he is of French extraction. Clyde Alexander, in her letter, requests additional information concerning Fitz Hugh Crain and another man in Maine. Mrs. Hetherington advised that Crain and the other man referred to are personal friends of hers and that subject has only met Crain once. The letter further advises Mrs. Hetherington that the Department of Justice is now after subject and that she desires that each of the former wives assist the Department in locating him before he wrongs some other innocent girl. Mrs. Hetherington has very little information concerning subject's past which does not appear in a prior report; however, she did advise that he frequently spoke of a Forrest Wentworth, who resides at the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., and when not in Washington can be located at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago. Subject spoke of Wentworth long before Mrs. Hetherington married him, and on one occasion advised her that should he ever leave suddenly, or anything happen to him, that she communicate with Wentworth. Mrs. Hetherington further stated that subject frequently wrote Wentworth, and that she has seen him mail these letters, always with a return address noted on the envelope and none of them were ever returned.

Mrs. Hetherington and her mother advised that subject claimed to have lived in England up until three and a half years ago, and that he frequently stated that it was not difficult to get into this country from Canada, all that was necessary was to tip the guards, and once one was in the United States, he did not have to worry, "Because only dumb idiots were law enforcement officers"; that prior to coming to Birmingham, subject held revival meetings at Owensboro, Kentucky, and after coming to Birmingham

frequently received letters from a Mr. Verble of Owensboro, Ky. Subject also claims that he spent the winter of 1932 in Miami and Palm Beach, Fla., frequently stating that it was his plan to go there this winter.

Informants also stated that Hetherington claimed to have a cousin in Springfield, Mass., who was connected with the A. G. Spaulding Company and always referred to him as Tony or Anthony; that he also claimed to be intimately acquainted with Dudley Field Malone, Attorney, New York City, claiming that Malone represented his father's interests in America; that Jack Young, who operates or works in a jewelry store on Broadway, New York City, was an old friend of the family and it was their opinion that he corresponded with Young while in Birmingham.

Hetherington also claimed that while in Los Angeles, Ida Carnes, who is separated from her husband, a prominent business man in Los Angeles, was interested in his religious work and purchased him a new Buick when he left there for Lake Charles, La., where he preached at a lumber camp about twelve miles from Lake Charles, La., that he offended some of the people by his preaching and they in turn set fire to his car one night and burned it, together with a trailer on which he carried his tent, in the spring of 1932 or 1933.

Subject also had advised Mrs. Hetherington that while in Chicago he usually stayed at a Mission on the North side of the city, with a Reverend Landmark, who can be located through Detective Tommy Shea, 1120 South State St., Chicago. Detective Shea endeavored to locate Hetherington for his wife after Hetherington had deserted her in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hetherington are of the opinion that subject originally came from New Orleans or from the South, as he cannot stand the Northern or Eastern climates and is subject to colds.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DALLAS OFFICE, at Cisco, Texas, will interview Mrs. F. W. Katson, concerning the marriage and travels of Clyde Alexander with subject, ascertaining if subject has ever mentioned previous marriages, securing all possible information concerning the personal history of subject.

The DETROIT OFFICE, at Lansing, Michigan, will make appropriate investigation concerning the registration of Oldsmobile described in this report, ascertaining the facts of the sale of this automobile from the Lansing Motor Company.

The BOSTON OFFICE, at Chicopee, Mass., will make appropriate investigation at the Chicopee National Bank to establish, if possible, the present whereabouts of subject.

At Springfield, Mass. will endeavor to locate Tony at the A. G. Spaulding Co., and discreetly interview him concerning his knowledge

of subject, securing all possible personal history concerning subject.

The NASHVILLE OFFICE, at Memphis, Tenn., will interview George Hickson, 1516 Lacham St., Memphis, Tenn., to obtain any information he may have concerning the subject and facts of the visit of the subject at his home.

Will present the facts of this case to the U. S. Attorney to determine if he will consider Federal prosecution relative to the transportation of Miss Alexander from Texas to Tennessee.

The SAN ANTONIO OFFICE, at Houston, Texas, will present the facts of this case to the U. S. Attorney after interviewing Clyde Alexander at 226 Monticello Court, regarding her relations with subject and her transportation by him. Get all information possible as to subject's personal history.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Santa Barbara, Calif., will interview Mrs. Courtney Darling relative to her marriage, ascertaining date of marriage and if subject had ever mentioned any previous marriages.

At Los Angeles, will interview Mrs. Ida Carne, ascertaining her knowledge of subject, and whether she purchased him a Buick.

At Colton, Calif., will interview night policeman, first name Frank, who can perhaps be located through Raymond Compton of that city, relative to the description and activities of the alleged minister who it is believed is identical with Hetherington, obtaining all information available relative to the date and place of Hetherington's marriage and his present location.

At Santa Barbara, Calif., will interview the Chief of Police to ascertain if he gave Gouthey a check.

Will make appropriate investigation to determine the numbers of the travelers' checks issued to subject and determine if they have been cashed.

Secure all possible information concerning subject's personal history.

The WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, at Washington, D. C., will interview Forrest Kentworth, Army and Navy Club, ascertaining, if possible, Hetherington's present whereabouts and how he can be reached. Get all possible information as to subject's personal history.

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE, at Owensboro, Kentucky, will interview Mr. Verble, concerning subject's activities in Owensboro and ascertain his present whereabouts and conduct appropriate investigations in the comm-

unity concerning subject's contacts. Ascertain all information as to his personal history.

The CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Ill., will interview Rev. Landmark, at a Mission Home, who can be located through Detective Tommy Shea, 1120 South State Street, ascertaining if subject is presently in Chicago, Ill. Get all possible information as to subject's personal history.

The NEW YORK OFFICE, at New York City, will interview Dudley Field Malone concerning subject. Will interview Jack Young who is employed by or operates a jewelry gift shop on Broadway concerning subject. Ascertain if subject is known to those persons, getting all possible information as to him.

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Birmingham, Ala.  
Nov. 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with alias  
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - W.S.T.A.

A review of the above file indicates that this case was opened in error in the Birmingham Office in giving it an classification, that is Flight to Avoid Prosecution, it should be a 31 Classification for which reason the serials from the file shown above are being transferred to a Birmingham file #31-3076, entitled Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with alias Slave Traffic Act.

J. H. Hanson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:


Subject as Rev. Courtney Gouthey married Clyde Alexander at San Antonio, Tex., transported her to Memphis, Tenn., where she lived as man and wife and where she subsequently abandoned her as Laura Pierrepont subject also married Mrs. Alleah M. Glette, Houston, Tex. U. S. Attorney, San Antonio, advised prosecution of subject for transportation of Miss Alexander from San Antonio, Tex. to Memphis, Tenn. Pa.

Reference: Letter from Birmingham office to Los Angeles dated November 3, 1934, and report of Special Agent J. B. Brawner, Birmingham, November 19, 1934.

## DETAILS:

The title of this case is marked char include the additional alias underscored in the title hereof.

Miss Clyde Alexander, 226 Montecello Court, telephone Kenwood 4587, San Antonio, Texas, stated that she was married to Rev. Courtney Gouthey at San Antonio on August 27, 1934, after which she went to San Angelo, Texas, with him where she stayed with her uncle Clyde Hayes, Box 224, for two or three days; they then went to Cisco, Texas, to visit victim Alexander's aunt Mrs. W. F. Watson, 300 W. 6th Street where they stayed five or six days; they then went to Wichita Falls, Texas, to visit friends of Miss Alexander, Lonnie Bowlen, 5th and Broadway, where they stayed one week; then they went to Memphis, Tenn., where they got a room at the home of George Hickson at 1516 Lathan or Lachan Street where they stayed a week after which Gouthey hurriedly deserted her taking with him his automobile but leaving all of his baggage.

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Miss Alexander states that during this entire time she believed that she was legally married to Gouthey and lived with him as man and wife at all of the places mentioned. She states that she still has his luggage, but it is at Cisco, Texas, and that neither his clothes nor luggage has any papers that would indicate his past history or assist in his location. She states that she met Gouthey while Gouthey was posing as a preacher at Corpus Christi, Texas. Miss Alexander's knowledge of Gouthey and her connection with him as set forth in the reference report of Agent Brawner was confirmed in detail by her as was his description as set forth in that report. In addition to the information set forth therein Miss Alexander furnished the following fragmentary information concerning him most of which is doubtless erroneous as it is based on statements made by Gouthey:

Claimed to be from London, England; talked of living in Detroit, Mich., and Des Moines, Ia.; claimed to know a Dr. Van Dusen in Boston; claimed to have been a Medical Missionary at Johannesburg and East London, British South Africa; claimed to have been a Colonel in the French Army during the War and said while in such capacity learned to fly and had at one time owned his own plane; claimed to have been in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; claimed that his cousin Tony Gouthey employed by A. G. Spaulding & Company, Springfield, Mass., as foreign representative; speaks French, Portuguese and Spanish fluently; is of French descent; has bronchial trouble and smokes cigarettes only occasionally; does not drink; sometimes wears mustache or Van Dyke beard; claimed to have preached in Owensboro, Ky.; talked of spending coming Winter in Bermuda; claimed to be close friend of Chief of Police at Santa Barbara, California, first name Frank, last name believed to be Hodges.

Miss Alexander at one time found a paper of subject's on which was written the name of Captain Oscar K. Walber, U.S. Army, Retired, 734 Emerson Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah.

On page 8 of the reference report of Agent Brawner it will be noted that subject claimed to Hazel Irene Smith that a Mrs. Ida Carnes at Los Angeles had given him a Buick automobile. Miss Alexander states that subject claimed to her that some rich woman at Los Angeles had given him a LaSalle automobile which had subsequently been burned in Louisiana together with a trailer.

Miss Alexander states that all of her travels with subject were made in subject's Oldsmobile Coupe, 1934 model, painted blue, which subject purchased from the factory at Lansing, Mich., on June 16, 1934, under name of Courtney Gouthey and she states that subject gave a check for this car on his own bank account and that this bank account was started with money given to subject by Gwendolyn Pittinger of Santa Barbara, California. This informant avers that subject purchases some of his clothes at Marshall-Fields, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Alexander advised that subject using the name of Arthur Adolph De Bussey De Bougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont had married Miss Alleah N. Gillette, 411 Henry Street, Houston, Texas, date unknown, and that a son was born to Mrs. Gillette on February 13, 1934. Mrs. Gillette has corresponded with Miss Alexander and furnished the following information concerning subject:

Claimed his first wife had died in Mexico and that he had married his first wife in France about four years ago; that he has two sons, twelve and sixteen years of age, whereabouts unknown, and that he has a daughter buried in France; wore a small mustache while in Houston; claimed his parents lived in Paris France and that he had one son in London; borrowed money from a Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, West Lake, La.; on July 1, 1933, borrowed a car from a preacher named Partin at Marlin, Texas, and subsequently abandoned it at Shreveport, La. The additional alias set forth in the title hereof was furnished by Mrs. Alleah Gillette.

The facts in this case were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney Jackson at San Antonio who stated that prosecution of subject for the transportation of Miss Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn. will be authorized upon the location of subject.

For the information of the Salt Lake City and New Orleans offices which offices have not received previous reports, subject has married numerous women throughout the country and so far as is known has not been divorced from any of them. He transported victim Smith from Birmingham, Ala. to Chicago, Ill. where he deserted her and transported victim Clyde Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn., where he deserted her. Prosecution has already been authorized at Birmingham and San Antonio. Photographs with subject's description on the back are forwarded herewith to both the Salt Lake City and New Orleans offices.

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Boston: Will ascertain if there is a Dr. Van Dusen in Boston who is acquainted with subject. Will interview Tony Gouthey, c/o A.G. Spaulding & Co., Springfield, Mass., as requested in reference report.

Salt Lake City Office: Will ascertain if Captain Oscar K. Walber, U.S. Army, Retired, 734 Emerson Ave., Salt Lake City, has any information concerning subject.

New Orleans Office: Will locate the Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson at West Lake, La., from whom subject is alleged to have borrowed some money and ascertain what they know of him.

San Antonio Office: Will interview Mrs. Alleah Gillette Pierrepont, 411 Henry Street, Euoston, Texas, for the details of her marriage to subject and any other information she might have that would assist in his location.

Will ascertain if there is a preacher named Partin at Marlin, Texas, from whom subject borrowed a car on July 1, 1933, which he subsequently abandoned at Shreveport, La.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

503 A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
December 3, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases.  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.  
White Slave Traffic Act.  
S.L. File 31-1977.

Dear Sir:

The office of origin in this case is Birmingham, Ala.,  
and it was received at this office on November 27, 1934. The  
investigation lies at Salt Lake City, Utah, and is presently in  
assignment.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*  
JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RE: REV. C. W. HENRY, alias  
D. C. HENRY, alias  
FLIGHT TO AVOID DETENTION, ETC.

As the instant case has been carried as a Flight To  
Avoid Prosecution case, when it should have been carried as a White  
Slave Traffic Act case, this file is being closed, and all serials  
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Special Agent in Charge

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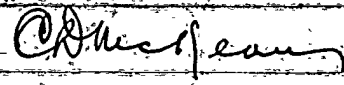
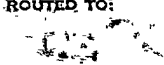


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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

FILE NO. **51-56 AMK**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>12-10-34</b>  | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>12-7-34</b>  | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>W. V. McLAUGHLIN</b>  |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON aliases: DR. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, REV. COURTNEY GOUTHEY, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, J. WILBUR TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPHUS BUSSEY, DE BOUGAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT; CLYDE ALEXANDER-Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH-Victim</b>  |   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>  |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Personnel officials at A. G. Spalding Company, Chicopee, Mass., have no record of any Anthony Gouthey being employed at any time. Check-up at Post Office, hotels, police and Chicopee Savings Bank failed to secure any definite information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of F. J. Lackey, Special Agent, San Antonio, Texas,, dated November 24, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Investigation at the Chicopee Savings Bank, Chicopee, Mass., disclosed that subject under the name of Courtney Darling cashed three \$100.00 Travelers' Checks on July 23, 1934. It was not necessary, according to Mrs. Margaret Holmes, bank employee who cashed the checks for subject, to give any reference or other information. Consequently, neither the Clerk nor the bank records have any other record on subject.</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Inquiry at the local Post Office and hotels revealed that Hetherington, alias Courtney, did not rent a postal box or stay at hotel around that period.</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">F. O. Callahan, Chief of Chicopee Police, stated that in August he had received a letter from Mrs. Courtney Darling, 1415 Chatalac Street, Santa Barbara, California, saying that her husband, Courtney, had been missing for some time and fearing that he might have met with an accident, requested their assistance in searching that part of the country for him.</p> |   |   |   |
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Chief Frank Callahan said he had made a search of hotels, hospitals, boarding houses and any other likely stopping places in the district at that time but failed to find any trace of the subject or information that he had ever stayed in the town.

Personnel officials at the A. G. Spalding Company, Chicopee, Mass., failed to find any record of a Tony Gouthey or any name approaching the same but when Agent advised them that Gouthey was alleged to be their Foreign Representative, they said it might be possible to locate him at the Spalding New York office. Contact with William T. Brown, Assistant Treasurer, who is in charge of foreign interests might locate Anthony Gouthey.

Search of the Boston Medical Directory failed to reveal any Dr. Van Dusen.

Subject married Gwendolyn Pithinger at Santa Barbara, California, on May 8, 1934, and deserted her after obtaining \$1,000.00 from an acquaintance. He later married Clyde Alexander at San Antonio, Texas, on August 27, 1934, transporting her to Memphis, Tennessee, and deserting her. He is reported to have married numerous times and having abandoned his wives.

Later, as Maurice Pierrepont, he also married Mrs. Alice N. Gillette at Houston, Texas.

Description of Hetherington is as follows:

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| Name          | Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases  |
| Age           | 45 years  |
| Height        | 5'3"  |
| Weight        | 160 lbs.  |
| Hair          | Black   |
| Eyes          | Hazel   |
| Teeth         | One upper tooth discolored  |
| Complexion    | Olive   |
| Scars         | Small indentation on top of forehead;<br>small scar on one upper forearm;<br>hair line scar under chin. |
| Peculiarities | Has a heavy beard requiring frequent shaving;<br>wears number 5 shoe.                                   |
| Education     | Is well educated, intelligent and shrewd.   |
| Appearance    | Well mannered, courteous, uses excellent<br>language in conversation.                                   |

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NEW YORK OFFICE: Will contact William T. Brown, Assistant Treasurer, 105 Nassau Street, New York City, in order to ascertain if Tony Gouthey, alleged cousin of subject, was ever employed by them. If Gouthey is located, he will be questioned concerning his knowledge of the present whereabouts of subject.

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December 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: REV. COURTNEY WITHERINGTON, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;  
HAZEL ISLER SMITH - Victim;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Division file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Division at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-New York  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-1590** tm

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases; ET AL.</b> |                                    |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

This subject, as Maurice Pierrepont, was at West Lake, La., during the early summer of 1933, at which time he victimized Vernon M. Atkinson, obtaining \$250.00. The Atkinsons unable to furnish a lead which might assist in locating him.

**HUG.**

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent E. J. Lackey, San Antonio, Texas, November 24, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WEST LAKE, LOUISIANA**

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Atkinson, residing two miles north of West Lake, La., advised that this subject, whom they knew as Maurice Pierrepont, appeared in the community about the middle of May, 1933, and remained until June 26, 1933, residing at the Atkinson home and holding revivals, the subject posing as a Pentecost minister. He was accompanied by his "wife", who was identified as Mrs. Alice Gillette Pierrepont, a resident of Houston, Texas. This party is mentioned in reference report.

**DETAILS:**

The subject claimed to have \$50,000 worth of surgical instruments buried in Old Mexico and on his departure, Vernon Atkinson loaned him \$250. to go to Mexico on subject's promise to pay back \$500. The Promissory note which the subject gave to Atkinson, in Pierrepont's handwriting, is transmitted to the Birmingham office.

Pierrepont was unknown to the Atkinsons before he appeared in the community. It appears that the subject was extremely shrewd or the Atkinsons very gullible or both, as they were questioned closely for some lead which would assist in

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locating him. The subject claimed his home was in Paris, France; that he was in the World War but the Atkinsons did not remember with which country; that he has badly broken insteps; and a wound, which appears to be that made by a bullet in his back; that he was at one time arrested in Houston, Texas but released, so he advised. This was the extent of their information.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE: At Houston, Texas. Check the records at the Identification Unit of the Police Department to determine if the subject was printed at the time of his arrest, date or offense not known.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Birmingham, Alabama

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><u>Rockville, Tenn.</u>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><u>12-26-34</u> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><u>11-22-34</u> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><u>C. A. [unclear]</u>          |
| TITLE:<br><u>Rev. [unclear] with aliases; 1-3-34</u><br><u>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</u> |                                    |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><u>THE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</u> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Letherington and wife stayed at the home of Mrs. Dickson, 1516 Latham Street, Memphis, Tennessee, from September 22 to September 26, 1934. He left soon after a telegram was received at this house stating that a Rev. Letherington was wanted in Birmingham for deserting his wife, who is now at San Antonio, Texas. U. S. Attorney at Memphis declines prosecution.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent W. J. L. Rieper dated September 22, 1934 at Birmingham, Alabama, and letter from Birmingham office dated October 5, 1934. Report of Special Agent J. C. Lawner, Birmingham, Alabama, November 13, 1934.

**DETAILS:** AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. George Dickson, residing at 1516 Latham Street, was interviewed. The referenced letter of the Birmingham office gives this name as Mrs. George Dickson or Dickson which is incorrect. Upon being shown the photo of Letherington, she identified it as one Dr. Cortney Leathley who had stayed at her home, and gave the following facts:

She first met Letherington Saturday, September 22, 1934, at a church picnic held at Riverside Park, the church being called the Assembly of God, of which she is a member, and is located at 900 South Third Street. At that time Letherington said that he had been given the name of her pastor by a preacher in Little Rock, Arkansas. The pastor of her church was expecting a preacher soon.

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to hold a revival meeting, and at first thought that Hetherington was the preacher expected. He then asked subject if he would hold this revival, and he immediately accepted. Later realizing his mistake, he asked Mrs. Hickson if she would take Hetherington and his wife to her home and let them stay there for a while so they could "size him up".

Hetherington, with his wife, went to the home of Mrs. Hickson that night and they occupied a small bedroom. He drove a new Oldsmobile blue coupe with Michigan license plates and had new and expensive baggage. He was a very eloquent talker, used long medical terms and seemed to be very well educated. He stated that he had a rich father in England who had disowned him, that he was a graduate of Oxford and had traveled all over the world.

Between 1:30 and 2:00 o'clock Wednesday morning September 26, 1934, a telegram addressed to George Hudson Alexanders came to the home of Mrs. Hickson. Mrs. Hickson refused this telegram and informed messenger that no one by that name resided there. This telegram came back about 10:00 o'clock that morning, and she refused it again. That afternoon at 1:00 o'clock the telegram came back, and subject was seated in the front room when Mrs. Hickson refused to receive the telegram. He insisted that she take it, and, when she would not, he proceeded to take it himself and open the envelope. The telegram was from Mrs. Hazel Smith Hetherington, Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that a Rev. Hetherington was wanted by the Birmingham police for desertion of wife and child. Upon reading the telegram, Hetherington became quite indignant and said that she did not have a child. He then told Mrs. Hickson the person referred to in this telegram was a cousin, and that Hetherington was a family name, and he was always being mistaken for this cousin. He stated that this cousin was now holding a revival in Chicago, and that he would go downtown and notify the police. The telegram was then returned unclaimed to the telegraph office.

Hetherington then left with his wife and was gone for an hour or more. Mrs. Hickson then called her pastor and told him what had happened. He then went to the police station and gave them the details. When Hetherington came back to the home of Mrs. Hickson, Mr. Hickson was talking over the telephone to the pastor who was at the police station. Mrs. Hickson stated that subject heard Mr. Hickson say "police station" over the phone and that he became somewhat frustrated. Mrs. Hickson later learned from subject's wife that when he went to town he parked his car and left her in it while he went to transact his business.

Mrs. Hickson stated that Hetherington then hurriedly got his coat and drove off stating that he would be back soon. This is the last time she saw him. Subject's wife left the home of Mrs. Hickson on Thursday, October 4, 1934, and she has received several letters from her since. Subject's wife's present address is 526 Monticello Court, San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Hickson said that subject told his wife that he was not a naturalized citizen of the United States, but was still a citizen of England. She also found out that he had pawned an expensive Longene watch, which was a French make, for \$11. Mrs. Hickson later got permission from the police to redeem this watch and when she called the pawnshop she was informed that it had been redeemed on October 4, 1934.



Agent discussed this case with Assistant U. S. Attorney R. G. Draper, Memphis, who stated that in his opinion the proper place for prosecution was Birmingham or San Antonio, and he declined to authorize complaint at Memphis.

The photograph of Ketterington is being returned to San Antonio with copies of this report.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-2365**

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| TITLE: <b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, aliases,<br/>DR. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, REVEREND COURTNEY<br/>C. COURTNEY, DR. COURTNEY DALLING, J. WILBUR TAYLOR;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRMA SMITH - VICTIM</b> | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

A call was made on the manager, Mr. J. Fried, chief clerk H. M. Hall, and the mail clerk of the Army, Navy Club located at Farragut Square and I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. They had no information regarding the subject or a party by the name of Forrest Wentworth.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. C. Drewmer, Birmingham, Alabama dated November 19, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**DETAILS:**

Contact was made with Mr. J. Fried, manager of the Army, Navy Club, Washington, D. C., who states that they do not have a member by the name of Forrest Wentworth and he then called in his chief assistant Mr. H. M. Hall who is custodian of all the records so far as the guests and actual members are concerned. Mr. Hall searched his active file as well as his guest files for the past three years and they do not show a Forrest Wentworth. Further inquiry was made of Mr. Charles L. Milbourn, the clerk who handles the incoming mail, forwarding cards, etc. and he did not remember the name of Forrest Wentworth for the past three years or did he remember any mail being forwarded there for the Reverend Courtney Hetherington or under any of his aliases.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.**

FILE NO. **31-3845**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject purchased Oldsmobile business coupe, motor number F382876, bearing 1934 Michigan license F18-686, from the Lansing Oldsmobile Company 7-16-34 paying cash therefor. Registered Olds Hotel, Lansing, Michigan, 7-14, 16-34. Persons remembering Subject have no knowledge of his whereabouts. It is believed Rev. A. P. Gouthey may have some knowledge of Subject. Also, Subject may be registered at the Interdenominational Association of Evangelists.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. C. Brawner, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 11-19-34.

**DETAILS:**

**AT LANSING, MICHIGAN**

From Miss Jane Hooper, Motor Vehicle License Division, Department of State, Lansing, Michigan, Agent ascertained that 1934 Michigan license F18-686 had been issued to Courtney Gouthey, Hotel Olds, Lansing, for an Oldsmobile business coupe, serial number C85366, motor number F382876, which license had been issued on July 16, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

C. N. Reynolds, Title Division, Automobile Registration, Department of State, exhibited title number 0415660 disclosing that an Oldsmobile business coupe, 1934 model, described as above, was sold to Courtney Gouthey, Hotel Olds, on July 16, 1934, by the Lansing Oldsmobile Company, 315 South Capitol Street, Lansing, Michigan. The title disclosed that cash had been paid for the car and there were no encumbrances thereon.

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Agent interviewed Mr. Morrison, General Manager of the Lansing Oldsmobile Company, 315 South Capitol Street, who stated that he remembered Subject very well; that one day during the past summer Subject had come into their place of business stating that he wished to purchase an automobile but requesting a salesman who was married, had a child, and whose wife did not work. Mr. Morrison stated that he selected Mr. Thomas O'Brien who subsequently sold Subject a car. Subject upon entering the establishment had given his name to Mr. Morrison as Dr. C. Darling and had exhibited a card bearing this name and the names of the following cities: London, Paris, New York. Mr. Morrison immediately identified the photograph of Subject which was exhibited to him by Agent as being that of Dr. C. Darling. He stated further that Subject seemed to be very well educated, was a fluent speaker and was given to being a bit boastful of his achievements in his chosen profession, namely that of evangelist. Mr. Morrison has not seen Subject since the day he purchased the car and did not know Subject prior to his coming into the Lansing Oldsmobile Company. He has no knowledge of Subject's present whereabouts.

Agent interviewed Thomas O'Brien, salesman, Lansing Oldsmobile Company (residence: 623 West Ottawa Street) who stated that he had been sitting in Mr. Morrison's office the day Subject first came in and when Subject had asked to see a married man, with a child, whose wife was not working, he (Mr. O'Brien) had spoken up and said: "I'm the man." Mr. O'Brien stated that he had sold Subject the aforescribed Oldsmobile business coupe; that Subject, upon first acquaintance, had given him the name of Dr. C. Darling but requested that the car be registered under the name of Courtney Gouthey inasmuch as he had had trouble with his wife and although he had given her \$5,000 did not wish the car to be traced. He stated that Courtney Gouthey was also his real name and that Dr. C. Darling was his professional name which he had adopted while practicing in London. Mr. O'Brien stated that Subject at first was very businesslike but later admitted that he enjoyed a game of poker as well as a glass of beer and in this connection had stated that he had ridden from San Francisco to Chicago on a train with a Mr. Jones who was Regional Manager of the Oldsmobile Company and had engaged in a game of poker with Mr. Jones. It was ascertained that the Mr. Jones referred to is Ray Jones, Regional Manager, Oldsmobile Company, who resides at 1375 East 8th Street, Oakland, California. Mr. O'Brien advised further that he has received one letter from Subject, written from Taunton, Massachusetts, on American Legion stationery and requested Mr. O'Brien to write him care of the American Legion there. When Agent exhibited photograph of Subject to Mr. O'Brien he positively identified it as being that of Dr. C. Darling or Courtney Gouthey, the man who had purchased the car from him in July, 1934. Mr. O'Brien stated that on one occasion while out with Subject, Subject had requested the name of a bank where he could get some money whereupon Mr. O'Brien accompanied him to the Peoples State Savings Bank where Subject talked to Mr. Shaw, the Vice President. Mr. O'Brien did not know what their conversation was about or whether Mr. Shaw cashed a check for Subject.

time. He did not know where Dr. Gouthey would stay while in Detroit but gave Agent his own telephone number (Plaza 8755) and stated that his wife would be able to give Agent this information after Dr. Gouthey arrived. Inasmuch as the names given by Subject are identical with Dr. Gouthey, it is believed that some information may be secured from him and he will be contacted at a later date by the Detroit Office. Dr. Rollins also suggested that some information concerning Subject may be secured from the Inter-denominational Association of Evangelists, located at Winona Lake, Indiana, as all of the more important evangelists in the country are members of this association. He gave the name of Rev. Harry Von Bruch, President of this association, as being the person to contact for such information.

For the information of the San Francisco Office which does not appear to have received previous reports in this case the following information is being set out: Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2694 North 42nd Avenue, advised the Birmingham Office that her daughter, Hazel, had met Hetherington in the Fall of 1933 while she was singing at a church to which he had come to preach; that in the course of her acquaintance, he was brought to her home where he represented to them, as he did to everyone in Birmingham, that he was from London, England, having graduated from Oxford and the Royal Surgery College but now was a preacher having been converted when he had been cured of paralysis by religious faith; that his father was wealthy and very old, residing in London, England; that her daughter was married to Hetherington on December 9, 1933, at Birmingham, Alabama, having been married by Dr. Walker, a Baptist minister. This marriage was against the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith. After the marriage, Hetherington continued to hold revivals and was doing very well, having been considered an exceptional preacher and was well thought of by everyone. About March 1934, Hetherington stated that he did not want his wife to be moving around continually since she was pregnant and that he was going to give up holding revivals for her sake and go back to his medical profession and open a laboratory for germ culture and analysis, which he believed was very badly needed in this part of the South. Claiming that there was some difficulty in obtaining the money from his father, he prevailed upon the Smiths to borrow \$1,000 which they gave to him to purchase the necessary laboratory equipment. Hetherington stated that it would be necessary for him to go to Chicago to purchase this equipment. With this in mind, he and his wife proceeded to Chicago, registered at the LaSalle Hotel, at which place he deserted her on March 11, 1934.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, at Oakland, California, is requested to interview Ray Jones, Regional Manager, Oldsmobile Company, at his residence 1375 East 8th Street and secure from him any information which he may possess concerning Subject or any information Subject may have divulged to him during the trip from San Francisco to Chicago.

The BOSTON OFFICE, at Taunton, Massachusetts, is requested to make appropriate investigation at the American Legion in order to ascertain any information concerning Subject's whereabouts.

The CHICAGO OFFICE, at Winona Lake, Indiana, is requested to interview Rev. Harry Von Eruch, President, Inter-denominational Association of Evangelists ascertaining whether or not Subject is a member of this association and any other pertinent information with regard to his whereabouts.

The DETROIT OFFICE, at Detroit, Michigan, will at a later date interview Dr. A. P. Gouthey relative to information he may possess concerning Subject.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama**

FILE NO. **31-3076** TS

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Unsigned note believed from subject found in yard of Mrs. W. E. Smith's home, Birmingham, Ala. on 11-18-34 which Mrs. Smith believes was dropped from airplane. Airplane pilots who were flying from Birmingham airports state they do not have any knowledge of the note being dropped. Clerk at the Municipal Airport advised that she has seen a man at the airport who resembles the picture of Hetherington.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. C. Brauner, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 11-19-34.

**DETAILS:**

**AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2604 42nd Avenue North, stated that about 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of November 18, 1934, she and her neighbor, George Abney, 2600 24th Avenue North, were walking to the pig pen in her back yard when Abney picked up a piece of folded up paper tied to a large bolt; when this piece of paper was untied and unfolded, it was found to be an envelope containing the following note:

**DETAILS:**

"I was afraid to bring this by automobile, afraid of being seen, so I brought it by aeroplane and I hope you get it O.K. I'll come for you and the tot soon and we will go to England."

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><i>J. C. Brauner</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                        | 84-12-16  | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>JAN 14 1935</b> |
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Mrs. Smith further stated that between 3:30 and 4:00 o'clock in the same afternoon, an airplane had circled around over her house at a low altitude and she believes that this note was dropped by subject from this airplane. Mrs. Smith further stated that she had been informed that one of the numbers on this airplane was a 7.

Hazel Smith, 2604 42nd Avenue North, advised that she was walking near her home around 3:30 or 4:00 o'clock on November 18, 1934, and noticed a plane circling near their home at a low altitude; that this plane appeared to have an open cockpit and was red in color. Hazel Smith further stated that Hetherington told her that he was an airplane pilot in France, and she believes that he dropped the note; that she is positive that Hetherington wrote the note as he always spoke of children as tots and used the word aeroplane when speaking of airplanes. Hazel Smith also stated that someone had mentioned to her that a newspaper item told of an airplane being wrecked in the mountains of Tennessee, and a man and woman being killed, around November 19 or 20, and that she thought it may have some connection to this case.

George A. Wiggs, Aeronautical Inspector of the United States Department of Commerce, McConnell Field, Nashville, Tenn., advised that he has investigative jurisdiction over all aircraft accidents in Tennessee and that no plane has been wrecked in Tennessee in the past several months.

Preston Pruitt, 2708 41st Avenue North, stated that he remembers seeing an airplane circling around the Smith home on November 18, 1934 and this airplane was very low; that he thinks this was a National Guard airplane, as it appeared to be yellow in color and had some numbers and letters on the wings; that this airplane had open cockpits and carried two persons.

Mrs. Frances Kendricks, Clerk at the Municipal Airport, Manager's Office, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that on the afternoon of November 18, 1934, Frank Ward and A. R. Pryor were flying from the Municipal Airport Field and both of them were flying red ships; that the following visiting ships landed at the airport that day:

- Arr. 1:18 p.m. Lt. Bawgel in U.S. Army plane,  
with one passenger;
- Arr. 1:42 p.m. P. Higgins in Stinson Plane #NC11176,  
This carried Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt.
- Arr. 5:20 p.m. J.E. Douglas in Fairchild plane #NC14719  
with one passenger.

Lt. Lovett Stephenson, 4250 1st Avenue South, advised that he was flying a National Guard airplane on the afternoon of November 18, 1934, but was not in the vicinity of 2604 42nd Avenue North. A picture of Hetherington was exhibited to Stephenson and he stated that he has never seen the man.

Wm. B. Poe, 219 89th Street North, stated that he was flying a National Guard airplane on the afternoon of November 18, 1934 and flew in the vicinity of 2604 42nd Avenue North, and as he was taking pictures from the air, he flew low and circled around. Poe further stated that he did not drop a note and after being shown a picture of Hetherington said that he has never seen the man. Poe further stated that it would take a very experienced pilot to drop a message close to a predetermined mark; that from the condition of the bolt that was tied to the note, he would state that it had not been dropped from an airplane.

At a later interview Hazel Smith advised that on Sunday, December 15, 1934, she noticed that an automobile stopped across the street from her home and blew the horn several times, but did not give the incident any particular attention at the time; that the next day a neighbor who lives across the street told Miss Smith that she had noticed this automobile and observed that there were three men in it, one of whom appeared to be short, and who remarked, "this is the house, you need go no further", and that these men parked there for a few minutes and then drove off; that this neighbor did not know the make of the automobile but had noticed that it carried Michigan license tags #62-810. Miss Smith stated that it is possible that Hetherington may have been in this automobile. It should be noted that the last definite information concerning Hetherington's automobile was that it carried Michigan license tags #N18-686.

Miss Smith furnished a specimen of Hetherington's handwriting consisting of a letter written in French, which is being retained in the Birmingham office, as it may be of assistance in apprehending Hetherington at a later date.

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
January 10, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: REV. COURTNEY LETHERINGTON, aliases:  
DR. COURTNEY LETHERINGTON, REV. COURTNEY  
COURTNEY, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, J. WILBUR  
TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DE BUCKEY DE  
BOYCAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT LAURICE  
PIERREPOINT;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;  
HAZEL TRENT SMITH-VICTIM;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. K.  
Collins, Detroit, Michigan, 1-7-35, in connection with the above  
entitled case, which sets out a lead for the San Francisco office.

Attached hereto is a copy of the photograph of the  
subject for your assistance in carrying out this lead, and it  
might further be mentioned that his description is as follows:

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| Name          | Rev. Courtney Letherington, with aliases.   |
| Age           | 45 years  |
| Height        | 5' 3"   |
| Weight        | 160 lbs.  |
| Hair          | Black   |
| Eyes          | Hazel   |
| Teeth         | One upper tooth discolored  |
| Complexion    | Olive   |
| Scars         | Small indentation on top of forehead;<br>Small scar on one upper forearm;<br>Hair line scar under chin. |
| Peculiarities | Has heavy beard requiring frequent<br>shaving; wears number five shoe.                                  |
| Education     | Well educated, intelligent & shrewd   |
| Appearance    | Well mannered, courteous, uses<br>excellent language in conversation.                                   |

Very truly yours,

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J. H. LARSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

RECORDED  
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FILE NO. 88-12-17

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Salt Lake City, Utah.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>1-10-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>1/4-8/35.</b>                                       | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>C.B. KELLY - C.J.</b>           |
| TITLE:<br><b>"Changed"</b><br><b>REV. COURTNEY ETHERINGTON aliases: DR. COURTNEY ETHERINGTON; REV. COURTNEY GOUTHEY; DR. COURTNEY DARLING; J. WILBUR TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DE MUSSEY DE BOUGAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT; DR. COURTENAY DARLING; DR. COURTNEA; DR. PIERPONT.</b>  |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;"><b>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim,</b><br/><b>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Subject was in Salt Lake City in 1932 and April 1934, under suspicious circumstances, flashed large quantities of money, has written one of his associates in Salt Lake City in April 1934, last letter dated at Santa Barbara, California. Present whereabouts unknown to persons contacted at Salt Lake City.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F.J. Lackey, San Antonio, Texas, November 24, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY.</p> <p>The title of this report is changed to include the names of DR. COURTENAY DEALING; DR. COURTNEA; DR. PIERPONT, as aliases of Subject.</p> <p>Agent contacted Captain Oscar K. Walber, who lives at the Belvedere apartments, Salt Lake City, and he stated that he gave the subject in this case one of his calling cards some time in April 1934, while he, Capt. Walber was residing at 734 Emerson Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah; that he had only known subject for a very few minutes, but that the subject was flashing considerable money and he thought that he possibly could interest subject in drilling an oil well</p> |                                   |  |   |
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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>John A. Dand</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |                                   | 88-12-17<br>JAN 15 1935 AM<br>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION<br>ROUTED TO:              |   |
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and that would be the circumstances under which Subject had his calling card. Captain Walber stated that he met subject at a hamburger stand operated by H. Myers, located opposite the Police Station on 1st South, Salt Lake City.

Captain Walber told agent that H. Myers, owner of the hamburger stand directly opposite the police station at Salt Lake City, would probably have some information concerning this subject, and that he, Walber, did not know the whereabouts of subject. While Capt. Walber was unable to identify the photograph of subject, he believes the man he knew was subject.

Agent called on Dr. H. Myers, and procured a letter from Dr. Myers that he had received from subject. This letter was from Santa Barbara, California, dated April 27, 1934, with which subject forwarded a blotter in the form of an advertisement for the Four Square Gospel Church, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, on which appears the photograph of Gwendolyn Lettinger, Pastor-Evangelist, Phone 27711. He also enclosed in his letter to Dr. Myers a circular 8"X 11" in size which had the following information written on it:-

"OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL NIGHTLY 7:30 p.m. COME AND MEET REV. DR. COURTNEY DARLING OF LONDON AND PARIS, WORLD-WIDE TRAVELER, MISSIONARY AND EVANGELIST. DURING THIS REVIVAL DR. DARLING WILL TELL OF HIS EXPERIENCES WITH THE FOREIGN LEGION, CATHOLS, CHINA, AFRICA ETC. COME EVERY NIGHT AND MEET A FRIEND, BRING THE SICK, THE LAME & OF ALL SORTS OF NEEDS".

This circular was issued in the interest of the Four Square Gospel Church. This revival was to be held at the Four Square Gospel Church, 1415 Chapala Street, Sister Gwendolyn Lettinger, pastor.

In the letter to Dr. Myers, subject informs that Santa Barbara is a beautiful city; that he has a charming companion, is following interesting work, and that all his needs have been supplied. It is believed that he at that time intended to remain for some time at least with the Four Square Gospel Church. This letter to Dr. Myers gives subject's address as Rev. Dr. Courtney Darling, Apt. 201, Elderly Court Apts., Chapala & Solis Sts., Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dr. Myers also stated that the subject had lived in Salt Lake City for approximately six months, two or three years ago; that at the time he was living in Salt Lake City he was down and out and did not have any extra money; that on his second visit however in April 1934 subject had large bills, and he was dressed flashily; that he entertained several of the men who were frequent visitors at the hamburger stand by taking them to night clubs and shows; that a Mr. Boone Cummings at the Salvation Army might know something concerning this subject.

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subject is alleged to have committed. Photograph of this man was exhibited to Harold Myers, and he stated that it resembled subject. This man is described as follows:-

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| Age.                                   | 31 (1932)                   |
| Height.                                | 5ft. 7in.                   |
| Weight.                                | 168 lbs.                    |
| Hair.                                  | Light brown.                |
| Eyes.                                  | Blue.                       |
| Race.                                  | White.                      |
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| Cre. on State Pen. No. 13080 (7-1-34). |                             |

Copy of this photograph is being sent to the Birmingham office for any value it may have.

The letter from subject to Harold Myers, the circular of the Four Square Gospel Church referred to above, and the blotter in the form of an advertisement of the Foursquare Gospel Church referred to above, are being attached to the Birmingham office copies of this report.

For the information of the Los Angeles office, Miss Clyde Alexander, 226 Montecello Court, San Antonio, Texas, stated that she was married to Rev. Courtney Gouthey at San Antonio, Texas, on August 27, 1934, after which she went with him to San Angelo, Texas, thence to Cisco, Texas, thence to Wichita Falls, Texas, thence to Memphis, Tenn., where subject deserted her. He is also alleged to have perpetrated this same criminal offense against Hazel Irene Smith whom he transported from Birmingham, Ala., to Chicago, Ill., where he deserted her. The Birmingham office advised in report of reference that prosecution has been authorized by the U.S. Attorneys at Birmingham, Ala., and San Antonio, Texas.

UNRECORDED REAUSED.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE: At SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA: Will make investigation to locate the subject in this case, interviewing Sister Gwendolyn Lettinger, Pastor of the Four Square Gospel Church, 1415 Chapala Street, ascertaining from her any information that would be of value in locating this subject. Photograph of subject, on the reverse side of which is subject's description, is attached to the Los Angeles copies of this report.

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br>NEW YORK CITY   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br>1-14-35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br>1-9-35  | REPORT MADE BY:<br>H. C. LESLIE                |
| TITLE:<br>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.  |                            |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT. |
| <p>SYNOPSIS: Inquiries were made at the Jewelers Board of Trade, 22 West 40th Street, New York City, and at the Jewelers Security Exchange, 16 Maiden Lane, New York City, for a John or Jack Young, and it was learned that there was no record of any such person engaged in the jewelry business in New York City. The records at the Jewelers Board of Trade, New York City. Directories consulted, listing opticians, 27th Street, listed for names Jack or John Young in jewelry business, without result. Jewelers Board of Trade and Jewelers Security Alliance by telephone and, in answer contacted and advised there is no recollection of subject, he is heard of a Jack or John Young engaged in the jewelry trade or any of jewelry trade in New York City.</p> <p>The telephone directory reflects the name of Young's Jewelry &amp; Furniture Store, 231 E. 125th Street, New York City. Agent interviewed Mr. Everett Young, the proprietor, who advised that he never heard of the subject of this case.</p> |                            |   |  |
| <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. C. Brawner, Birmingham, Ala., dated 11-19-34.</p>   |                            |   |  |
| <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mr. Dudley Field Malone, attorney, 247 Park Avenue, New York City, was interviewed concerning subject and was shown subject's photograph. He advised he positively did not know subject, never heard of him, and never represented his father.</p> <p>Agent consulted the New York City directories for the names of Jack or John Young in the jewelry business. While there are several hundred</p>  |                            |   |  |
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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>L. H. Fays</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE    | 88-12-118   | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br>JAN 15 1935           |
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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY FETHERINGTON aliases; DR. COURTNEY FETHERINGTON, REV. COURTNEY CUMLEY, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, J. WILFRED TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH LE FUSSEY DE BOUGHAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPOINT; CLYDE ALEXANDER-Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH-Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>   |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br><p style="text-align: center;">Unable to locate Mrs. Ida Carne in Los Angeles.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>   |                                   |  |  |
| REFERENCE:<br><p>Report of Special Agent J. C. Browner, Birmingham, dated 11-19-34.</p>  |                                   |  |  |
| DETAILS:<br><p>Agent was unable to locate MRS. IDA CARNE either in Los Angeles City or Telephone Directories.</p>  |                                   |  |  |
| UNDEVELOPED LEAD:<br><p>DETAILS:<br/> The Los Angeles Division Office will conduct the investigation at Santa Barbara and Colton, California, as requested in reference report.</p>  |                                   |  |  |
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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HEATHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject registered at Hotel Belmore, Taunton, Mass., the night of July 30, 1934. No identification of subject's photograph at American Legion Post nor any knowledge of subject's procurement of American Legion stationery. A request for information posted on American Legion Bulletin Board.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report made by J. K. Collins, Detroit, Michigan, dated 1-7-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TAUNTON, MASS.**

At the American Legion Headquarters Agent displayed a photograph of the subject to the following members present who were unable to identify it: Arthur Lemieux, Ray J. Moody, Alfred E. Banks, Joseph C. Poirier, Bernard Meinhardt, Oscar Marcotte and Arthur Hagen.

None of the above persons had any knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the procuring of American Legion stationery by subject.

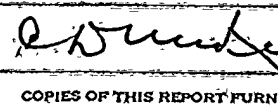
**DETAILS:**

Also present at this time was Francis J. Unsworth, Past Commander of the Taunton, Mass., American Legion Post from October, 1933, to October, 1934. He also could not identify subject's photograph nor explain how subject came into possession of American Legion stationery.

Mr. Lemieux stated that Howard Farrow, present Commander since October, 1934, might have some knowledge of this matter.

Upon interrogation, Commander Farrow could give no information concerning the identification and location of the subject. He also

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L. A. FILE NO. **31-2518**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY DEXTERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLEVE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRWIN SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                           |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject married Gwendolyn Fittinger, Santa Barbara, California, May 8, 1934, under name of Dr. Courtney Darling and deserted her July 11, 1934, after securing \$1600.00 from Helen Eldridge, Santa Barbara, for the purpose of traveling to London, England. Subject reported to have been in North Hollywood, California, about two months ago driving an Oldsmobile Coupe.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. C. Ingwer, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 11-11-34.

**DETAILS:** Agent interviewed Gwendolyn Fittinger, pastor of the Four Square Gospel, church branch of the Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, California, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, who advised that about April 1, 1934, subject under the name of Dr. Courtney Darling came to Santa Barbara to hold bible services at the Four Square Gospel Church; that he made ardent love to her and, after a brief courtship, married her May 8, 1934; that subject announced to the congregation of the Four Square Gospel Church that his relatives in England were wealthy and that, if he could secure the sum of \$2000.00 with which to return to

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England, he would come back from England with the sum of \$15,000.00 for the Church; that HELEN ELDRIDGE, a member of the Four Square Gospel Church, in response to his appeal, gave subject the sum of \$1600.00 with which to go to England; that this sum of money was given in the presence of Helen Eldridge's brother, FRANK STRONACH, Chief of the Santa Barbara Fire Department; that subject purchased American Railway Express Travellers Checks and left July 11, 1934, for Chicago, supposedly en route for London; that since said date she has not seen nor heard from subject; that about two months ago, Reverend Sibley, pastor of the North Hollywood Four Square Gospel Church, located at Cumpston and Klump, advised her over the telephone that a man had come to his home introducing himself as DR. GOUTHEY requesting him to get in touch with Gwendolyn Pitinger stating that he must see her alone; that the party representing himself to Reverend Sibley as Dr. Gouthey had come to see him in an Oldsmobile automobile and promised to return at five P.M. but did not return; that after Dr. Gouthey left Reverend Sibley recognized him as the Dr. Darling who had married her, Gwendolyn Pitinger.

Gwendolyn Pitinger stated that she had no further information concerning subject but in the event she heard anything further from him she would immediately advise the Los Angeles Division Office.

Agent interviewed Chief of Police Jess Butts of Santa Barbara, who advised that he had never given a check or any money to subject and, in fact, had never heard of him at all.

Agent interviewed FRANK W. STRONACH, Chief of the Santa Barbara Fire Department, who advised that Helen Eldridge, his sister, is out of the city but that he knew the full details. He stated that he was with his sister when she gave subject the sum of \$1600.00 with which to go to London, England; that subject bought American Railway Express Travellers Checks at the County National Bank, Santa Barbara; that he subsequently corresponded with the New York City offices of the American Railway Express Company and found that all checks had been cashed; that two had been cashed at Chicopee, Michigan, at the Chicopee Savings Bank and the balance having been cashed at Lansing, Michigan. He stated that about two months ago he received a telephone call from Brother Black of the Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, advising that subject had been seen in North Hollywood. Chief Stronach will advise the Los Angeles Office immediately should subject appear in Santa Barbara.

A letter has been written to the Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, requesting the 1935 registration for subject's Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor #N-382867, Serial 0415660.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The Los Angeles Division Office, at Los Angeles, Calif.,

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b>                      |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Police officer Frank Gonzales, Colton, California, denies telling anyone that subject resembles party residing in Colton. Subject is unknown to police at Colton, California.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. C. Brawner, Birmingham, Alabama, dated November 19, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT COLTON, CALIFORNIA.**


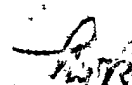
Agent interviewed FRANK GONZALES, Police Officer, 131 West O Street, Colton, who stated that he remembers some "hobo" giving informant a picture of subject in order that informant could be on the lookout for subject, who, according to the "hobo", was due to arrive in Colton very soon.

Officer Gonzales denied that he had stated that subject resembled a pastor whose family resides in Colton, and informed agent that subject is unknown to him.

Inquiry at Police Headquarters, Colton, disclosed that subject was unknown to any officers there.

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| TITLE: <b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. A. J. Couthey advises has no knowledge of Subject's identity or whereabouts. States photograph of Subject is familiar, cannot identify same. J. W. Hutchins advises never heard of Subject by true name or aliases, is unable to identify photograph of Subject. Dr. Couthey states Joe Jeffries, itinerant evangelist, has slight resemblance to Subject. M. Matthews, cashier, Eddystone Hotel, unable to identify Subject as Jeffries. -RUC-

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 7, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

At Detroit, Michigan

Dr. A. J. Couthey, 110 Sproat Street, was interviewed and advised that he had no knowledge of Subject's identity or present whereabouts. He stated however that he had been advised or had heard that someone posing as an evangelist had been using his name in various parts of the country. When questioned as to where he had heard the rumor, Agent was supplied with a copy of the Pentecostal Evangel, dated October 13, 1934, #1069, a magazine published weekly by the Gospel Publishing House of Springfield, Missouri, which contains on page 13 a statement entitled "Doctor Courtney Gouthey", and further stating that they, meaning the publishers of the paper, had received a letter from one of their pastors in Memphis, Tennessee, warning

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them against a man who when at Memphis had given the above name. The paper further related that during the period that the man resided in Memphis, a telegram was received by the Chief of Police from the Birmingham, Alabama, police, asking for the man's apprehension on a charge of wife abandonment and non-support. The police failed to apprehend the man as he drove hastily away in a blue 1934 Oldsmobile 6 coupe, leaving a young lady, whom he had recently married in Texas, and his luggage. The description as set forth in the magazine is that he was an Englishman, about 5 feet 2 inches tall, weight 160 pounds, approximately 46 years of age, an excellent speaker and of cultured manner. The magazine is being retained in the files at the Detroit office.

Dr. A. J. Couthey, upon being shown the photograph of Subject, advised that it bore a slight resemblance to Joe Jeffries, an itinerant evangelist who had resided at the Eddystone Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, some time during July and August of 1934.

Agent interviewed Miss M. Matthews, Cashier of the Eddystone Hotel, and photograph of Subject was exhibited to her, but she was unable to identify Subject as Joseph Jeffries.

Mr. J. W. Hutchins, Regional Sales Manager of Dodge Brothers, and Chairman of the Methodist Tabernacle, where the majority of evangelists preach while at Detroit, Michigan, was interviewed, but he was unable to identify photograph of Subject as anyone he knew.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Rev. G. A. Lundmark, 3131 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, met Hetherington at Lundmark's church in September 1933. Hetherington tried to secure preaching positions in Chicago and vicinity. Left forwarding address 135 Park Avenue, New York City. Lundmark last heard from him in Birmingham. Subject stayed at Mission Rest Home, 1848 Berenice Avenue, Chicago, also at Mrs. Grace Allen's, 550 Belmont Avenue, but left no accurate information as to possible location. Leads set out to contact sources which may give information regarding Subject's location.

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Report of Special Agent J. C. Brawner, Birmingham, Alabama, dated November 18, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

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Rev. G. A. Lundmark of 3131 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, phone Bittersweet 8654, advised Agent that he first met Hetherington in September of 1933. Lundmark was conducting the Friday evening services in the Lakeview Assembly of God, 3142 North Racine Avenue. He was introduced to Hetherington, who informed him that he, Hetherington, was also in religious work and had recently arrived in Chicago, and was anxious to obtain several places in and about Chicago where he might preach. Lundmark asked Hetherington for some sort of identification, stating

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from the Chicago Daily Tribune dated March 14, 1934 in which an account is given of Mrs. Hazel Smith Hetherington of Birmingham, Alabama coming to Chicago in search of her husband.

In October of 1934 Lundmark and his wife were in Seattle, Washington, and stayed with Hans Breda, 7046 24th Avenue, N.W., from October 20 to November 3. Hetherington's name was mentioned and Breda mentioned a person by the name of Courtney, which upon comparing notes with him, answered the same description as Hetherington. Breda mentioned that Hetherington had been conducting religious services in that vicinity and that he had overheard Hetherington mention his daughter, who was eighteen years old, and wife who lived somewhere in California.

In a recent publication of the General Council, Assembly of God, 336 West Pacific Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, Editor, Stanley H. Frodsham, a notice was printed warning the churches of that denomination to beware of a person by the name of Hetherington representing himself as a minister.

Miss Effie Spencer, the matron at the Mission Rest Home, 1848 Berenice Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Arthur Hetherington had been a guest in the Rest Home from September 16 to September 19, 1933. During his short stay there his conversation indicated that he was a minister in the Pentecostal Church; that he came from England and had been admitted to practice medicine in several of the states. At the same time Hetherington was in the Home there was a Miss E. M. Dill, a doctor, who, upon talking with Hetherington became suspicious of him as representing himself as a doctor. She wrote to several medical associations in an attempt to check up on the record of Hetherington and was unable to find that he was registered any place as a doctor. She believes that Hetherington became aware of this suspicion and caused him to leave rather suddenly. At the time Hetherington was at the Rest Home a Miss M. Leathern was also a guest there. Miss Leathern later was in Toledo, Ohio and happened to mention Hetherington to W. H. Thaxton of 512 Dear Street, Toledo, Ohio. In a letter which Miss Leathern wrote to Mrs. Spencer she mentioned Mr. Thaxton was acquainted with Hetherington, who had been in Toledo, where he became acquainted with a girl and went with her to Detroit where they stopped together at a hotel. He started to leave and took with him some property belonging to this girl, but the girl acted promptly and had the police apprehend him before he managed to get away with her property. It is possible that the Detroit Police may have a record of Hetherington. Agent was given this letter which is being retained in the Chicago file.



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| TITLE:<br><u>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases.</u><br><u>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim</u><br><u>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</u> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><u>White Slave Traffic Act</u> |

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Hans Breda of Seattle, Wash., has no information regarding family connections of subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. H. Mathis,  
Chicago, Illinois, 3/8/35.

## DETAILS:

--- At Seattle, Washington ---

Hans Breda, 7046-- 24th Street N.W., stated he had no further information on subject except that he understood from subject's conversation that he was married and had a daughter in California and that he did not question the subject in regard to his family connections. That he knows nothing of subject's present whereabouts or his connections.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**W. B. BLACK, Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, and Rev. W. L. SIBLEY, North Hollywood, have no information relative to subject's present whereabouts. No record of California registration for Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. N-382167.**

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**REFERENCE:**

**Report of Special Agent H. J. Kneen, Los Angeles, dated January 18, 1935.**

**DETAILS:**

**Agent contacted W. B. BLACK, General Supervisor of Branch Churches Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, California, who advised that he has no information concerning the whereabouts of subject but will immediately advise the Los Angeles office in the event he obtains such information.**

**Rev. W. L. SIBLEY, Pastor of the Four Square Gospel Church, 5541 Klump Ave., North Hollywood, California, was contacted and advised that sometime about last December a man came to his home introducing himself as DR. GOUTHEY and inquiring as to the whereabouts of GWENDOLYN PITINGER; that DR. GOUTHEY stated that he desired to see her alone; that, after said individual had conversed for several minutes, he, SIBLEY, decided that he was the husband of Gwendolyn Pitinger and told him to come back in an hour and, in the meanwhile, he secured local officers for the purpose of arresting subject on his return but that subject never returned. Rev. Sibley promised to immediately advise the Los Angeles office in the event that he ascertains the whereabouts of subject.**

**The Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, advised that they have no record of registration for Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor N-382167, Serial 041566Q.**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HENDERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRONS SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend Harry Von Bruch no longer at Winona Lake, Indiana. Reverend R. Hayes Willis, treasurer, advises he does not know Subject. Subject is not a member of the Interdenominational Evangelistic Association. Rev. Willis advised that Reverend John Brown heads the Southern Evangelistic Association at Siloam Springs, Arkansas and may have information concerning Subject.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 7, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

AT WINONA LAKE, INDIANA.

**DETAILS:**

Agent ascertained that the Reverend Harry Von Bruch, former president of the Interdenominational Evangelistic Association, is no longer president and is at the present time residing at 3001 East Second Street, Long Beach, California.

Agent then contacted the Reverend R. Hayes Willis, who is treasurer of this association, and he advised that he is familiar with or is acquainted with in one way or another every member of the association. Subject's picture was exhibited to both him and his wife, who is also a member of the association, and they stated that they could not identify Subject; that they have no record

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of him on their books and, in fact, have never heard of him. Reverend Willis stated he knows that if he was a member of the association he would know him or have some record of him.

He suggested that it is barely possible that the Reverend John Brown of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, who is head of the Southern Evangelistic Association, may know of Subject or could give some information as to whether or not he is a member of that evangelistic association or his whereabouts.

Inquiry at the post office at Winona Lake, Indiana failed to develop any information that would indicate that Subject was known to anyone about Winona Lake or had ever been there.

For the information of the Little Rock, Arkansas Office, which does not appear to have received previous reports on this subject matter the following information is being set out: Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2694 North 42nd Avenue, advised the Birmingham Office that her daughter, Hazel, had met Hetherington in the Fall of 1933 while she was singing at a church to which he had come to preach; that in the course of her acquaintance, he was brought to her home where he represented to them, as he did to everyone in Birmingham, that he was from London, England, having graduated from Oxford and the Royal Surgery College but now was a preacher having been converted when he had been cured of paralysis by religious faith; that his father was wealthy and very old, residing in London, England; that her daughter was married to Hetherington on December 9, 1933, at Birmingham, Alabama, having been married by Dr. Walker, a Baptist minister. This marriage was against the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith. After the marriage, Hetherington continued to hold revivals and was doing very well, having been considered an exceptional preacher and was well thought of by everyone. About March, 1934, Hetherington stated that he did not want his wife to be moving around continually since she was pregnant and that he was going to give up holding revivals for her sake and go back to his medical profession and open a laboratory for germ culture and analysis, which he believed was very badly needed in this part of the South. Claiming that there was some difficulty in obtaining the money from his father, he prevailed upon the Smiths to borrow \$1,000.00 which they gave to him to purchase the necessary laboratory equipment. Hetherington stated that it would be necessary for him to go to Chicago to purchase this equipment. With this in mind he and his wife proceeded to Chicago, registered at the LaSalle Hotel, at which place he deserted her on March 11, 1934.

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April 8, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;  
HAZEL IRINE SMITH - Victim;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Detroit  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br>Birmingham, Ala.  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br>4-10-35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br>1-23-35<br>3-27-35 | REPORT MADE BY:<br>F. M. STONE                |
| TITLE:<br>REV. GOURNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM. |                            |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Photograph of L. A. Hetherington, with aliases, former inmate of Oregon State Penitentiary, #13080, exhibited to Miss Hazel Smith, victim, and family, who fail to identify it as being a likeness of subject.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Sp. Agt. C. B. Kelly, Salt Lake City 1-10-35.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. A. Robey:

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Agent exhibited a photograph of L. A. Hetherington, with aliases, former inmate of the Oregon State Penitentiary, No. 13080, to Hazel Irene Smith, victim, and to Mrs. W. E. Smith, mother of victim, both of whom reside at 2604 North 42nd Street, who stated it was not the photograph of subject in this case, nor was it anyone they knew or had heard about from subject. This photograph, obtained from the Utah State Identification Bureau by the writer of the reference report, is being retained in the Birmingham file.

**DETAILS:**

No further leads are set out at this time, inasmuch as a review of the file reflects that several leads directed to other offices have not been developed and reported to the Birmingham office to date.

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Los Angeles, San Antonio and Salt Lake City for general information reflecting the result of the investigation conducted in Salt Lake City by the writer of the reference report, inasmuch as copies of the reference report were forwarded to the above named offices.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-3241**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. QUINCY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>OLIVE ALEXANDER - VICTIM,<br/>PAUL IRVING SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                 |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Doctor E. M. Hill, now residing at 1732 Laramie Street, Manhattan, Kansas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. H. Mathis, Chicago, Illinois, dated March 6, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PECKAY, INDIANA**

Mrs. L. Hill of Peckay, mother of Doctor E. M. Hill, advises that at the present time her daughter is residing at 1732 Laramie Street, Manhattan, Kansas.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**DETAILS:**

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Manhattan, Kansas will interview Doctor E. M. Hill, 1732 Laramie Street, Manhattan, Kansas, and obtain from her all information pertaining to subject Hetherington. For the information of the Kansas City Office, Doctor Hill not subject at the Mission Rest Home in Chicago, Illinois, who being suspicious of him made an investigation.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama**

FILE NO. **31-55**

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| TITLE: <b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, wa;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                   |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Hetherington was in Owensboro, Kentucky, for about ten days in the fall of 1933. No one contacted knows his present whereabouts. Last heard from by L. C. Varble, who received letter postmarked Birmingham, Alabama, 12-22-33. Hetherington held revivals at Abbeville, Alabama, Sayreton, Alabama, and Birmingham, Alabama, about December 22, 1933.

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**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent J. C. Brawner, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 11-19-34.

**Details:**

AT OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. Simon Smith, Deputy Sheriff Daviess County, Kentucky, on being asked by Agent if he knew anyone in Owensboro by the name of Mr. Verble, stated that he did not know anybody by that name, but that he did know a man by the name of L. C. Varble who ran a mill and lived at 1701 West 9th Street, that city.

Mr. L. C. Varble, 1701 West 9th Street, interviewed by agent, stated that he knew Reverend Courtney Hetherington, and that he had gotten two or three letters from him since his departure from Owensboro. The last letter received by Mr. Varble from Hetherington

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May 4, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled  
REVEREND COUNTRY HILLINGTON, with aliases; CLYDE  
ALEXANDER, VICTIM; HAZEL IRMA BIRTH, VICTIM; WHITE  
SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, your file No. 31-3076.

The Bureau desires that you review your  
file very carefully and set out the appropriate un-  
developed leads seeking the whereabouts of the  
subject. It is further desired that you furnish  
each field office to which leads are directed  
a full description and photograph of the subject.

For the immediate assistance of the Kansas  
City Office, the Bureau is forwarding herewith a  
copy of the subject's photograph on file at the  
Bureau.

It is desired that all interested offices  
give the investigation of this case their vigorous  
and expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Kansas City (with copy of photograph of subject)

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-2748**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>4-26-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>4-18 &amp; 20-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>E. H. HEAVRIN</b>               |
| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY BETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRONT SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

H. Frodsham, Editor, and J. R. Evans, Secretary of the General Council of the Assemblys of God, Springfield, Missouri, furnished Agent with copies of correspondence in their file giving all information known to them concerning Subject. Also loaned Agent a kodak picture of individual named Dr. Courtney Gouthy, which is being transmitted to office of origin. Editor Frodsham and Secretary Evans personally know a former religious worker named J. Wilber Taylor and positively state that he is not identical with the person calling himself Dr. Courtney Gouthy.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. H. Mathis, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-8-35.

**DETAILS:**

Agent interviewed H. Frodsham, Editor of the Pentecostal Evangel published by the General Council of the Assemblys of God, 336 West Pacific Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, as well as J. R. Evans, Secretary of that organization, concerning any information they might have regarding Subject, this request being based on a warning published in the October 13, 1934 issue of the Pentecostal Evangel warning people of that faith against an imposter named Dr. Courtney Gouthy. Messrs. Frodsham and Evans very willingly had copies made of their entire file of this matter and gave same to Agent, which are quoted as follows:

946 So. Somerville  
Memphis, Tenn.

Sept 13 1934

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Reverend Ernest S. Williams.  
General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God  
336 W. Pacific Street  
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Brother Williams:

Greetings in the Name of the Lord from the church in Memphis.

We have had an imposter here in the meeting, a man that you might want to warn the ministers against.

Saturday, the day before Brother Webb was to close his campaign, a man and his wife drove in. They said that they were ministers. He didn't ask for a campaign but he said that if he was needed he would stay with us for a while. Since we had no evangelist to follow Brother Webb we thought he might be good for us. We had a talk together with the deacons. I was not very well impressed with the way he boasted of his work, but he told of so many places that he had been and professed acquaintance with so many prominent Council ministers that we thought he must be all right. The deacons decided to let him stay a few days and see what he was like. The man's conduct in the home where he was placed was so strange that I told the deacons to interview him on Sunday night and get references for us to wire before we let him preach on Monday night. I went to work at the altar trusting the deacons to do what I had asked but they got frightened and let him go. Before he went in the pulpit on Monday I asked him for references. He gave me some Council ministers of the Texas District, and we noted that his hand shook as he wrote. So I sent word to the Superintendent of the Texas District and also to T. P. Anthony requesting information about the man.

We learned from the man's wife that he was 46 years of age and that she was 19. She married him against the protest of her parents, Brother Anthony performing the ceremony on the recommendation of a William Rush, her pastor at Corpus Christi. The man had married this girl while he was holding a campaign in Corpus Christi for this man Rush. He had known her only nine days.

Yesterday a strange telegram came to the home where they were staying. The folks phoned me immediately and I, suspicioning something wrong, went to the police station. There they showed me a telegram from the Chief of Police at Birmingham, Alabama, asking for his arrest on a charge of desertion and non-support of his wife there. The police had me call the house while they sent a squad car after him, and he, suspicioning what was happening, left in his car leaving his Corpus Christi wife and all of his luggage. On his way to Memphis he stayed with the pastor at Little Rock and with Brother Riley at Russellville, and I am afraid that he will work the same game elsewhere. He is very cultured, well educated and a smooth talker. Our ministers must be warned.

The description of the man: He is an Englishman; five feet

"two inches in height; weighs about 160 pounds. He is 46 years old. Appears very cultured, knows a long string of prominent Council ministers, claims to have preached in many Council churches and claims intimate acquainted with Donald Gee. The police say he is Courtney Gouthey alias Hetherington. He called himself Gouthey here. He was driving a blue Oldsmobile 6, a coupe, a new 1934 car. It has a Michigan "F" license.

The police here do not think that he is a citizen. They say that he is in all probability an international crook and is using the churches to further his game.

The man's wife (here) wants to find out about his family. He claims to come from a prominent lineage in London. He says that he knows Donald Gee quite well and that Donald Gee made an opening for him to preach in Crystal Palace, London. The girl wants to know if it is possible to get in touch with Donald Gee to find out if any of it is so.

As far as the church is concerned the man has made a quiet exit. I only announced that he found it necessary to leave town. However, the secret of what he really is has leaked out through one of the deacons today and I may have to make an explanation yet.

I have a telegram from T. P. Anthony and he says that he knows nothing of Courtney Gouthey other than that he married him to this girl on the recommendation of a William A. Rush.

Please excuse the "scatter brain" way in which this is written. I Haven't had time to organize my thoughts and my brother was talking to me while I wrote.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William Pickthorn

(Note: We corresponded with Donald Gee in England and he knows nothing of Courtney Gouthey. The G. C. of the A.G.)

(Copy of Notice which appeared in the  
PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL October 13, 1934).

#### DOCTOR COURTNEY GOUTHEY

We have received a letter from one of our pastors in Memphis, Tennessee, warning us against a man who, when in Memphis, gave the above name. The pastor says that while this man was there in the assembly a telegram was received by the Memphis chief of police from the Birmingham, Alabama chief of police asking for this man's arrest for wife abandonment and non-support.

"the police failed to apprehend him, as he drove hastily away in his blue, 1934 Oldsmobile 6 coupe, leaving a young lady whom he had recently married in Texas, and his luggage. He is an Englishman; about 5 ft. 2 in. tall; weighs about 160 lbs., is about 46 years old; is an excellent speaker, of cultured manners."

October 13, 1934

Rev. J. R. Evans  
336 W. Pacific St.  
Springfield, Missouri

My dear Brother Evans:

In the October 13th edition of the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL I am informed there is an article regarding a Dr. Courtney Gouthey, and by the description of this man we are after him too.

He came to Santa Barbara and alleged that his name was Dr. Courtney Darling. He made arrangements with the pastor of our church whose name is Gwendolyn Pittinger, a reddish-brown haired widow of pleasing personality and a very godly woman, for a series of meetings. During the campaign he made ardent love to Mrs. Pittinger and was married to her in a public church meeting. He alleges that he is the son of wealthy English nobility and also claims affiliation with royalty.

He is a dashing Englishman with pronounced English accent, five feet two, about one hundred sixty pounds, around forty-six years of age and can tell blood-curdling stories of encounters with lions in Africa. He has traveled the world extensively and speaks very fluently, highly polished in manners, and can sway an audience with pathos and humor.

He borrowed eleven hundred dollars cash from one of the members of our church alleging that he was going to England to get a portion of his father's estate and return to Santa Barbara and build a church for his wife. He kissed his wife goodbye, crying bitterly, six weeks ago and she has not heard from him since. Needless to say, the woman is in distraction, a nervous wreck, and if you can give us any information concerning this rascal, we will appreciate it. His wife's address is Gwendolyn Pittinger Darling, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara.

I have just phoned Brother Lewis Turnbull who read me the article from the Evangel which is under the heading of Dr. Courtney Gouthey. I met Mr. Darling myself a number of times and talked with him. My suspicions were naturally aroused as to how a man like this could have traveled the world over and not be married. He alleged to his wife of only having one romance in his life and that with an English nurse during the war. He also claims to have been gassed twice in the war.

" I have written to Glen Tingley of Birmingham, Alabama, for information about him and also to Donald Gee. He claims to be a convert of Donald Gee and to have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I have sent a picture of him to Mr. Jefferies, Overseer of the Elim Pentecostal Alliance in London, asking them for information about him.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) W. B. Black  
General Supervisor  
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel  
1100 Glendale Blvd.,  
Los Angeles, Calif. "

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October 18, 1934

Rev. W. B. Black  
1100 Glendale Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Brother Black:

I am in receipt of your letter in which you are referring to the notice that was placed in the PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL in the October 13 issue relative to a man by the name of Courtney Gouthey.

The information given in that report was received in a letter in our office from Memphis, Tenn. To go back a little further, last spring this man, Courtney Gouthey, visited here in Springfield. I was absent from the office at the time and did not meet him personally. He was then on his way south, traveling in a car with a Michigan license, stating to us that his old car had been burned up with all his song books, and he stopped off here to buy another supply of song books to be used in his different meetings.

(Remainder of letter gives the information we received from Memphis)

(Signed) J. R. Evans, Secretary  
336 W. Pacific St.  
Springfield, Mo. "

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October 22, 1934

Rev. J. R. Evans  
336 W. Pacific St.  
Springfield, Mo.

My dear Brother Evans:

Your favor of October 18 to hand and thank you very much for the information that it contains.

In the first place we are sure this is the same man. On Saturday I had a letter from Mrs. Hazel Smith Hetherington, 2604 42nd Avenue N., Birmingham, Alabama, stating she was a Miss Hazel Smith and met Dr. Courtney Hetherington at Rev. Glen Tingley's Tabernacle, 1818 7th Ave., N., Birmingham, Alabama, where she was a soloist, and married him after a short romance.

He lived with her three months and extracted a thousand dollars from her people through a mortgage on their home, motored to Chicago where he deserted her on the street. He married this girl December 9, 1932, and lived in Birmingham three months in her father's home. She says she had a baby girl born to him September 9, 1933. She is 22 years of age.

He came to Santa Barbara and married Gwendolyn Pittinger under the name of Dr. Courtney Darling, May 10, 1934. After he deserted Mrs. Pittinger he married Miss Clyde Alexander under the alias of Dr. Courtney Gouthey at Corpus Christi, Texas, August 27, 1934.

I had a letter from Glen Tingley this morning also giving me a lot of information about him. The Federal Authorities are after him. He is charged with white slavery and bigamy. Mrs. Pittinger Darling of Santa Barbara has filed an annulment on her marriage. We agree with you that this man ought to be incarcerated. He alleged that he held a campaign in Angelus Temple but this is not true.

Any other information that I get from time to time I will gladly keep you posted. Thanking you for your prompt reply, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) W. B. Black  
General Supervisor  
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel  
1100 Glendale Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

404 Drexel Ave.  
San Antonio, Texas  
Nov. 2, 1934.

Dear Brother Frodsham:

Enclosed you will find a picture of the man, traveling evangelist,



who is marrying girls and women throughout the United States. This picture was taken a few days after his marriage to Miss Clyde Alexander of the Assembly Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. He called himself Dr. Courtney Gouthey, at that time, but we have learned of other names and marriages, I believe three or four this year.

Brother Frodsham, as I talked with the above named young lady, a certain man came into my mind, a man named Taylor, who went to Africa as a missionary about thirteen years ago. He was then connected with the Council. I do not remember his first name. The young lady then brought me this picture, and we think this man may be Mr. Taylor. Brother Wilder and Brother Newby also think the picture looks enough like him to justify an investigation. I believe Mr. Taylor was an eastern man, he had a red-headed wife when he visited some of the Texas churches thirteen years ago, but I heard he deserted her for another missionary while on the field and was turned out of the Council fellowship. You have the permission to use this picture in the Evangel if you care to.

He does or did not claim to be one of our ministers while in this part of the state, but he goes into our churches and fools our people. I read a letter from Evangelist Billy Black of California telling what he knew of his actions there. Mr. Taylor was a man of perhaps thirty years when I saw him thirteen years ago. This man claims to be 47.

I thank you, Brother Frodsham, for reading my long letter. If the suggestion proves correct, it may help to catch him. If not, perhaps it won't do any harm.

Your friend

(Signed) Mrs. J. C. Wilder

November 7, 1934.

Mrs. J. C. Wilder  
404 Drexel Avenue  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sister Wilder:

Your letter addressed to Brother Frodsham relative to Courtney Gouthey has been received, and he has referred same to my department.

We note what you state regarding this man and that some of you have thought that perhaps he was J. Wilbur Taylor, who was formerly one of our missionaries in Africa. I can very definitely advise you that this man is not Brother Taylor. The picture does not resemble him, and I am quite

"sure that Brother Taylor has too much sense to run around over this country visiting our assemblies. He has been under cover for quite a number of years, and the last we ever heard of him he was in Chicago and had no desire whatever to let anyone know where he was.

This man, Hetherington-Darling-Peirpont-Gouthey, and the Lord only knows how many other aliases, is no doubt a scoundrel, and the police in Memphis, Tennessee, are inclined to believe that he is an international crook.

We thank you for the information you have given relative to his marriage in Houston to a Mrs. Gillette, and his marriage to a woman in New Mexico.

We are sending the picture that you sent to us on to Brother Black of Angelus Temple so that he can check up and see if this is really the man who married a Mrs. Pittinger in Santa Barbara, California, under the name of Courtney Darling.

We are hoping that it will not be long until the police will catch up with this man so that he will be checked in his mad career of traveling over the country marrying different women.

We thank you very kindly for the information you have given us and trust that God is richly blessing you one and all.

Your brother in His fellowship

(Signed) J. R. Evans  
Secretary,

December 4, 1934.

Mr. J. R. Evans  
336 W. Pacific St.  
Springfield, Mo.

My dear Brother Evans:

Your favor of November 7 to hand. Please excuse me for the delay of answer but the Police Department in Los Angeles had this picture, and I just received it yesterday, where it was copied and placed on the files. The reason for this is that this Dr. Gouthey has been here in Los Angeles with his blue Oldsmobile car but has a California license.

He was almost captured, and strange to say he went up into Santa Barbara and was seen driving around there. He had the audacity to call at the residence of one of our ministers who did not know him and asked for Mrs. Pittinger. Immediately we notified the police and got after him, but he escaped again. We have not been able to get a trace of him since.

Mrs. Pittinger seems to think that he must be a professional crook and thinks that possibly he may have a job in some of the high-class hotels here on the Pacific Coast.

I assure you that in the event that we make any further contacts with him we will notify you immediately.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) W. B. Black  
General Supervisor  
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel  
1100 Glendale Blvd.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Mr. Evans loaned Agent a kodak picture of Dr. Courtney Gouthy made at Cisco, Texas, with the understanding that this picture would be returned to him at the earliest possible date. The Kansas City Bureau Office not having received prior reports in this case it is not known if other pictures of Subject are available. For this reason the snapshot in question is being forwarded, with copies of this report, to the office of origin, so that if other pictures are not available appropriate copies can be made from this one. It is requested that this snapshot be returned to the Kansas City Bureau Office at an early date.

Editor Frodsham and Secretary Evans further advised Agent that one J. Wilber Taylor was formerly a missionary for their organization but that he had been disfellowshipped over ten years ago and that they know him personally and that he is not identical with Subject who goes under the name of Dr. Courtney Gouthy. In this connection it is noted from the correspondence furnished Agent that Subject is about 5'2" in height whereas Messrs. Frodsham and Evans advised that J. Wilber Taylor is at least 5'7 1/2".

The Kansas City Bureau Office not having received prior reports in this case it is not known just what portions of the information contained in the letters quoted above is contained in the file of the office of origin. For this reason no attempt is being made to set out undeveloped leads in this case and it is suggested that the office of origin set out such undeveloped leads as it may deem appropriate.

The Kansas City Office is carrying out the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent F. H. Headley, Chicago, dated 4-16-35.

P E N D I N G.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-3845**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>5/8/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>4/15/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>J. L. WILLARD</b>              |
| TITLE: <b>REV. COURTNEY HENDERINGTON, with aliases<br/>DR. COURTNEY HENDERINGTON, REV. COURTNEY GOUTHEY,<br/>DR. COURTNEY CARLING, J. WILBUR;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRIS SMITH - Victim</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of Subject under his true name or any of his known aliases on file at the Detroit Police Department.

.R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. H. Mathis, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 3/8/35.

**DETAILS:**

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Mr. P. B. Snider, Record Clerk of the Detroit Police Department, after a search of his criminal files, advised Agent that same failed to disclose any record of Subject under his true name or any of his known aliases.

To aid the Cleveland Office in interviewing Rev. W. H. Thaxton, 512 Door Street, and to acquaint them with the facts in this case, there is being forwarded a copy of reference report with copies of this report to the Cleveland office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

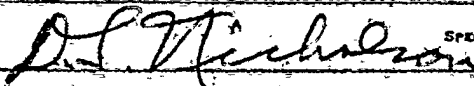
The Cleveland Office at CLEVELAND, OHIO, will interview Rev. W. H. Thaxton, 512 Door Street, as set out in

**DETAILS:**

reference report.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama**

FILE NO. **51-3376** **TC**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND CUTHBERT BRIDGEMAN, with aliases;<br/>CUBA ALEXANDER-VICTIM;<br/>RACHEL HELEN SMITH-VICTIM.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

File reviewed and leads set forth. Religious organizations in Sayreton, Alabama interviewed and no additional information obtained relative to subject's present whereabouts. 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor #333376, property of subject, not registered for current year in States of Georgia or Alabama.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. K. Dill, dated 4-16-35 at Indianapolis, Ind.  
Bureau letter dated May 4, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

This file, in accordance with suggestion contained in Bureau letter of May 4, 1935, has been reviewed and it appears that no information of any value relative to subject's background, family, history or connections has been obtained during the course of this investigation. It is likely that all statements made by him, as indicated by investigation to date, have been false and misleading and intended to defraud the persons to whom they were made and who have been victimized by him during his travels about the country.

**DETAILS:**

In the report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 1-7-35, it is indicated that subject purchased a 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, motor #333376, bearing 1934 Michigan license #12-611, at which time he used the name of "Dr. C. O. Darling." However, this report indicates that he secured Michigan title motor #415620 for instant car, using the name of Courtney Southey, Hotel Ellis, Lansing, Michigan. Investigation at the Hotel Ellis revealed no information of value as to his possible whereabouts.

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In all probability subject is still in possession of instant car and therefore all offices to whom copy of this report is being forwarded are requested to check the automobile registration bureaus in States within their respective territories, in order to ascertain where this car was registered for the year 1935.

The report of Special Agent H. J. Kneen, dated at Los Angeles, California, 1-18-35, indicates that the sum of \$1600.00 which was secured by subject from Helen Eldridge of Santa Barbara, California at the time he allegedly married Gwendolyn Pittinger, was invested in American Railway Express Travelers Checks which were purchased at the County National Bank of Santa Barbara, California and that two of these checks were subsequently cashed at the Chicopee Savings Bank, Chicopee, Michigan and the balance cashed at Lansing, Michigan. A lead is being set forth hereinafter for the Los Angeles office to secure the numbers of these American Railway Express Checks, in order that they may be traced to the Bank where cashed for any information the latter may be able to furnish.

The suggested leads mentioned above appear to be the only ones of value, not already being followed by other offices at the present time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent James H. Baldridge:

AT SAYRETON, ALABAMA

C. W. Smith and Ben Wainwright, Deacons in the Gospel Tabernacle at Sayreton, Alabama advised that Hetherington came to their Tabernacle in December, 1933, to hold services after he had held services in Birmingham, Alabama. The Sayreton Tabernacle extended this invitation to Hetherington upon a request from several people in the congregation, who felt he was an exceptional Evangelist; the deacons further stated that after several meetings they became dissatisfied with his teachings and requested him to cease preaching. Hetherington has never appeared or requested the Board of Deacons to allow him to hold meetings since that time.

C. W. Smith stated that at present they do not have a minister located at Sayreton and further advised that there are no other white churches in that locality.

The Birmingham office requested the Chief Clerk of the Auto and License Department, State of Alabama, and the Chairman of the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of Georgia to advise this office if their records show 1935 registration for a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #S382876, Serial C-85366, and replies have been received indicating that this car has not been registered in the States of Georgia or Alabama.

For the information of offices which have received no prior reports, it will be stated that subject married Gwendolyn Pittinger, and Evangelist at Santa Barbara, California on May 8, 1934, deserting her after obtaining \$1600.00 from an acquaintance. He married later Miss Clyde Alexander at San Antonio, Texas on August 27, 1934, and thereafter transported her in interstate commerce to Memphis, Tennessee, where he deserted her. He has married several other woman, ardently courting them, while conducting revival meetings throughout the country, later abandoning them. He claims to be an Evangelist and to have traveled widely throughout the world, serving as a pilot in the French Army during the war, shooting lions in Africa, etc.

Assistant United States Attorney Jackson, at San Antonio, Texas, has advised he will authorize prosecution of subject for the transportation of Miss Alexander from San Antonio, Texas to Memphis, Tennessee upon subject's location.

A description of subject is as follows:

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| Name          | Reverend Courtney Hetherington, aliases: Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Rev. Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor. |
| Age           | 45-46 years  |
| Height        | 5' 3"  |
| Weight        | 150#   |
| Build         | Stout  |
| Hair          | Black  |
| Eyes          | Hazel  |
| Teeth         | One upper tooth discolored   |
| Complexion    | Olive  |
| Scars         | Small indentation on top of forehead; small scar on one upper forearm; hair-line scar under chin.                                  |
| Peculiarities | Has heavy beard requiring frequent shaving; wears number 5 shoe.   |
| Education     | Well educated, intelligent & shrewd.   |
| Appearance    | Well-mannered, courteous, uses excellent language in conversation.   |

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Santa Barbara, California, is requested to contact County National Bank in order to secure numbers of the American Railway Express Travelers Checks purchased by subject, and to set out the

the necessary leads for the New York City office to obtain from this company the name of the banking institutions where these checks were cashed.

THE DETROIT OFFICE, as soon as this information is received from the New York City office is requested to contact these banking institutions at Chicopee and Lansing, Michigan, in order to ascertain whether subject left any references or produced any references at the time these checks were cashed which would lead to his apprehension.

ALL FIELD OFFICES are requested to continue any leads previously directed to them, and at this time are likewise requested to contact the various State automobile registration bureaus in their respective territories in order to ascertain whether or not the Oldsmobile 1934 business coupe, motor #S-332876 mentioned in the body of this report has been registered for the current year. In the event such registration is found, it is requested that this be followed to a logical conclusion. A photograph of subject is being forwarded to each Field Office, attached to copy of this report.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**Birmingham**

S.A. FILE NO. **31-1262**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>May 10, 1935</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>May 3, 1935</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>F. J. Lackey</b>               |
| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim</b> |  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Alleah Gillette Pierrepont, former wife of subject, left 411 Henry Street, Houston, in November, 1934, and left no forwarding address. Present whereabouts unknown to neighbors. R.U.C.

Reference: Report Special Agent F. J. Lackey, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 24, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Inquiry at 411 Henry Street, Houston, Texas, the only available address for Mrs. Alleah Gillette Pierrepont, developed that she had moved from this address in November, 1934, and the present occupants of the premises did not know where she had gone but state that mail still came addressed to her at that place which mail had all been returned to the Post Office. Informant did not remember where any of this mail had come from.

Neighborhood inquiry of various other neighbors developed that Mrs. Pierrepont, known to them as Mrs. Gillette, had moved from 411 Henry Street in November, 1934, and had not told any of the neighbors where she was going and none of them had seen or heard from her since that time.

Inquiry at the Houston Post Office developed that the mail carrier's book still carried her at 411 Henry Street and that no forwarding order had been placed by her. It was also ascertained that mail addressed to her at that place had been returned to the senders and there was no record of the identity of the senders of any of this mail.

Inquiry at the Police Department and Retail Merchants Association failed

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to indicate where Mrs. Pierrepont had gone.

Recent communication with victim Clyde Alexander, at San Antonio, developed that she has heard nothing from subject since she was last interviewed and is presently instituting divorce proceedings against subject at San Antonio, Texas, and she states that she has not recently heard from any of subject's numerous other wives.

Referred upon completion.

REJ:BR  
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May 17, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
Victim; et al; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Birmingham, Alabama

FILE NO. 31-2067

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br>Jacksonville, Fla.   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br>5-17-35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br>5-16-35 | REPORT MADE BY:<br>R. A. ALT                   |
| TITLE:<br>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim |                            |                                   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT. |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Oldsmobile 1934 Business Coupe,  
Motor No. S-382876, not registered  
in the State of Florida.

-RUC-

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham,  
Ala., 5-9-35.

DETAILS:

In reply to a communication from the Jacksonville  
Office, by letter dated May 16th, 1935, the Motor  
Vehicle Commissioner, at Tallahassee, Florida, advised that 1934 Oldsmobile  
Business Coupe, Motor No. S-382876, is not registered in the State of Florida.

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DETAILS:

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.</b>  |   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br><p>No record of registration in State of Oklahoma of 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. S-382876. Stop card placed with Oklahoma State Highway Commission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, 5-9-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: - At Oklahoma City, Okla.</p> <p>Inquiry of the Title Division of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission, State Capitol, disclosed that they had no record of the registration of a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. S-382876.</p> <p>A stop card has been placed in the files of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission as to this automobile and the Oklahoma City Office will be advised in the event it is registered in the State of Oklahoma, or any information is received concerning the same.</p> |   |  |  |
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FILE NO. **31-1374.**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER-Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH-Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor S-382,876 not registered in the State of New Mexico for 1935.

RUC.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala., 5/9/35.

DETAILS: AT EL PASO, Texas:

Mr. Diego Salazar, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, N.M., was requested by letter dated May 14, 1935 from the El Paso Bureau Office to check his records to ascertain whether or not 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor S-382,876, Michigan 1934 license 1B-686 had been registered in this State.

On May 17, 1935 the El Paso Office is in receipt of reply from Mr. Salazar in which he advises that he had searched the automobile registration files in his office and failed to find any record of the registration of the above described automobile.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

FILE NO. 31-2436

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                 |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of registration in Ohio in 1934 or 1935 of subject's Oldsmobile coupe and no record of registration in name or alias of subject. State of Kentucky has no motor number or alphabetical index.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE:-**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala., dated May 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:-**

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

It has been ascertained from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, that there is no record of any registration in the State of Ohio during the years 1934 or 1935 of Oldsmobile, motor S-382876 (motor number shown in the lead in reference report), or motor number F-382876 (motor number shown in details of reference report). The Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the State of Ohio also advised that there is no registration in the State of Ohio under the name or aliases of subject.

**DETAILS:**

The State of Kentucky does not maintain any index of motor numbers or any index of automobile owners, the only records in this State being maintained by license number.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
May 22, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HESTERINGTON with  
aliases  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim  
HAZEL IRVING SMITH - Victim  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. H.  
Heavrin, Kansas City, April 26, 1935.

It will be noted that a kodak picture of Dr. Courtney  
Gouthey made at Cisco, Texas, was loaned to Agent Heavrin with  
the understanding that it would be returned to the Secretary of the  
General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri,  
at the earliest possible date. This kodak picture was trans-  
mitted to your office with the above mentioned report. Accordingly,  
it is now requested that said snapshot be returned to the Kansas City  
office at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE: <b>REVEREND COUNTRY BETHLEHEM with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRVINE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Automobile Registration Bureaus, Idaho and Montana, checked relative to 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, Motor S-382876; found not registered. RUC

Reference: Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, 5/9/35.

**Details:**

As requested in above reference report, the Butte Office checked the Automobile Registration Bureaus in the States of Idaho and Montana, relative to the registering of 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, Motor S-382876, but failed to find any registration of this car.

DETAILS: Stop cards were placed with the State Automobile Registration Bureaus in Idaho and Montana relative to the above-described automobile and in the event same is located the Butte Office should be advised in order that such cards may be lifted.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>A. H. Dickerson</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   | 88-12-41<br>UNITED STATES                         | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br>MAY 23 1935<br>CHECKED COPIES<br>MAY 28 1935<br>JACKSON |
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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Albany, N.Y. advises no record of registration for Oldsmobile Coupe Motor No. S-382876. Stop notice placed in file said Bureau.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated Birmingham, Ala. 5/9/35.

**DETAILS:**

In response to a communication directed to the Commissioner, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State of New York at Albany, New York by the Buffalo Office, a communication dated May 15, 1935 was received from the said Bureau, advising that a complete search of their records failed to indicate any registration whatsoever for an Oldsmobile 1934 business coupe, motor No. S-382876, Serial No. C-85366; and further that there was no record of a registration on file for subject under any of his aliases.

**DETAILS:**

Stop guides were placed in the files of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and if any application for registration is received the Buffalo Office will be immediately notified.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #S-382876 ever having been registered in the State of Missouri.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, 5-9-35.

**DETAILS:**

The Kansas City Bureau office is in receipt of a letter dated 5-16-35 from the Motor Vehicle Department of the office of the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, advising that there is no record of a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #S-382876 ever having been registered in the State of Missouri.

The Kansas City office is carrying out the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent F. M. Headley, Chicago, 4-16-35.

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Denver, Colo.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>5/21/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>5/13, 15, 17/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>H. F. L. HILPER</b>            | <b>IT</b> |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND GEORGEY WASHINGTON with aliases;<br/>OLYCE MAGNET -- Victim;<br/>HAZEL DENE SMITH -- Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |           |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

A check of Colorado and Wyoming State Automobile Registration Bureaus fails to disclose 1934 Oldsmobile, Motor #8-332376, registered for 1935.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, 5/9/35.

**DETAILS:**

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The Automobile Registration Bureaus of the States of Colorado and Wyoming were communicated with by letter and requests made in each department that a check be made of their records to determine whether or not 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, Motor #8-332376, has been registered during the current year.

The Denver Bureau office was advised by both Bureaus that their records failed to disclose a 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, Motor #8-332376 as having been registered during the current year.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY L. HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1934 Oldsmobile Coupe Motor #S-382876,  
Serial #C-85366 not registered for current  
year in Pennsylvania. Frank Nowak alias  
L. A. Hetherington arrested by Pittsburgh  
Police 7-4-30, possibly identical with subject.

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## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham,  
Alabama, dated May 9, 1935.

## DETAILS:

Walter Greenman of the Automobile Underwriters Detective  
Bureau, 530 + Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh advises, after checking with the  
Pennsylvania State Highway Department, that no 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe bearing  
motor #S-382876, serial #C-85366, has been registered for the current year  
in the State of Pennsylvania.

The records at the Pittsburgh Police Headquarters  
reflect that a Frank Nowak, Medical Doctor, alias Lester A. Hetherington, was  
arrested in Pittsburgh July 4, 1930 on a confidence game charge and turned  
over to the Chicago Police Department. The photograph of Nowak on file with  
the Pittsburgh Police Department bears some striking points of similarity  
to the photograph forwarded to this office by the Birmingham Office. Several  
photographs of Nowak were secured from the Pittsburgh Police and three of  
these are being forwarded to the Birmingham office so that it might be ascertain-  
ed whether subject and Nowak are one and the same individual. Nowak is known  
in the Identification Unit of the Bureau as number 239965.

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Nowak's description and criminal record as reflected in the records of the Pittsburgh Police Department is as follows:

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| Name:                       | FRANK NOWAK                            |
| Alias:                      | LESTER A. HETHERINGTON                 |
| Age:                        | 38 years (1930)                        |
| Height:                     | 5' 8"                                  |
| Weight:                     | 159 lbs.                               |
| Build:                      | Medium                                 |
| Hair:                       | Brown                                  |
| Born:                       | Fulleytown, Pennsylvania               |
| Eyes:                       | Blue                                   |
| Complexion:                 | Medium Fair                            |
| Occupation:                 | Medical Doctor                         |
| Fingerprint Classification: | <u>20 7 U 1 0 15</u><br>15 1 U 01 1 14 |

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| Pittsburgh Police Number: | 22270    |
| Citizenship:              | American |
| Race:                     | White    |

Criminal record of Nowak is on file with the Identification Unit of the Bureau.

Nowak's criminal record is not incorporated herein as it has not been definitely established that he is the same as subject.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

THE PITTSBURGH BUREAU OFFICE at CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA will inquiry at the office of the State Road Commission whether subject registered the 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe.

THE BIRMINGHAM BUREAU OFFICE will exhibit the photograph of Nowak to persons knowing subject for possible identification.

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| TITLE: REVEREND COURTNEY BETHERRINGTON, with aliases;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM. |                            |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1935 Nebraska automobile licenses not available by motor number at State Automobile Registration Bureau, Lincoln, Nebraska as yet, but stop order placed on 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor #S-382876. No report of subject having been at Lincoln, Nebraska. Awaiting report from State Automobile Registration Bureau at Des Moines, Iowa.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, dated 5-9-35.

**DETAILS:**

N. G. Tracy, in charge of the State Automobile Registration Bureau at Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that 1935 Nebraska automobile registrations were not yet available at their office by automobile motor number at the present time, but that a stop order is being placed on 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, motor S-382876, and if same appears later she will immediately advise the Omaha Bureau Office. It was her opinion that the prefix letter to the motor number of this automobile was "F" rather than "S".

**DETAILS:**

No reply has been received to a letter dated 5-15-35 and addressed to the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Des Moines, Iowa; a follow-up letter has been written under date of 5-22-35.

While at Lincoln, Nebraska, Agent conferred with Paul Shifley, acting chief of police and Everett Rudisil of the Identification Bureau of the Lincoln, Nebraska Police Department, and each advised that they had received no

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reports of anyone answering the description of subject as having been holding meetings or being at Lincoln, Nebraska. However, they would be on the alert and would immediately advise the Omaha Bureau Office if subject appeared there. Mr. Rudisil, of the Identification Bureau took a description of subject and also made a photograph of subject's photograph attached to the report of reference by the Birmingham Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE will report to the Birmingham Office the result of the reply from the Iowa State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau to the inquiry concerning instant 1934 Oldsmobile coupe.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HEMMINGTON, With Aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRINE SMITH-VICTIM.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

G. R. Jones met Reverend Darling on observation car of train between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City in June, 1934, becoming acquainted and playing poker on various occasions. Remembered Darling stated he was deserting a wife in Santa Barbara, California; that Darling was an Evangelist and world traveler; was alone at the time and had purchased an oldsmobile automobile in Lansing Michigan but Jones does not know of subject's present whereabouts.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, dated at Detroit, Michigan, January 7, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

**DETAILS:**

G. R. Jones, Regional Manager, Oldsmobile Company was located at 1375 East 8th Street, Oakland and questioned relative to his acquaintance with subject. Mr. Jones stated that in June, 1934, on a train moving between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, he met a Reverend Darling with another man, in the observation car of the train and that he remembers the man with Darling as being from Pasadena, California, and at that place was known as a collector of canes.

Mr. Jones states that Darling and his companion asked him if he wished to play poker and upon his assent, they proceeded to play and on various occasions they entered into 10¢ limit games of poker between Los Angeles and Chicago. Mr. Jones states that Darling seemed to be quite learned.

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even quoting the Bible, was a great talker and had worked a great deal and that Darling had stated that he had, at one time, preached in Aimee McPherson's Temple in Los Angeles.

Mr. Jones further advised that Darling had stated that he was an Evangelist, being of the four square Gospel faith and was, at the present time married, his wife then living in Santa Barbara, California; that Darling stated he was going to Chicago to buy an automobile, but instead went to the Oldsmobile Retail Company at Lansing, Michigan, where he ordered an automobile and paid for same either in cash or with traveler's checks and that this car was delivered to Darling at Lansing by the Lansing Oldsmobile Company.

Mr. Jones further advised Agent that Darling was in possession of some kind of a pass issued by the Union Pacific Railroad Company permitting reduced railroad fare, which allowed such reduction to members of the Clergy.

Mr. Jones further states that Darling admitted that he was deserting his wife in Santa Barbara, but that Darling never mentioned his wife's name. Darling had advised Jones that he was on his way to the East and that he often mentioned peoples' names with whom he was acquainted in Milwaukee and Omaha, but Mr. Jones could not remember the names mentioned.

Mr. Jones states that Darling often spoke of Evangelism and of Gouthe' as the Evangelist of the Country today and that Darling further stated he had made \$90,000.00 that year as an Evangelist, but had lost all of this money building several churches in the Country.

Mr. Jones further states that Darling claimed that he had been interested in Evangelistic work in Milwaukee and Omaha and that Darling could speak fourteen different languages and had made the statement that his feet were so small, inasmuch as they had been broken by a club while preaching the Gospel in Africa.

Mr. Jones was questioned as to Darling's companion, but Mr. Jones states that Darling's companion, the collector of canes, was a mere acquaintance, as was Jones. Mr. Jones remembers that Darling stayed at the Oldsmobile Hotel at Lansing, at the time he purchased the car there. Mr. Jones states that he knows of no possible lead through which the subject could be located.

Agent presented photograph of subject to Mr. Jones, who immediately recognized it as that of Reverend Darling, the person with whom he had become acquainted on the train between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation at Santa Barbara, California.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE will refer to report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated at Birmingham, Ala. May 9, 1935, and conduct requested investigation at Sacramento, California.

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Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 24, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Mo.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;  
HAZEL IRRE SMITH - Victim;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your letter dated May 22, 1935, please  
find attached hereto a photograph of Dr. Courtney Gouthy taken  
at Cisco, Texas.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Address 135 Park Avenue, New York City proved to be fictitious. Check of the Division of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York reflects that no automobile is registered under the name of the Subject or any of his aliases. Stop guides have been placed in the files of the Division of Motor Vehicles which will result in notification of the New York Office in case Subject attempts to register an automobile under any of his known aliases.

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## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated May 9, 1935; report of Special Agent J. H. Mathis, Chicago, Ill., dated March 8, 1935.

## DETAILS:

The reference report of Special Agent Mathis contained a lead for the New York Office to ascertain if Subject was receiving mail at 135 Park Avenue, New York City. By personally checking that street along the section where 135 should be located, and by consulting the available directories, it was ascertained that there is no such address as 135 Park Avenue, New York City. However, to be more thorough, inquiry was made at the U. S. Post Office Department at New York City, which resulted in information substantiating the previous findings.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COUNTRY HATHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>NLYD ALEXANDER, victim<br/>DAVID DEW SMITH, victim</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Motor Vehicle Division of South Carolina and Motor Vehicle Bureau of North Carolina advise Oldsmobile Coupe, motor S-332876 not registered in these states. Stop notices placed both offices.

R. H. G.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated May 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

As requested in report of reference the Charlotte office on May 14, 1935 addressed a letter to Mr. L. C. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, and a similar letter to Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, South Carolina Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina, requesting information as to whether or not Oldsmobile Coupe, 1934 model, motor S-332876 was registered in those states.

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A lead was set out in the report of reference of Special Agent Reed of the Birmingham office, requesting that information concerning the registration of an Oldsmobile, 1934 business coupe, motor No. S-382876, which bore 1934 Michigan license plates F18-636, Michigan title No. 0415660, be sought in the Division of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York.

Inquiry made of the Division of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York at Albany, New York, brought a reply that no automobile was registered under any of the names known as aliases of the Subject. The Division of Motor Vehicles advised that they had placed stop guides in their files in the appropriate places in order that in case any automobile is sought to be registered under any of Subject's aliases the New York Office will be notified.

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These state officers were requested to place stop notices in their respective files and to notify the Special Agent in Charge of the Charlotte office in the event any person should attempt to register the said automobile in either state. Information as to the name of the previous registered owner and the last known title was given.

On May 16, 1935 a reply was received from Mr. Stroup advising that the car was not registered in South Carolina and that a stop notice had been placed. On May 23, 1935 a letter was received from Mr. Harris advising that the instant car was not registered in North Carolina, and stating that he had placed a stop notice and would notify the Charlotte office in the event the car should appear for registration. Mr. Harris also requested that his office be notified in the event the car should be found so that the stop notice could be canceled.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE:  
Will notify the Charlotte office in the event instant automobile is found in order that the Directors of the Motor Vehicle Divisions of the states of North Carolina and South Carolina may be notified and cancel the stop notices placed in their files.

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| REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER, victim<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, victim |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                                |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Motor Vehicle Division of South Carolina and Motor Vehicle Bureau of North Carolina advise Oldsmobile Coupe, motor S-382876 not registered in these states. Stop notices placed both offices.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated May 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

As requested in report of reference the Charlotte office on May 14, 1935 addressed a letter to Mr. L. S. Harris, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, and a similar letter to Mr. Benjamin R. Stroup, Director, Motor Vehicle Division, South Carolina Highway Department, Columbia, South Carolina, requesting information as to whether or not Oldsmobile Coupe, 1934 model, motor #S-382876 was registered in those states.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases:<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER ..... Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH .... Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Oldsmobile business coupe, motor S-382,876, has not been registered in the State of Iowa for the year 1935. Stop order placed against this car and the Omaha Office will be notified in the event of its later registration.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R.G. Reed, Birmingham, 5/9/35; report of Special Agent J. R. Green, Omaha, 5/24/35.

**DETAILS:**

At Des Moines, Iowa

At the offices of the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, State House, a search was made, at Agent's request, to determine whether an Oldsmobile business coupe, motor number S-382,876 had been registered in the State of Iowa for the year 1935. It was found that this car had not been registered in the State of Iowa for that year; however, a stop order was placed against future registration of this car in the State of Iowa, and in the event such registration is made, the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau will immediately notify the Omaha Office.

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**Birmingham**

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**31-1232**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>May 31, 1935</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>May 29, 1935</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>F. J. Lackey</b>               |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w. a.;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim</b> |  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Oldsmobile Business Coupe Motor E332376 has not been registered in Texas. Alarm card placed. R.U.C.

Reference: Report Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala. May 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

L. G. Phares, Chief, State Highway Patrol, Austin, Texas, advises that a check of his registration files for 1934 and 1935 failed to reveal that Oldsmobile Business Coupe Motor E332376 has been offered for registration in Texas. Chief Phares states that however an alarm card has been placed in his files and should this car be registered in Texas in the future this office will be immediately notified.

Referred upon completion.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM**, June 3, 1935.

FILE NO. **31-3076**

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**Special Agent in Charge,**  
**Omaha, Neb.**

**RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;**  
**CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;**  
**HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM.**  
**White Slave Traffic Act.**

Dear Sir:-

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright of the San Francisco office dated May 20, 1935, it is noted that Mr. G.R. Jones became a traveling acquaintance of the subject between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City during June 1934, and states that subject, under the name of Darling or one of his aliases, was in possession of some kind of a pass issued by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, permitting reduced railroad fares to members of the clergy in the Alabama, 1/10/35.

It has been ascertained from the American Railway Guide that the general offices of the Union Pacific Railroad are at Omaha, Neb., and it is respectfully requested that your office contact that company and arrange with the proper official to place a stop notice in the event that such pass is being used by the subject. A copy of the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Francisco, dated May 20, 1935, is enclosed for your information. This report should be returned to this office after it has served its purpose.

Yours very truly,

**R. B. Nathan,**  
**Special Agent in Charge.**

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CC: Bureau  
San Francisco

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases, et al.</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                   |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record registration subject's automobile Virginia, Maryland or District of Columbia. Wanted notice placed each state.

RUC

Reference: Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated Birmingham, Alabama, 5/9/35.

Details: Upon receipt of report of reference, contact was had by letter with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and it was ascertained that Oldsmobile business coupe motor S-382876 had not been registered in any of these states for the current year. A wanted notice was placed with the appropriate official in each of these states in order that this office will receive information in the event this car is later licensed in this territory.

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June 12, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

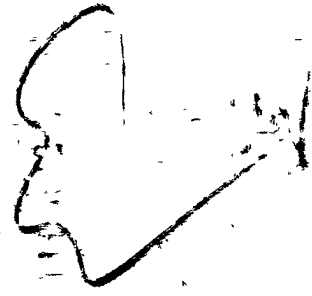
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled  
REV. CODYNEY BETHUNE, with aliases; CLAUDE  
ALEXANDER, Victim; RUTH BETHUNE, Victim;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, your file No. 61-5076.

The Bureau desires that you prepare and  
submit an appropriate summary report in this case  
at the present time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 - *U. S. A. This is National that there is no 1935 registration for Little Rock*  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA FILE NO. 31-86  
 1935 REGISTRATION FOR OLD SMOBILE, IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Little Rock, Ark.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>6/4/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>5/30/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>J. V. Murphy</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>GAN</b></span> |
| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>U. S. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                          |

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Rev. John Brown, John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark., out of city. Ed. Magouirk, Treasurer, stated check of past and present membership of Christian Fellowship reflects no record of Subject; that Rev. John Brown is President of Christian Fellowship, but is not associated with Southern Evangelistic Assn. Mr. Magouirk and J. R. Smith, of this school, stated they do not know Subject. No 1935 registration for Oldsmobile, motor #S-382876, in Arkansas.

- R.U.C. -

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent T. F. Mullen, Chicago, Ill., dated 4/1/35.  
 Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala., dated 5/9/35.

**DETAILS:** Agent called at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where it was ascertained that Reverend John Brown, President of that University, was out of the City at time Agent called.

*DETAILS:* Mr. Ed. Magouirk, Treasurer of the John Brown University, was interviewed and stated he never heard of an association known as Southern Evangelistic Association, and that Reverend John Brown is not connected with such. He stated that Reverend Brown is President of the Christian Fellowship, and after check of past and present membership of same, Mr. Magouirk stated no record could be found of Reverend Courtney Hetherington. Photograph of Subject was exhibited to Mr. Magouirk and Mr. J. R. Smith, of the John Brown University, and both state they do not know Subject.

An examination of the records at the automobile Registration Division, Revenue Department, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, by Special

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June 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY BETHENINGTON,  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
Victim; HAZEL IRIS EATZ, Victim;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. E. Greeney dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1935 in connection with the above entitled case.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the photograph, together with a copy of the criminal record of one Frank Nowak, alias L. A. Hetherington, arrested by the Pittsburgh Police on July 4, 1933, who is possibly identical with subject Hetherington.

The Bureau desires that you ascertain if these parties are identical.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 337594

cc-Pittsburgh

(copy of photo and copy of  
criminal record attached)



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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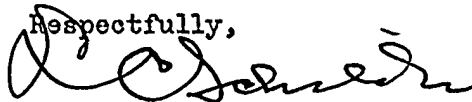
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May 31, 1935. *✓*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. R. E. Joseph, I am transmitting herewith three copies each of abstract of criminal record and photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Division of Lester A. Hetherington, our file #FBI-239965.

Respectfully,



L. C. Schilder.

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L. A. Hetherington

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C.

May 31, 1935

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number FBI - 229965.

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

| Contributor of Fingerprints   | Name and Number   | Arrested or Received | Charge                        | Disposition  |
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| USDB, Governors Island, N. Y. | Lester A. Hetherington, #10902  | 6-2-22               | forgery                       | 7 yrs.   |
| PD, Rochester, N.Y.           | Lester A. Hetherington, #8359, alias L.A. Hetherington, alias Lester Hetherington | 11-4-29              | vagrancy                      | held in- definitely. 11-15-29 90 days Monroe Co. Pen. on charge of petty larc. |
| PD, Pittsburgh, Pa.           | Frank Nowak, #22270   | 7-4-30               | fugitive (Chicago, Ill.)      | turned over to Chicago, Ill. Auth.   |
| PD, Chicago, Ill.             | Frank Nowak, #C-23862   | 7-4-30               | con game (fugitive)           | held to Cr. Ort. under \$5,000. bond.  |
| PD, Phila., Pa.               | Lester Hetherington, #108911  | 10-4-30              | bad checks - hotel boat       | *sent. to 90 days - served about 14 days.                                      |
| SO, Hillsboro, Oreg.          | L.A. Hetherington, #2264  | 6-13-32              | bad check                     |  |
| SP, Salem, Oreg.              | L.A. Hetherington, #12261, alias Lester A. Hetherington, alias Frank Nowak        | 8-31-32              | obt. money by false pretenses | 18 mos. Disch. 6-30-33   |
| SO, Pendleton, Oreg.          | L.A. Hetherington, #7436  | 6-23-34              | forgery                       |  |

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

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| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER   | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE  | DISPOSITION            |
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| SF, Salem, Oreg.            | L.A. Letherington, #13000, alias Frank Morak, alias L.A. Letherington   | 7-1-34               | forgery | 2 yrs. and 1 year C.O. |
| *                           | <p>NOTED: As L. A. Letherington for issuing forged checks, Notify CO, Pendleton, Oreg., per inf. rec. therefrom 12-12-33. STILL NOTED as and for above per inf. rec. from CO, Pendleton, Oreg., 3-12-34. Apprehended.</p> |                      |         |                        |

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Ala.**

FILE NO. **51-55**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                   |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #S-382876 or motor #F-382876;  
not registered in State of Indiana.

R.U.C.

**Reference:** Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala.,  
5-2-35.

**Details:** AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

SOL HOFFMAN, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State House, after searching the files, advised that there is not registered in the State of Indiana a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #S-382876 or motor #F-382876.

It is noted in lead set out in reference report that investigation was requested on motor #S-382876, whereas, in report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 7, 1935, there is set out the motor number of the Oldsmobile Coupe purchased by the subject as F-382876; accordingly, search was requested of the Indiana State files for both numbers.

**DETAILS:**

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. N. Rennie</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                | <b>88-12-56</b>  | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>JUN 8 1935</b> |
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P. O. Box 523  
Los Angeles, California  
May 31, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Phoenix, Arizona

Re: REV. COURTNEY KATHERINGTON, Aliases;  
Dr. Courtney Katherington, Rev. Courtney  
Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur  
Taylor, Arthur Adolph de Russey de Compaingville,  
Charles Vincent Maurice Olerrepoint,  
Dr. Courtenay Darling, Dr. Courteneas,  
Dr. Olerrepoint;  
OLIVER ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
JAMES IRVING SMITH - VICTIM.  
White Slave Traffic Act  
L. A. File 31-2918

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith, for attention in the Arizona  
District, the following serials in the above captioned matter:

2 photographs (snapshots) of Rev. Courtney Katherington  
Letter (copy) dated Nov. 3, 1934, addressed by the Birming-  
ham Bureau Office to the Los Angeles Bureau Office.  
Copy of report of Special Agent R. J. Reed, Birmingham,  
Alabama, dated May 9, 1935.

BIRMINGHAM is the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DURN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus contacted with negative results.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, 5-9-35.

**DETAILS:**

The State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota were contacted with negative results.

Inasmuch as the Wisconsin State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau has not as yet been contacted, a lead is directed herewith to the Milwaukee Office; and, for the information of this office, the Subject of this case is in possession of a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor C-382876, Serial C-85366, and reference report describes him as follows:

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| Name   | Reverend Courtney Hetherington, aliasos;<br>Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor. |
| Age    | 45-46 years   |
| Height | 5 feet, 3 inches  |
| Weight | 150 pounds  |

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| Build         | Stout   |
| Hair          | Black   |
| Eyes          | Hazel   |
| Teeth         | One upper tooth discolored  |
| Complexion    | Olive   |
| Scars         | Small indentation on top of forehead;<br>small scar on one upper forearm;<br>hairline scar under chin |
| Peculiarities | Has heavy beard requiring frequent<br>shaving;<br>wears number 5 shoe                                 |
| Education     | Well educated, intelligent and shrewd   |
| Appearance    | Well-mannered, courteous, uses excellent<br>language in conversation                                  |

A photograph of Subject is being transmitted herewith to the Milwaukee Office.

For the information of the Bureau and the Office of Origin, the Milwaukee Office was opened subsequent to the writing and receipt of report of reference, and prior to the time investigative activity was begun at the St. Paul Office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**MILWAUKEE BUREAU OFFICE**

At Madison, Wisconsin, will contact the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau to ascertain whether Subject's 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor Number S - 382876 (or F 382876), Serial Number C-85366, has been registered for the current year. In the event such registration is found, the investigation will be followed to a logical conclusion. (It is noted that in reference report both "S" and "F" are mentioned as preceeding the motor number, hence, both combinations should be checked).

Copy of reference report and photo of subject are being forwarded to the Milwaukee Bureau Office for its information.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases,<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER and HAZEL IRENE SMITH,<br/>VICTIMS</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend W. H. Thaxton, 1226 Collingwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, advises subject held revival meeting at his church about three years ago; has heard nothing from him since that time.

- R. U. C. -

**REFERENCES:**

Reports of Special Agent J. H. Mathis, Chicago, Ill.,  
3-8-35,  
Special Agent J. L. Willard, Detroit, Mich.,  
5-8-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TOLEDO, OHIO**

Agent called at 512 Dorr Street and was advised that Reverend W. H. Thaxton had moved from this address and was at present residing at 1226 Collingwood Avenue.

Reverend Thaxton was located and interviewed at the above address and stated he was pastor of the Pentecostal Church, located at

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450 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio; that he was well acquainted with subject in this case, as he, subject, came to him about three years ago and stated he would like to hold a revival meeting at his church; that he granted this request, and subject held a revival meeting at his church for a week, with great success, in that he had quite a few additions to the church during this week and the congregation was very much impressed with his preaching.

Reverend Thaxton further advised that subject never talked much of his past, but he did remember him saying that he was born in England and had served in the English Army during the World War and thinks he stated he had studied medicine in England.

Continuing, Rev. Thaxton stated that subject was very popular among the ladies of the congregation and each night of this week before subject began preaching he would state his name as Arthur Debussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington and advise if any of the ladies could remember his full name he would give them a treat.

A photograph of subject was exhibited to the Rev. Thaxton, and he readily identified subject, but stated he has no idea where he is at the present time, as he has heard nothing from him since he held the meeting at his church.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

Post Office Drawer - 1457,  
St. Louis, Missouri  
June 11, 1935.

ms  
by  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with  
aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama dated May 9, 1935 in the above case.

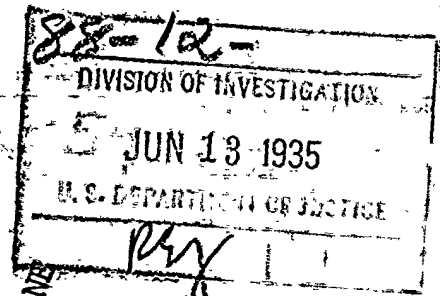
Please be advised that appropriate inquiries at the office of the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois fails to reflect that a license has been issued this year for an Oldsmobile Coupe bearing motor # S382876 or # F382876.

Accordingly, this matter is being considered as Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO.

**31-56 LEE**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>6/13/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>5/17 and 6/8/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>PAUL M. PLUNKETT</b>            |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject automobile not registered in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts or Rhode Island for 1935.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala., dated 5/9/35.

**DETAILS:**

On receipt of the report of reference letters were mailed from this office to the Registrars of Motor Vehicles in the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. These letters set out the description of subject automobile together with the aliases of the subject, with the request that this office be informed if the car had been registered, or if not registered, that a stop notice be placed in the files.

This office is now in receipt of replies from each of the Registrars, stating that this automobile has not been registered in any of these states for 1935.

**DETAILS:**

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **31-91 MC**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>6-13-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>5-14-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>J. H. KENNEY</b>                    |
| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Automobile Department of State of Tennessee presently unable to locate 1935 registration of a 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, motor number S-382876.

- P. -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated May 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

At the office of the Automobile Department of the State of Tennessee, located at 319 Seventh Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, agent was advised that they were presently unable to locate and identify an automobile by motor number alone.

Agent was advised that complete classification and filing of the motor numbers would not be completed until about the middle of June or the first of July for the 1935 registration, and, until then, that no complete check could be made concerning the registration of instant automobile.

**DETAILS:**

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

The NASHVILLE OFFICE at Nashville, Tennessee will about June 15, 1935, again contact the Tennessee Auto Department to determine if classification and filing of motor numbers have been completed and to determine if they have any record of a 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, motor number S-382876, being registered in the State of Tennessee for the year 1935.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>W. A. Smith</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | <b>88-12-60</b>          | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>JUN 15 1935</b> |
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-3845**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>6/15/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>6/8/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>H. E. ROBERTS</b>              |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's 1934 model Oldsmobile coupe not registered in State of Michigan for 1935. 1934 renewal records for period of six months not completed; however, for those records completed it does not appear that instant 1934 license plates were renewed. Title still remains in name of Courtney Gouthey. -P-

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, 5/9/35.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. A. Ley, Assistant Director, Motor Vehicle Division, Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, was interviewed and advised Agent that he was unable to find any license plates issued to Subject under the name of Courtney Gouthey or aliases for his 1934 model Oldsmobile coupe, motor #S322876. He also advised that the 1934 plates have not been reinstated according to the records thus far compiled of renewals of 1934 plates, which are possible under Michigan State Law, for a period of six months, by purchasing a red sticker for the front window of the car. He states however that these records are not altogether complete at this time, and it is possible that Subject could have obtained the renewal but the records are incomplete.

Agent checked with the Title Division, Secretary of State's office, Lansing, and found that there was no change in connection with the title to the instant car, which is still in the name of Courtney Gouthey, Hotel Olds, Lansing, Michigan.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>D. L. Nicholson</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   | 88-12-61  | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>JUN 17 1935</b><br>CHECKED OFF:<br><b>JUN 20 1935</b><br>JACKETED: |
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The Detroit office will carry the instant case pending in view of the undeveloped leads set out in reference report that information would be furnished this office by the New York City office for investigation at Chicopee and Lansing, Michigan.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
June 15, 1935.

JSK:TS  
31-3076

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

With reference to Bureau letter of June 6, 1935 in the above entitled case, enclosing a copy of the photograph together with copy of the criminal record of one Frank Nowak, alias L. A. Hetherington, arrested by the Pittsburgh Police on July 4, 1930, please be advised that this photograph had been previously shown to the Victims in this case, as shown in the report of Special Agent F. M. Stone, Birmingham, Alabama, April 10, 1935, and that no identification was made.

The photograph shown to the victim by Special Agent Stone was taken on July 1, 1934 when L. A. Hetherington, under number 13080 was received at the State Penitentiary at Salem, Oregon. The criminal record of L. A. Hetherington, Bureau Identification #239963 shows that the Frank Nowak arrested by the Pittsburgh Police on July 4, 1930 and the L. A. Hetherington received at the State Penitentiary Salem, Oregon on July 1, 1934, are the same.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Pittsburgh office, covering the lead set out in the report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 22, 1935, which sets out a lead for this office to exhibit the photograph of Frank Nowak to the victims in this case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan  
R. B. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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June 20, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

With reference to the Bureau letter of June 12, 1935, requesting that an appropriate summary report be prepared in this case at the present time, please be advised that this is being done.

Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh has again discussed this case with United States Attorney Jim C. Smith, Birmingham, Ala., and he has advised that he will be unable to authorize prosecution in this case until such time as a marriage without divorce by the subject can be proven prior to the time that he married the victim which was December 9, 1933.

The report of Special Agent S. J. Lackey, San Antonio, Nov. 24, 1934, indicates that the United States Attorney at San Antonio, Texas, will authorize prosecution of the subject for the transportation of victim Clyde Alexander, from San Antonio, Texas, where he married her on August 27, 1934, to Memphis, Tenn., where he abandoned her. Inasmuch as this marriage is subsequent to the marriage of victim Hazel Irene Smith who was abandoned without divorce, it appears to be a clear violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. Inasmuch as Birmingham is being considered the office of origin, although prosecution has not been authorized in this district, a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the San Antonio office, with the request that they again discuss prosecution with the United States Attorney so that process will be available in the event that the subject is located and apprehended.

Yours very truly,

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R. B. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: San Antonio

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P. O. Box 514,  
Birmingham, Ala.  
June 23, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRMA SMITH - VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Relative to the above entitled matter, there seems to be some confusion as to the exact motor number on the 1923 Oldsmobile business coupe purchased by subject Hetherington.

The number of this car has been carried in the Birmingham file for sometime as C-323876, but it appears from the report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 1/7/35, that the correct number of this car is F-323376.

The Detroit office is requested to check this number and ascertain the correct alphabetical prefix for the motor number of said car, and advise this office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Ala.  
June 23, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:-

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRVINE SMITH - VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Reference is made to your letter of June 5, 1935, and the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. W. M. Jeffers, Executive Vice-President of the Union Pacific Railroad system, dated at Omaha, Neb., June 13, 1935.

This latter letter indicates that a search has been made of the records of the Union Pacific System since Jan. 1, 1935, in an effort to ascertain whether a pass had been issued by this company to subject Hetherington.

It is noted that the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, dated at San Francisco, Calif., 5/20/35, indicates that Mr. C. R. Jones, who furnished the original information to the effect that subject as Rev. Darling, displayed to him some sort of a pass of the Union Pacific Railroad System, states that this occurred in June of 1934. Accordingly it would appear that the search made by Mr. Jeffers from Jan. 1st, 1935, to the present date was useless and it is requested that the Omaha office recontact Mr. Jeffers and request him to extend his search back to a reasonable time prior to June, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau ✓

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P. O. BOX 1156,  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
June 15, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Re: Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases;  
Clyde Alexander .... Victim  
Hazel Irene Smith .. Victim  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of June 8, in the  
above captioned case.

On June 11th, this office addressed a letter to Mr.  
W. M. Jeffers, Executive Vice-President, Union Pacific System, at  
Omaha, Nebraska, relative to the desired information, called for  
in the letter of reference, and also setting out all the known  
aliases of Hetherington.

This office is now in receipt of a letter from Mr.  
Jeffers, dated June 13, 1935, advising that an examination of his  
records disclosed no information relative to the issuance of a pass,  
of any kind, to Hetherington. For the information of your office,  
there is transmitted, herewith, a copy of Mr. Jeffers' letter.

As requested by you, the report of Special Agent  
W. J. Birthright, dated May 20, 1935, at San Francisco, California,  
is being returned to you, herewith.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

Omaha, Nebraska,  
June 13, 1935

Mr. John A. Dowd,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
P. O. Box 1156,  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:-

This is in reply to your file 31-1683, June 11th, in regard to issuance of reduced rate tickets account Minister of Religion, to Rev. Courtney Hetherington.

We have examined our records from January 1st to date and find that no application has been made to this company by the individual under any of the names listed in your letter. This audit of our records involves all offices where reduced rates may have been issued. Our officers have also been instructed that if such an individual solicits the issuance of a reduced rate tickets, to advise this office and we will in turn communicate with you.

Yours truly,

W. M. JEFFERS,

Executive Vice-President.

Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
June 15, 1935.

JSK:TS  
31-3076

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. L. Willard, Cleveland, Ohio, June 11, 1935, which sets out that Reverend W. H. Thaxton, 1226 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio had seen the subject a short time ago and that the subject had held a revival meeting at his church.

For the information of the Cleveland office, reference is also made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated May 9, 1935 which sets out that no definite information as to the whereabouts of subject Hetherington had been received for some time, and information from a review of the Birmingham file only indicated that all statements made by him had been false and misleading.

The information obtained from Reverend W. H. Thaxton at Toledo, Ohio is the most recent available and it is requested that your office conduct a thorough investigation among the parishioners of the Pentecostal Church at Toledo, Ohio to see if the subject became intimately acquainted with any of the parishioners, ascertaining the names of those to whom he might write, any statements that he might have made as to his future whereabouts, and also ascertain the make and type of automobile that he was driving, together with the license plate showing the state where it was registered.

Inasmuch as many other offices are working on leads considerably older than this one, it is suggested that this be given expeditious attention so that the subject can be located within the shortest possible time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: San Antonio

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July 1, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases;  
Clyde Alexander, Victim;  
Hazel Irene Smith, Victim;  
White Slave Traffic Act.  
Birmingham File 31-2076.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June  
12, 1935 in connection with the above entitled case.

The Bureau desires that you submit the summary  
report requested in this matter without further delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham**

S. A. FILE NO. **31-1262**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>June 24 '35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>6/22/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>F. J. Lackey</b>               |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim</b> |                                       |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

U. S. Attorney will authorize prosecution of subject at San Antonio when located. R.U.C.

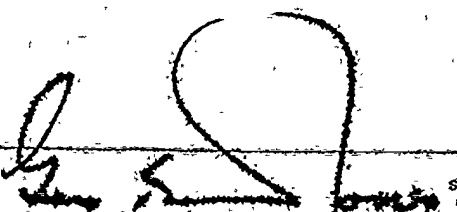
Reference: Report of Special Agent F. J. Lackey, San Antonio, Tex. dated 11/24/34 and letter from Birmingham office to Bureau dated June 20, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

In compliance with request set forth in the reference letter, Agent again discussed the facts in this case with Assistant U. S. Attorney James Jackson at San Antonio, Texas, who stated that the prosecution of subject for the transportation of victim Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn., would be authorized and instituted at San Antonio upon the location of subject and he stated that when subject is located efforts will be made to have him removed to San Antonio, Texas, unless there is some other Federal Court who has jurisdiction at a place closer to the location of subject.

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
June 23, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, P.A.;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

With referency to my letter of June 23, 1935, addressed to the Bureau with copy to your office, and the report of Special Agent F. J. Lackey, San Antonio, dated June 24, 1935, a review of the file in the Birmingham office indicates that subject married Miss Alleah N. Gillette, 411 Henry Street, Houston, Texas, sometime during the year 1933, prior to the marriage of victim Irene Smith.

The report of Special Agent F. J. Lackey, San Antonio, dated November 24, 1934, page three, reflects that when victim Clyde Alexander was interviewed she stated that she had received information that the subject, using the name of Arthur Adolph McDussey De Dougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, had married Miss Gillette and that a son was born to Miss Gillette on February 13, 1934.

Miss Gillette has never been interviewed, nor has this marriage been definitely proven. It is requested that Miss Gillette be interviewed and the records of the County Clerk's office be consulted to ascertain if this marriage was consummated prior to the marriage of victim Irene Smith, married to subject on December 9, 1933.

It is requested that this investigation be conducted as promptly as possible, to complete the summary report which was requested by the Bureau on June 12, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
June 25, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
Birmingham, Alabama

Re: REV. COUNTRY HETHERINGTON  
with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM,  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 20,  
1935, please be advised that the correct motor  
number of the 1934 model Oldsmobile business coupe  
is F-382876.

Very truly yours

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D. L. Nicholson  
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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6/25/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5/28, 6/7/35</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. F. McDEVITT</b>             |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b>  |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Neither the Philadelphia Police Department nor the Registrars of Motor Vehicles of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey have any record of subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 5/9/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u></p> <p>On 5/28/35 Agent examined the records in the office of the Philadelphia Detective Bureau and found no record of Subject's name or aliases. On the same date the Registrars of Motor Vehicles of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey were requested to advise whether they had a 1934 or 1935 automobile registration for a 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor #S-382876, Serial #C-85366 which, in 1924, bore Michigan license tags F-18-686, possibly then registered in the name of Dr. C. Darling for which a Michigan Title #O-415660 was signed in the name of Courtney Gouthey, Hotel Olds, Lansing, Mich., other names possibly used being, Reverend Courtney Hetherington, Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Dr. Courtney Darling and J. Wilbur Taylor.</p> |                                  |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. G. Reed</i>  |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |   |
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Replies received on June 7, 1935 from all of the  
above, stated they had no such records.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>Clyde Alexander, Victim<br/>Hazel Irene Smith, Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Frank J. Roach, Chief, Pass Bureau, Union Pacific R.R. Omaha, explained pass books, at cost of two dollars each, are issued to ministers, entitling them to half-fare, by Passenger Association, St. Louis, Mo. and Clergy Bureau, Chicago, Ill. Individual passes taken from these books are submitted to ticket agents who forward them to the railroad auditors' offices where they are filed by number and not name. Such a pass issued for a trip over one road would be on file with auditor of that road, this being five in the U.P. System. Such a pass for trip over more than one road would be filed with U.P. Auditor at Omaha. Necessary secure number of pass book from issuing bureau before pass book holder can be identified.

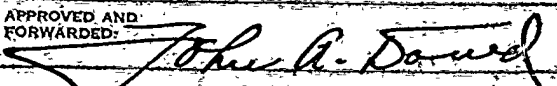
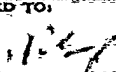
-R.U.C.-

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Birmingham Office, dated June 20, 1935.

**DETAILS:** W. M. Jeffers, Executive Vice-President, Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Nebraska was absent from the city for an undetermined period. The writer was referred to the Pass Bureau.

**DETAILS:** Frank J. Roach, Chief of the Pass Bureau, Union Pacific Offices, 1416 Dodge Street, stated he dictated the letter of June 13, 1935, copy of which has been furnished the Birmingham Office, and stated a careful search of his records revealed no trip passes issued to Hetherington under that name or the given aliases. Mr. Roach said to make a further and accurate check it would be necessary to determine whether a clergymen's half-rate pass book had been issued to Hetherington and to get the serial number of the book. He explained that these half-rate fare books are issued to clergymen by the Southwestern Passenger Association, J. E. Hanigan, Chairman, 928 Victoria Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., and by the Western Clergy Bureau, H. W. Siddall, in charge, Room 210 Union

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Station, Chicago, Ill.; that a similar bureau or Association is maintained in New York where such pass books are issued for travel in the east. He stated the Passenger Bureau in St. Louis would issue such a pass book to a minister in the Southern States.

Mr. Roach explained that the pass books issued to ministers for which a charge of two dollars is made, are recorded by the railroad auditors, as to each individual pass taken from such a book, according to the serial number of the book, which number appears on each pass in each book. He said in order to definitely determine whether such a book had been issued it would be necessary to apply to one of the passenger associations or bureaus named, giving the name of the minister; that with the name, the auditor could find the serial number of the book issued to the particular clergyman. With the serial number it can then be determined, through the railroad auditors' records what trips the clergyman has made on those passes. Mr. Roach explained that the Union Pacific Railroad is a system composed of five separate roads, with the general auditor of each located as follows:

Union Pacific, Omaha, Nebraska  
Oregon Short Line, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Oregon Washington R.R. & Nav. Co., Portland, Oregon  
L.A. & S.L. R.R., Los Angeles, California  
St. L. & Grand Island Rwy., St. Joseph, Missouri

When a minister applies for a railroad ticket, according to Mr. Roach, he signs one of the slips taken from the pass book, dating same and indicating thereon that point from which he is going as well as his destination and gives the slip to the ticket agent who issues the clergyman a special from ticket; the ticket agent then forwards the ticket stub and the pass to the general auditor of that particular road. Mr. Roach stated that if a minister obtained passage by means of these half rate tickets entirely over one road, that is, what is known as a local, the ticket stub and the pass would be forwarded to the auditor of the particular road involved in accordance with the list shown above. He said if Hetherington had secured a ticket on one of these passes, entitling him to transportation between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, it is very likely that the pass will be found in the office of the auditor, at the L.A. & S.L. offices in Los Angeles. However, in order to find same, it would be necessary to first secure the register or serial number of that particular pass book by submitting the name of the minister in question to the passenger association or bureau which issued the book.

Mr. Roach advised that a pass from one of the clergy pass books, issued for a trip over more than one road would be on file at the office of the Union Pacific Auditor in Omaha; that a pass would be recorded under the serial number and not the name of the party to which the pass had been issued, which would necessitate determining the number on the clergyman's pass book before proper search could be made.

Mr. Roach informed that individual trip passes are being issued every day to destitute people and to representatives of charitable organizations, but such passes are rarely issued to ministers. He was told that the minister involved in this investigation had been seen on a Union Pacific train with a clergyman's pass.

Mr. Roach stated that under those circumstances it would be useless to assume that Hetherington had been issued an individual trip pass because such passes are retained by the railroad ticket agent and that such a passenger would only have the ticket issued to him which is collected by the conductor.

For the information of offices which have not received prior reports in this case it is stated that Hetherington married Gwendolyn Pittinger an evangelist at Santa Barbara, Calif., on May 8, 1934, deserting her after obtaining \$1600.00 from an acquaintance. He married Miss Clyde Alexander at San Antonio, Texas on August 27, 1934 and thereafter transported her to Memphis, Tenn., where he deserted her. He has married several other women, ardently courting them, while conducting revival meetings throughout the country, later abandoning them. He claims to be an evangelist and to have traveled widely throughout the world, serving as a pilot in the French Army during the World War, shooting lions in Africa, etc. The U. S. Attorney at San Antonio, Texas has advised he will authorize prosecution of Miss Alexander when Hetherington is located.

Description of Hetherington is as follows:

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| Name           | Reverend Courtney Hetherington, aliases: Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor. |
| Age            | 45-46 years  |
| Height         | 5' 3"  |
| Weight         | 150#   |
| Build          | Stout  |
| Hair           | Black  |
| Eyes           | Hazel  |
| Teeth          | One upper tooth discolored   |
| Complexion     | Olive  |
| Scars          | Small dentation on top of forehead; small scar on one upper forearm; hairline scar under chin.                                     |
| Idiosyncrasies | Has heavy beard requiring frequent shaving; wears number 5 shoe.   |
| Education      | Well educated, intelligent and shrewd.   |
| Appearance     | Well-mannered, courteous, uses excellent language in conversation.   |

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The St. Louis Office at St. Louis, Mo., will make inquiries at the office of J. E. Hanigan, Chairman, Southwestern Passenger Association, 928 Victoria Bldg. for any information which may reflect the issuance of a Clergyman's cut-rate pass book to Hetherington. Hetherington was seen on a Union Pacific train between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles in June 1934 with such a pass in his possession, according to one C. R. Jones, a traveling companion. If such a pass is located, it should be traced and all information concerning Hetherington obtained in connection therewith, which might aid in determining his location.

The Chicago Office at Chicago, Ill. will make inquiries at the office of H. W. Siddall, Western Clergy Bureau, Room 210 Union Station, in line with the lead indicated above for the St. Louis Office.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

**MILWAUKEE**

FILE NO. **31-9**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6/28/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/11, 19/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>V. W. PETERSON</b><br><b>VWP:AB</b> |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY BETHERTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>      |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin, advises that Oldsmobile Coupe, bearing motor S (or F) 382876, serial C-85366, has not been registered in the State of Wisconsin.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of S. St. Paul, Agent R.

Report of S. H. E. Andersen, and report of Special Agent R. Alabama, 5/9/35.

**DETAILS:**

Under date June 11, 1935, letter was directed to the Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin, in which it was requested that the records of the State of Wisconsin be checked for the purpose of determining whether a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, bearing motor No. S (or F) 382876, serial C-85366, has been registered in the State of Wisconsin.

On June 19, 1935, a letter was received from the Secretary of State, advising that said automobile has not been registered in the State of Wisconsin.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. S-382876, not registered California State Division of Motor Vehicles 1934 or 1935. Stop orders placed.

**R.U.C.**

**REFERENCE:**

Report Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Francisco, California, dated May 20, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

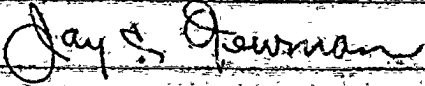
**At Sacramento, California.**

**DETAILS:**

Miss Ruth Assalena of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, Sacramento, California, advised this office by letter dated May 23, 1935, that the 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor No. S-382876, had not been registered in the State of California, for the years 1934 or 1935. She advised further that stop notices had been placed in the file and that this office would be immediately notified should an attempt be made to register this car.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HENNINGTON, W.B., ET AL.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Oldsmobile, motor No. **S-382376** has not been registered in the State of Louisiana for the year 1935.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, dated 5/9/35

**DETAILS:**                      **AT BATON ROUGE, LA.**

Miss Lois Cole, clerk, Auto Registration Bureau, searched the records in her office and advised that Oldsmobile, motor #**S-382376** has not been registered in the State of Louisiana for the year 1935. She made a note of the number and placed a stop card for the New Orleans office to be notified in the event the car is registered.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:** THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at Jackson, Miss. will ascertain whether this car has been registered in the State of Mississippi.

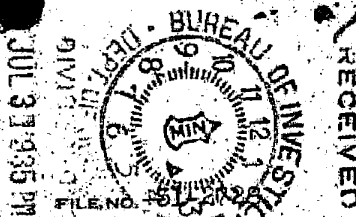
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| TITLE:<br><u>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases</u><br><u>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim</u><br><u>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</u>   |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><u>White Slave Traffic Act</u> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p>No record registration of subject's car in states of Oregon or Washington or registration of any car under name of subject or his aliases.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p>  |                                   |  |  |
| REFERENCE:<br><p>Report of Special Agent R. C. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama dated May 9, 1935.</p>   |                                   |  |  |
| DETAILS:<br><p>Letters were directed on May 17, 1935 to the Departments of State of the states of Oregon and Washington requesting to be advised whether there was any registration of subject's car for the years 1934 or 1935 or any record of the registration of any car under any of the names or aliases of subject and on May 22 replies to the above letters were received advising that they had no record of the registration of the above mentioned car or of the registration of any car under subject's name or aliases.</p> |                                   |  |  |
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HENDERINGTON, w.a., ET. AL.</b> |                                 | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Oldsmobile, motor No. S-32276 has not been registered in the state of Louisiana for the year 1935.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, dated 5/9/35

**DETAILS:** AT BATON ROUGE, LA.

Miss Lois Cole, clerk, Auto Registration Bureau, searched the records in her office and advised that Oldsmobile, motor #S-322376 has not been registered in the State of Louisiana for the year 1935. She made a note of the number and placed a stop card for the New Orleans office to be notified in the event the car is registered.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:** THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, at Jackson, Miss. will ascertain whether this car has been registered in the State of Mississippi.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>Clyde Alexander, Victim;<br/>Hazel Irene Smith, Victim</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Correct motor number of car presumably in subject's possession set out for a further check through automobile registration bureaus.

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Detroit Office dated 6/25/35.

**DETAILS:** The report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, dated 5/9/35, inadvertently set out the motor number of the Oldsmobile Coupe as S-382876. A review of the file and correspondence with the Detroit Office indicates that the correct motor number is F-382876.

When subject purchased this 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe in Lansing, Michigan about July 15, 1934, in his title and license registration in the State of Michigan he used the name of Courtney Gouthey and described the automobile with the F-382876 motor number.

All offices are requested to again contact automobile registration bureaus to see if instant automobile under the correct motor number of F-382876 has been registered during the current year. In those states where registration is not available by motor number, request should be made under the name Courtney Gouthey.

Offices covering states where driver's permits are necessary are requested to ascertain if a permit has been issued to subject under any of his aliases.

For the information of offices which have received no prior reports, it will be stated that subject married Gwendolyn Pittinger, an Evangelist, at Santa Barbara, California on May 8, 1934, deserting her after obtaining \$1600.00 from an acquaintance. He married later Miss Clyde Alexander at San Antonio, Texas on August 27, 1934, and thereafter transported her in interstate commerce to Memphis, Tennessee.

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827 Broad Street National Bank Building  
Trenton New Jersey

July 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
Clyde Alexander, Victim;  
Hazel Irene Smith, Victim.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, dated Birmingham, July 3, 1935, containing a request that appropriate contact be made with the Automobile Registration Bureau with reference to the automobile registration in the name of the above-entitled subject.

Please be advised that the copy of reference report received in this Office is so blurred that it is suggested that the correct as well as incorrect motor numbers of the above-mentioned automobile be furnished, in order that the desired investigation may be performed.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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1021 Bankers Building  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham,  
Alabama.

Dear Sir:

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
Clyde Alexander, Victim  
Hazel Irene Smith, Victim  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, July 3rd, 1935, wherein it is requested that all field offices contact state automobile registration bureaus for the purpose of determining whether Oldsmobile coupe, motor number F-382876, has been registered. In this connection, kindly refer to my report, dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 28, 1935, which advises that the Secretary of State, Madison Wisconsin, provided information that Oldsmobile coupe, bearing motor number F-382876, has not been registered in the state of Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 6, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: REV. COURTNEY LITTLETON  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander - Victim.  
Hazel Irene Smith - Victim.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. J. Kavanagh dated at Birmingham July 3, 1935, in the above entitled case, which contains a lead to check motor vehicle registration bureaus for Oldsmobile Coupe Motor # 302,876.

Previous inquiry made by the Cincinnati office in this case indicated that there is no record of the registration of this automobile in the State of Ohio, it being noted that check was made under this correct motor number as well as under the incorrect motor number.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Postoffice Box 314,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
Clyde Alexander-Victim;  
Hazel Irene Smith-Victim.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

You are advised that the correct motor number of  
the Oldsmobile Coupe believed to be in the possession of subject is  
motor #T-332876. The number previously circularized by the various  
offices and found to be incorrect was #3-382876.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                           |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor No. S-382876, property of Hetherington, not registered for current year in State of Arizona.**

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REFERENCE: **Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed dated 5-9-35, Birmingham, Alabama.**

**DETAILS:**

**AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

A check of the records of the State Motor Vehicle License Division of the State Highway Department fails to reveal that the 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, Motor No. S-382876, property of subject Hetherington, has been registered for the current year in the State of Arizona.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,  
Washington, D. C.

July 10, 1935.

Mr. E. A. Baughman,  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
Culford Avenue and 21st. Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

RE: Courtney Letherington  
a.k.a.; Dly. Alexander, Victim  
Hazel Irene Smith, Victim,  
U.S.T.A.

Dear Sir:

Recently I inquired whether Oldsmobile 1934 model business coupe, motor #E-333376 had been registered in your jurisdiction and requested you to place a stop notice in your files in the event it had not been registered. In response to this request you advised me that this automobile had not been registered in your jurisdiction.

It has now been ascertained that the correct motor number of this motor vehicle is E-333376.

Won't you therefore kindly advise me whether Oldsmobile 1934 model business coupe, motor number E-333376 had been registered in your jurisdiction? If it has not, won't you kindly place a stop in your files for this motor vehicle, disregarding the stop now in your files under the incorrect motor number as given above.

I should appreciate it very much if you will also advise me whether a driver's permit has been issued to a person using any of the following names: Courtney Letherington, Courtney Gouthey, Courtney Darling or J. Wilbur Taylor. This individual may use the title of Reverend or Dr. preceding his name. There is enclosed herewith for your convenience in replying a franked envelope which requires no postage.

Thanking you very much for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

88-12-74  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

The Western Clergy Bureau, Union Station, Chicago, has no record of having issued a clergyman's pass book to subject. Clergymen's passbooks for the southern states are issued at Atlanta, Georgia.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. B. Culbertson, Omaha, Nebraska, dated 6/25/35.

**DETAILS:**

Miss Thompson, Clerk, Western Clergy Bureau, Room 210, Union Station, Chicago, Illinois, examined her records at this Agent's request, but failed to find that any clergyman's pass book had ever been issued to the subject of this case under his correct name or known aliases. The records disclosed that pass books had been issued to the following:

Allen Byron Darling. This gentleman was known by Miss Thompson to be a student at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Chicago.

**DETAILS:**

L. W. Darling, the report on whom indicated that he is in charge of the Methodist church at Corona, South Dakota, at the present time. He was endorsed by E. K. Copper, Secretary of the Methodist Headquarters at Chicago. The records show that Mr. L. W. Darling had had a clergyman's certificate for thirty years.

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Vincent Hetherington. The report reflected that this gentleman is a teacher at the St. Lawrence College, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin; that he is a member of the Capuchin Order. It was found that he is listed in the Catholic Clergy Directory.

Alex Hetherington. The records show that he is the pastor of a Catholic Parish at Riceville, Iowa, and is also listed in the Catholic Clergy Directory.

Jack W. Taylor. The records show that he is a colored minister at Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Thompson informed Agent that clergymen's pass books that were to be used in the southern states would be issued by the Southern Passenger Association, Clergy Permit Department, Atlanta, Georgia.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The ATLANTA BUREAU OFFICE at Atlanta, Georgia, is requested to ascertain whether a clergyman's cut rate pass book was ever issued to subject Hetherington. If such a pass book is located, it should be traced and all information concerning Hetherington obtained. A copy of the reference report is being forwarded to the Atlanta Office with this report as an aid in the investigation.

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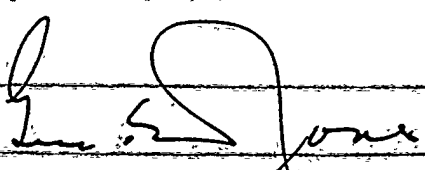


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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>San Antonio, Texas</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>July 8, 1935</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>July 5-6, 1935.</b>   | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>D. R. Morley</b>                |
| TITLE: <b>CHANGED:</b><br><b>REV. COURTNEY LUTHERINGTON, aliases: DR. COURTNEY LUTHERINGTON, REV. COURTNEY COURTNEY, DR. COURTNEY DARTON, J. WILLIAM TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DE BUSSEY DE DOMAUVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT; CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM; LAZEL IRMA SMITH - VICTIM; EMMOPSEBEE CHILLETTE - VICTIM.</b>  |  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| <p>Subject as Maurice Pierrepont married Mrs. Alleah Gillette at Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1933, transported her to West Lake, Louisiana, where they lived for five weeks as man and wife. Reported her in Houston in July, 1933. A [redacted] born to Alleah Gillette Pierrepont of [redacted] United States Attorney, Houston, Texas, will authorize prosecution. P.</p> <p>Reference: Letter from Birmingham office to San Antonio office, dated June 23, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Title is changed to include name of victim Gillette.</p> <p>In the office of Mr. Henry M. Dudley, County Clerk of Harris County, Houston, Texas, a check of the records revealed that a marriage license was issued on April 5, 1933 to Mrs. Alleah Gillette, age 32, 2217 Crawford Street, Houston, and Maurice Pierrepont, age 45, 412 1/2 Louisiana Avenue, Houston and that the marriage ceremony was performed on April 5, 1933 by the Rev. E. G. Gerhart. This record is found on page 232, volume 64 of the Marriage Records. In the same office, Birth Certificate No. 515, filed February 20, 1934, by Mrs. A. J. Fausa, midwife, 2516 Raymond Street, Houston, shows that on [redacted] a full term, legitimate child was born to Maurice Pierrepont, age 45, birthplace - Paris, France, profession - doctor, address - unknown, and Alleah Logan Gillette, age 33, occupation - housewife, birthplace - Athens, Texas, residence - Dyersdale Road.</p> |  |  |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br>  |  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE<br/> <b>88-12-78</b> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br/> <b>JUL 12 1935</b> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:<br/> <b>Birmingham-3 (U.S. Atty. Birmingham-1)<br/> U.S. Atty. San Antonio-1<br/> U.S. Atty. Houston-1<br/> San Antonio-2</b> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> UNITED STATES<br/> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> ROUTED TO:<br/><b>5/10/35</b> FILE </div> </div> </div> |   |

At the address given by Pierrepont on his application for marriage license, 412½ Louisiana Avenue, is located the Full Gospel Mission. Mr. R. J. Evans, in charge of this institution stated that there was no one now connected with the Mission who had been there in April, 1933, when Pierrepont was there. He stated that he had been an occasional visitor at the Mission at this time, but had not known Pierrepont personally. He later heard rumors concerning the activities of Pierrepont with women, but discounted it as idle gossip. He assured agent that Pierrepont had not been back to the Mission or it would have come to his attention. If he hears anything of value Mr. Evans says he will report to the San Antonio office.

In the office of Superintendent of Mails Gilbert, Houston, Texas, it was ascertained that Alleah Gillette Pierrepont, Route No. 2, Dyersdale Road, left a forwarding address at 411 Henry Street and from there to 6805 Avenue "N". From the carrier covering the area at the Avenue "N" address it was learned that Mrs. Pierrepont had lived at 6816 Avenue "O" for about one week before moving to Avenue "N" and that she had moved out of the vicinity shortly thereafter without leaving a forwarding address. Extensive inquiry in the neighborhood disclosed no one had become personally acquainted with Mrs. Pierrepont and no one knew where she had gone. Inquiry at the Houston Power and Light Company revealed that electricity had been installed at the Avenue "O" address in the name of Mrs. Alleah Pierrepont and references included a Mrs. Kilgore, 1202 Rutland. Telephonic communication with Mrs. Kilgore resulted in the information that the Dyersdale Road address was the home of Mrs. Pierrepont's sister, Mrs. N. Phillips. Agent then drove to the home of Mrs. Phillips who stated that her sister could be located at 2006 Summer Street, Houston, Texas.

At 2006 Summer Street agent contacted Mrs. Pierrepont who is now using the name Gillette. She verified the information obtained from the County Clerk's office and gave the following information concerning subject Hetherington. Mrs. Gillette first met Pierrepont at the Full Gospel Mission, Houston, and they became friendly. Shortly thereafter she became ill and Pierrepont visited her frequently. After her illness they were married. In the latter part of May, 1933, they went to West Lake, Louisiana, to conduct a religious meeting. They lived there as man and wife for approximately five weeks at the home of Mrs. M. V. Atkinson. They later returned to Houston, stopping about one week in Beaumont, Texas. Pierrepont left Mrs. Gillette in Houston in July, 1933, after they had lived together as man and wife for three months, during which period Mrs. Gillette was certain that she was legally married to Pierrepont. During this time Pierrepont stated that he was a full blooded Frenchman, being born in Paris, France, serving in the French army during the war. He stated that his mother was a Countess, that he had married a French girl named Geraldine shortly before the war, but that she had died in Mexico while he was there with the French Embassy. Further Pierrepont told her that he had a grown son in England and a daughter in France. Mrs. Gillette stated that Pierrepont spoke French fluently, used the Spanish language some and claimed to be versed in Fourteen different languages. Mrs. Gillette

gave the following peculiarities and marks of subject:

Dent scar in middle of forehead.  
Round scar in abdomen, allegedly bullet wound received in the War.  
Flat feet (has trouble with swelling in feet).  
Legs bowed just above ankles.  
Excellent mimic - possibility he may attempt to go on the stage.  
Knows something of jiu jitsu and claims to have wrestled some.

Pierrepoint claimed to have come to Houston from Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Gillette stated that she had remembered reading that some French doctor was wanted in that state at about the time Pierrepoint came to Houston. Mrs. Gillette stated that the only occupations claimed by Pierrepoint were those of Minister, Physician and Surgeon, and a member of the staff of the French Embassy in Mexico.

She stated that the following persons were acquainted with Pierrepoint during the time she lived with him and might be able to disclose information concerning his alleged residence, etc., prior to their marriage:

Mr. Thurman Teal, Houston, Texas. (Cafe opposite Jeff Davis Hospital)  
Rev. Billy Harrison, Barber's Hill, Texas.  
Rev. J. S. Frederick, Box 10, Sulphur, Louisiana.  
Rev. Eiting, Pentecostal Minister, whereabouts unknown.

Pierrepoint claimed to have been personally acquainted with Eddie Cantor, Rubinoff and the Doctors Mayo of Rochester, Minneapolis, further claiming that he had been a medical instructor in large Eastern hospitals. He often spoke of a woman named Ida, of either Santa Barbara or Long Beach, California, supposed to be a beautiful woman, small of stature, of great wealth and having one breast removed. He stated that this woman was crazy about him.

Mrs. Gillette stated that shortly after Pierrepoint left she received a letter from Des Moines, Iowa, asking for information concerning him. She lost the letter after answering it and does not recall the name or address of the sender, but that she believed that it was from Pierrepoint himself, writing under an assumed name.

Mrs. Gillette is at present seeking annulment of her marriage to Pierrepoint and intends to marry Mr. R. A. Harrell of Houston when that proceeding is completed. She added that Mr. Randall Taylor, lawyer of Miss Clyde Alexander of San Antonio, Texas, is well informed concerning the case. She stated that in the event she learned anything concerning Pierrepoint she will communicate the information to the Bureau office at San Antonio or to resident agent Sisk at Houston.

Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Oden stated that although it appeared that cases were stronger at Birmingham and San Antonio prosecution would be had in Houston in the event that those offices were unsuccessful in prosecution.

Undeveloped leads other than those for the San Antonio office are left to the discretion of the office of origin.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The San Antonio office at Houston, Texas, will contact Thurman Teal at a cafe opposite the Jeff Davis Hospital for information concerning Pierrepont.

At Barber's Hill, Texas, will contact the Rev. Billy Harrison for information concerning Pierrepont.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Ala.**

FILE NO. **31-3076 Mc**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM.</b>   |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victim Hazel Smith interviewed and stated she had no relations with the subject while being transported by him from Birmingham, Ala., to Chicago, Ill. U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, Ala., declines prosecution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Ala., dated 7/3/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.:</u></p> <p>Victim Hazel Irene Smith was interviewed at her home, 2604 42nd Ave., North, and furnished the following signed statement:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Birmingham, Ala.<br/>July 8, 1935.</p> <p>My name is Hazel Smith and I am making this statement freely and voluntarily to J. S. Kavanaugh, who has made known to me that he is a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the U. S. Dept. of Justice.</p> <p>During August, 1933, while I was singing at the Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle, and I met Dr. Courtney Hetherington who was preaching there. We became good friends and on December 9, 1933, we were married in Birmingham, Ala., by the Rev. G. C. Walker of the 35th Ave. Baptist Church.</p> <p>After this marriage we lived at the home of my parents at 2602 42nd Ave. No, Birmingham, Ala. During March, 1934, my husband wanted to give up his revivals and traveling and re-enter the medical profession. He borrowed one thousand dollars from my parents to go to Chicago, Ill. to purchase</p> |                                  |  |   |
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equipment. We went by bus leaving Birmingham, Ala., on March 8, 1934. We arrived in Chicago on March 9, 1934, registering at the LaSalle Hotel. On Sunday, March 11, 1934, he told me he was going to Waukegan, Ill., to purchase some laboratory fixtures and also preach there. He did not come back and I have not heard from him since then.

[redacted] there was born to me a baby girl whose name is [redacted] Courtney Hetherington is the father of this girl.

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There are two pages to this statement and I have signed both of them.

(SIGNED) HAZEL SMITH

In addition to this statement, Miss Smith stated that the name she is known by is Hazel Smith and not Hazel Irene Smith. As far as any relations on the trip to Chicago were concerned, she stated that she had none with subject Heatherington due to her pregnancy. She further stated that she was not feeling well at the time this trip was made and that it was made by bus so that they could stop off nights at hotels rather than sleepers on the train. She stated that neither she nor her family or any of their friends had received any recent information as to the whereabouts of the subject or have they received any information about his former connections that have not already been covered by or given to the Bureau.

The description of victim Smith, having not previously been set out in the file, is incorporated below:

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| Name            | Hazel Smith   |
| Age             | 23 (Born 1/7/12, Birmingham, Ala.)                                    |
| Weight          | 130 lbs.  |
| Height          | 5'6"  |
| Complexion      | Fair  |
| Build           | Medium  |
| Hair            | Light brown   |
| Eyes            | Hazel   |
| Teeth           | Good  |
| Education       | High School graduate.   |
| Occupation      | None  |
| Marital status  | Married, one child.   |
| Relatives       | Parents-Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith,<br>2604 42nd AVE. No., B'ham., Ala. |
| Criminal record | None  |

The violation covering the transportation of the victim from Birmingham, Ala., to Chicago, Ill., was discussed with United States Attorney Jim C. Smith, Birmingham, Ala., who advised that in view of the

the fact that the victim stated she had had no relations with the subject on this trip, it would be difficult to prove any immoral act and a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. He also advised that in view of the victim's pregnancy at the time, it would be difficult to prove any immoral purposes on the part of the subject even though the victim had stated that there were no relations between the two of them. For these reasons he stated that it would be impossible to authorize prosecution in the Northern District of Alabama.

The signed statement of Hazel Smith is being retained in the Birmingham file.

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Form No. 3

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Birmingham, Ala.FILE NO. 31-3076 Mc

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| TITLE:<br><u>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, aliases: Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierpont, Arthur Debussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM. CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM.</u> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><u>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</u> |

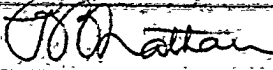
Rev. Courtney Hetherington under his various aliases has traveled throughout the country as an itinerant evangelist and investigation conducted by the Bureau thus far has failed to indicate that he is a regularly ordained minister of any church. During the course of his travels, he has married four women without obtaining a divorce and in each case after the marriage has succeeded in obtaining sums of money from them or others and then deserting the woman he married.

Only two of the women he has married have been transported in interstate commerce and they are victims Hazel Irene Smith and Clyde Alexander. To show the subject's travels, his marriages to all four victims are being set out in this summary report in the order in which they occurred.

MARRIAGE NO. 1. Early in the year of 1933, the subject under the name of Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierpont married a Miss Alleah N. Gillette, then residing at 411 Henry Street, Houston, Texas, deserting her the same year. As a result of this marriage, a son was born to Miss Gillette on [redacted] investigation is being conducted by the San Antonio Office at the present time to establish this marriage by interviewing Miss Gillette.

MARRIAGE NO. 2. Hazel Irene Smith met the subject under the name of Rev. Courtney Hetherington during the spring and fall of 1933 when she was singing at a church where he was preaching. They were married on December 9, 1933, at Birmingham, Ala., before Rev. Grover C. Walker, rector of the 55th Ave. Baptist Church, 2428 35th Ave., and the records in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson County, Ala., show that the marriage was valid in every way. After this marriage, subject continued his activity in church work in Birmingham for several months.

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In March of 1934, because of his wife's pregnancy, Hetherington stated that he would give up traveling and his revivals and go back to his medical profession. Claiming that he had difficulty in obtaining money from his parents, he prevailed on the parents of his wife, who are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, to loan him \$1,000.00 which they did. Subject and victim then proceeded to Chicago by train, registered at the LaSalle Hotel, where he deserted her on March 11, 1934. On or about October 1, 1934, the victim gave birth to a baby boy as a result of this marriage.

Prosecution as a result of this marriage has been declined by the U. S. Attorney at Birmingham, Ala., in view of the fact that the victim stated that she had no relations with the subject after they left Birmingham, Ala. The U. S. Attorney also feels that the pregnancy of the victim at the time of her transportation would be a successful defense in the event that prosecution is undertaking charging transportation for an immoral purpose.

MARRIAGE NO. 3. The Subject, under the name of Dr. Courtney Darling, about April 1, 1934, came to Santa Barbara, Cal., to hold Bible services at the Four Square Gospel Church. He made ardent love to the pastor of this church, Gwendolyn Pittinger, and after a brief courtship, married her on May 8, 1934. During the services held by the subject at the Four Square Gospel Church, he frequently discussed his relatives in England, claiming that they were wealthy and that if he could obtain the sum of \$2,000.00 with which to return to England, he would come back with the sum of \$15,000.00 which would be used for the improvement of the church.

In response to this appeal, one Helen Eldridge, a member of the Four Square Gospel Church gave subject \$1,600.00 with which he purchased a Railway Express Travelers check and departed on July 11, 1934, for Chicago, supposedly enroute to England. He did not return.

Investigation conducted by the Bureau indicates that this money was used by the subject to purchase an Oldsmobile automobile at Lansing, Michigan, on July 16, 1934.

This marriage did not result in any violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

MARRIAGE NO. 4. The subject, as Rev. Courtney Gouthey, while preaching at Corpus Christi, Texas, in August of 1934, met Miss Clyde Alexander with whom he became very friendly and married her on August 27, 1934, and she traveled with him to various places in Texas and about Sept. 15, 1934, she went with the subject to Memphis, Tenn., where they resided with George Hickson, 1516 Latham Avenue. Transportation of the victim by the subject was in the 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe which subject had purchased, as indicated in this report, in July, 1934, at Lansing, Michigan. After about a weeks stay at the home of George Hickson in Memphis, the subject deserted Miss Alexander when he ascertained that inquiry had been made about him by the Memphis Police Department.

W I T N E S S E S

MISS CLYDE ALEXANDER, 226 Monticello Court, San Antonio, Texas, will testify that she married subject, Rev. Courtney Couthey, at San Antonio, Texas, on August 27, 1934, and that she went with subject to San Angelo, Texas, Cisco, Texas and Wichita Falls, Texas, visiting friends of Miss Alexander for short periods of a few days. After leaving Wichita Falls, Texas, they went to Memphis, Tenn., where they remained at the home of George Hickson, 1516 Latham Ave., where they remained one week. She will testify as to her relations with the subject, to the fact that prior marriages of the subject were unknown to her, to his desertion of her on Sept. 26, 1934, at Memphis, Tenn., and that all of the transportation was in the 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, the property of subject.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HICKSON, 1516 Latham Ave., Memphis, Tenn., will testify that subject and the victim came to their home as husband and wife about Sept. 18, 1934, and remained there about one week, the subject deserting the victim when inquiry had been made as to the subject's identity by members of the Memphis Police Department.

The United States Attorney at San Antonio, Texas, has indicated that he will undertake prosecution of the subject for the transportation of victim Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn., upon the location of the subject.

No prior criminal record of subject has thus far been ascertained.

FEDERAL BUREAU  
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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon  
July 10, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to report of J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated July 3, 1935, in the above entitled case. Please be advised that the correct motor number of the 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe was furnished the Director of Licenses, Olympia, Washington, and the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, in May of 1935. The motor number was taken from the synopsis of Agent Reed's report, which it is noted is correct. You are also advised that the name and aliases of subject was also furnished the respective offices at Salem, Oregon and Olympia, Washington, and accordingly another letter is not being sent them at this time.

Very truly yours,

C. C. STRANS  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-1397**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases<br/>Clyde Alexander - Victim<br/>Hazel Irene Smith - Victim</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F-382876, not listed with Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau for State of Minnesota. Minnesota does not require permits to drive motor vehicles.**

**R. U. C.**

**REFERENCE:** Report of J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, 7-3-35.

**DETAILS:**

In response to a letter from this office, a communication was received on July 11, 1935 from the Motor Registration Bureau, State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota, to the effect that 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F-382876, is not registered and has not been registered in the State of Minnesota.

The State of Minnesota does not require automobile drivers to secure permits to operate motor vehicles.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br>Salt Lake City, Utah   | DATE WHEN MADE<br>7-11-35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>5-14, 16, 17 &<br>7-11-35 | REPORT MADE BY<br>J.M. BAKER MRB             |
| TITLE<br>REVEREND COURTNEY LUTHERINGTON, with aliases;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim |                           |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Inquiry at Motor Vehicle Department, Carson City, Nevada and inquiry at Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah, failed to show any record of subject. Investigation at Identification Bureau of Salt Lake City Police Department disclosed that they have no record of subject. R.D.C.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R.C. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 5-9-35 and report of Special Agent J.F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 6-25-35.

**DETAILS:**

On the date of May 14, 1935, letters were written to the Motor Vehicle Department at Carson City, Nevada and to the Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah, for the purpose of ascertaining if there was any record of a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F362878, or any automobile registered under subject's name and aliases in these departments and information was received from the Motor Vehicle Department, of the State of Utah on May 16, 1935 that they had no record in their files and on May 17, 1935, information was received from the Motor Vehicle Department, Carson City, Nevada, that they have no record to date. The Identification Bureau of the Salt Lake City Police Department was contacted and no information could be secured about subject, as they had no information or records pertaining to him.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                 |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No 1935 registration in Arkansas for Oldsmobile Coupe motor #F-382876. Drivers license not filed in either alphabetical or numerical order. One R. C. Hetherington listed in license alphabetical file, owner 1929 Ford Coach, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Stop card placed in registration bureau's files on Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F-382876.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated July 3, 1935.

**DETAILS:** AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

Agent examined the records at the Automobile Registration Division, Revenue Department, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. There was no record of Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F-382876, recorded in the files.

The Drivers License Division does not at this time maintain either an alphabetical or numerical file of drivers license which have been issued, due to the fact that this is the first year that this law has been in

**DETAILS:** operation in this state.

The alphabetical list of the Registration Division was checked for a record of subject by name and aliases. The records listed one R. C. Hetherington, 2437 North 12th Street, Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Arkansas 1935 license #11-459 being issued to him for a 1929 model Ford Coach, motor #753081.

A "Stop" card was placed in Registration Division's files on Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F-382876. The Little Rock office will be notified if it is

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subsequently tendered for registration.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Ft. Smith, Arkansas will interview Mr. R. C. Hetherington, 2437 North 12th Street to determine if he bears any relation to subject Rev. Courtney Hetherington.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama.**

FILE NO. **31-2067**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY LUTHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**Oldsmobile 1934 Business Coupe, Motor No. F-382876, not registered in the State of Florida.**

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**REFERENCE:**

**Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, 7-3-35.**

**DETAILS:**

**The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, by letter dated July 11, 1935, advised that 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor No. F-382876 is not registered in the State of Florida.**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>Clyde Alexander, Victim<br/>Hazel Irene Smith, Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*X* Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor No. F-383876, has not been registered in the States of Montana or Idaho. Stop notices placed in Bureau of Motor Vehicle Registration in each State to notify Butte Office in event registration should be attempted in these States.  
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**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, 7/3/35.

**Details:**

Communication has been had with the Bureaus of Motor Vehicle Registration in the States of Montana and Idaho, each of which advises that Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor No. F-383876, has not been registered in their respective State, however, that stop notices have been placed in each of their Bureaus to notify the Butte Office immediately in event registration is attempted.

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETTERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Serial numbers of American Express Travelers Checks purchased by subject at Santa Barbara set out herein. Investigation in Santa Barbara discloses that subject is reported to have been seen in Los Angeles during the first part of June, 1935.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Francisco, dated 5-20-35, and report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala., dated 6-9-35.

**DETAILS:**

At the County National Bank, Santa Barbara, California, Agent was informed by Mr. BELFORD, Cashier, that the records of the bank reflect that on July 10, 1935, one COURTNEY DARLING purchased American Express Travelers Checks Nos. R1500073 to R1500086 inclusive, each check being for the amount of \$100.00. Mr. BELFORD further informed that these checks would be paid at the local office of the American Express Company in New York City.

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Inquiry was made at the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office in Santa Barbara, but Agent was unable to obtain any information from these sources as to the whereabouts of subject.

Agent interviewed FRANK STROMACH, Chief of the Fire Department, Santa Barbara, whose sister, HELEN ELDRIDGE, was swindled out of \$1600.00 by subject. Mr. STROMACH informed that he had heard through his sister that subject was seen in Los Angeles during the first part of June, 1935, by IRENE ROGERS, a resident of Los Angeles.

Agent interviewed Sister GWENDOLYN PETTINGER, pastor of the Four Square Gospel Church, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, whom subject married and deserted. Sister PETTINGER stated that she had heard, through FRANK STROMACH that subject was seen in Los Angeles during the first part of June, 1935, and that she had no other information as to his whereabouts. She informed that subject is a good chef and also a good stenographer, and that it is her belief that he may possibly be working somewhere as a chef. She also stated that he would be a very dangerous man to take into custody and that she believes he would not hesitate to kill.

#### AT LOS ANGELES:

Agent interviewed IRENE ROGERS, 2004 Berkeley Avenue, who stated that during the first part of June, 1935, she observed a man sitting in a car which was being serviced by the attendant at a service station located at Montana Avenue and Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, and that she was reasonably sure that this man was Dr. DARLING, the subject of this investigation. At the time she saw this man, she was about a half block away from the filling station, and she stopped and looked intently at him, and he apparently asked the attendant to hurry wiping off the windshield of his car and rapidly drove away in the opposite direction from where she stood.

Agent questioned her as to whether she was positive that this man was Dr. DARLING, and she stated that she was reasonably sure, although there was a remote possibility that she could be mistaken. She stated, however, that she could easily recognize him on sight, as she had seen him many times. She furnished Agent with a photograph of subject, which is being retained in the Los Angeles office file. At the time informant saw this man at the filling station, he was driving a tan coupe, practically new, make unknown.

Informant also delivered to Agent a handbill, which apparently had been distributed in Santa Barbara about the time that subject had married GWENDOLYN PETTINGER. This handbill reads as follows:

FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH  
1415 Chapala Street  
Sister Gwendolyn Pettinger, Pastor  
OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL, Nightly 7:30 p.m.  
COME AND HEAR  
REV. DR. COURTENAY DARLING  
of London and Paris  
World-Wide Traveler, Missionary and Evangelist

During this revival Dr. Darling will tell of his experiences  
with Foreign Legion, canibals, China, Africa, etc.

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COME EVERY NIGHT AND BRING A FRIEND - BRING THE SICK

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Agent interviewed the attendants at the Union Oil Company filling station located at Montana Avenue and Glendale Blyd., Los Angeles, and exhibited to them a photograph of subject, but they were unable to identify the photograph as that of a patron of the filling station. They stated that should they see such a person, they would note the license number of his car and notify the Los Angeles Bureau Office.

Inquiry was made at the General Delivery Window of the Los Angeles Post Office, and it was determined that subject is not receiving mail in this manner in the name of any of his known aliases.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE will ascertain, at the head office of the American Express Company, New York City, the history of the negotiations of Travelers Checks Nos. R1500073 to R1500086 inclusive, especially noting any information which would be of value in tracing the movements of subject.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>Clyde Alexander - Victim.<br/>Hazel Irene Smith - Victim.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                             |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Clergyman's half-fare permit not issued to subject by Southwestern Passenger Ass'n., St. Louis, Mo. Automobile reported to be used by subject not registered in the State of Illinois.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Ala.; dated 7/3/35.

**DETAILS:** At St. Louis, Missouri.

Interview was had with Mr. J. E. Hannigan, Chairman of the Southwestern Passenger Association, Room 917-26, Victoria Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., who searched the records of his Office during the years 1934 and 1935 and ascertained that no clergyman's half-fare permit pass book had been issued to subject by his Office and that no correspondence has been received by his Association concerning subject.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. Hannigan advised that the Southwestern Passenger Association issues clergyman's half-fare permits only to be used in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana; that if subject was sent such a ticket enroute from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles, California that same would, in all probability, have been issued by the Western Clergy Bureau at Room 210, Union Station, Chicago, Illinois, of which H. W. Siddall is in charge.

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Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, on May 14, 1935, addressed a letter to Hon. Edward Hughes, Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Department, Springfield, Illinois, requesting to be advised of a license that had been issued in that State for a 1934 Eldsmobile business coupe, bearing either Motor Number S-382876 or F-382876 and on May 17, 1935, received a reply, advising that no license for the year 1935 had been issued for an Oldsmobile Coupe, bearing either of the above motor numbers and that no license was shown to have been issued to subject in the State of Illinois.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER--Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH--Victim</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                          |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor #F-382876,  
not registered in States of Colorado  
nor Wyoming.

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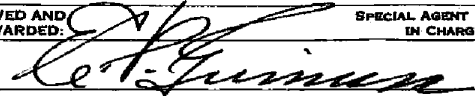
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham,  
7/3/35.

**DETAILS:**

In accordance with undeveloped lead set out in reference report, this office communicated with the Secretary of State of Wyoming and Mr. S. C. Becker, Chief of the State Auto Theft Bureau, Denver, Colorado, to determine if any one had registered instant car under the motor number or under the name of Courtney Gouthey.

This office is now in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of State of Wyoming and from Mr. S. C. Becker advising that there is no record of any registration under the motor number or under the name of Courtney Gouthey.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-93 ELM**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7-18-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7-9-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. H. Kenney</b>                |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY BETHERINGTON, with aliases:<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM.<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Automobile Department of State of Tennessee has no record of a registration of a 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, correct motor #7382876. Case closed, subject to being reopened in the event the above described automobile is registered in the State of Tennessee.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Nashville, Tenn., dated 6-13-35.  
Report of Special Agent J. S. Cavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 7-3-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

At the office of the Automobile Department of the State of Tennessee, located at 319 7th Avenue, North, agent was advised that they have no record of the registration in the State of Tennessee for the year 1935 of a Oldsmobile Business Coupe, correct motor number, #382876. The Automobile Bureau advised that they would immediately notify the Nashville Bureau Office in the event that this Oldsmobile was subsequently registered in the State of Tennessee.

In view of the fact that instant automobile is not presently registered in the State of Tennessee, this case is being considered as referred upon completion to the office of origin, subject to being reopened in the event that instant Oldsmobile is subsequently registered in Tennessee.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.**

FILE NO.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Atlanta, Georgia.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7-18-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7-17-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>John E. Lunsford</b>            |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim.<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Motor Vehicle Department, Georgia State Capitol Building, has no record of Oldsmobile Coupe, motor # F-382876.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, July 3, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Madge Davis, Motor Vehicle Department, State Capitol Building, advised that the Department did not have any record of an Oldsmobile Coupe, motor # F-382876.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama**

FILE NO: **31-55**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7-19-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7-6-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>W. F. WHITELEY</b> <span style="float: right;">mla</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                            |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

~~Oldsmobile Coupe Motor F-382876~~  
not registered in Indiana, nor  
driver's license issued to Sub-  
ject.

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**REFERENCE:**

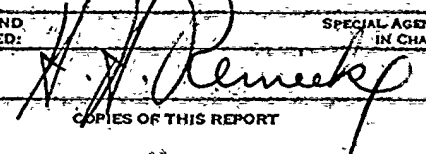
Report of Special Agent J. S.  
Cavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 3, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

Agent contacted Saul Hoffman and Stanley Roberts of the State Automobile Registration Bureau. A check of their records shows that no car with motor number F-383876 is registered in the State of Indiana. A further check of the name file showed that no car was registered to the Subject under his name or any of his aliases. Furthermore, no driver's license was issued to anyone bearing Subject's description.

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REJ:MC  
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July 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases  
Clyde Alexander - Victim;  
Hazel Irene Smith - Victim.  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 19, 1935,  
to the Bureau in connection with the above entitled case in which  
you request the office of origin be changed from Birmingham to  
San Antonio.

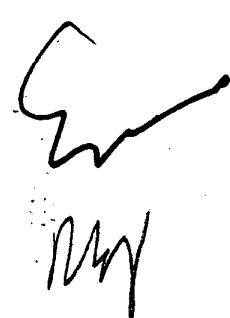
In view of the fact that investigation in the Birmingham  
territory has been completed and the prosecution of the case will  
be had in the San Antonio District, the office of origin is changed  
as requested.

Please furnish the San Antonio Office copies of all  
serials contained in your file which have not heretofore been fur-  
nished the San Antonio Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - San Antonio

Handwritten signature and initials, likely of the Director, John Edgar Hoover.

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

JSK:BM  
31-3076

Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 19, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases;  
Clyde Alexander - Victim;  
Hazel Irene Smith - Victim.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the summary report in the above case prepared by Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, July 10, 1935, and the investigative reports of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, dated July 10, 1935, and Special Agent D. R. Morley, San Antonio, dated July 8, 1935, wherein it appears that the district where prosecution will lie in this case is that covered by the San Antonio office, prosecution having been declined by the United States Attorney at Birmingham, Alabama.

A review of the file indicates that there are no outstanding leads in this district at the present time, and it is requested that authority be granted to change the office of origin in this case from Birmingham, Alabama to San Antonio, Texas.

Upon receipt of this authorization a review will be made of the Birmingham file, and serials not already in the possession of the San Antonio office will be forwarded to that office.

CC: San Antonio

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JUL 30 1935

Very truly yours,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

R. B. NATHAN,

Special Agent in Charge:

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama.**

FILE NO. **31-1633**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Omaha, Nebraska.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/19/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/12 &amp; 17/35</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JOHN A. DOWD - RCT</b>         |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HEHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRMA SMITH, Victim.</b>  |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus for Nebraska and Iowa advise Subject, under his true name or aliases, did not register an automobile in those States thus far during 1935. Operator's license not issued to Subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, 7-3-35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Under date of July 12th, 1935, the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus for the States of Iowa and Nebraska were contacted for the purpose of determining if Subject, under his true name or aliases, had registered an automobile in those States during 1935, and to learn if Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor Number F-382876, was registered in those States during 1935. On July 17th, 1935, replies were received to the effect that Subject did not, under his true name or aliases, register any automobile and that the Oldsmobile described was not registered. Stop cards have been placed with these Registration Bureaus and this office will be advised if and when this automobile becomes registered, or any automobile becomes registered under Subject's name or under his aliases. Operator's license not issued to Subject in Iowa or Nebraska.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRAL UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p> |                                  |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i>  |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |   |
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham**

FILE NO. **31-22 RBT**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Trenton</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/20/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/16/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>Arthur Cornelius, Jr.</b>       |
| TITLE<br><b>Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with Aliases;<br/>Clyde Alexander - Victim<br/>Hazel Irene Smith - Victim</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Drivers license not issued to subject under name or known aliases during current year. Records in State Motor Vehicle Bureau kept by serial number and not by motor number of automobiles.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanagh, dated 7/3/35 at Birmingham, Ala.

**DETAILS:**

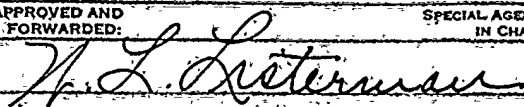
**AT TRENTON, N. J.**

James Bright of the Automobile License Division of the State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Department searched the records of that division and advised that no drivers license had been issued to subject under the name of Courtney Hetherington, Courtney Gouthey, Courtney Darling, or J. William Taylor. A search was made of the records to ascertain if anyone to whom a license had been issued under any of the above surnames answered the description of subject but the result was negative.

Jules Shein, Principal Clerk of the State Department of Motor Vehicles advised that no record, of automobiles which are registered in this state, is kept by motor number, but rather, such a record is kept by serial number.

If Birmingham office desires that a complete check be made, it is suggested that the serial number of the automobile involved in this case be forwarded to this office. Otherwise there is no further investigation to be conducted by this office and the case is therefore

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham**

FILE NO. **31-22 RET**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Trenton</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/20/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/16/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>Arthur Cornelius, Jr.</b>       |
| TITLE<br><b>Reverend Courtney Hotherington, with Aliases;<br/>Glyde Alexander - Victim<br/>Hazel Irene Smith - Victim</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, dated 7/3/35 at Birmingham, Ala.

**DETAILS:**

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama**

FILE NO. **31-10**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Aberdeen, South Dakota</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7-20-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7-10-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>K. R. MCINTIRE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>LR</b></span> |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b>  |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                  |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>      <b>Automobile Registration Bureaus of North and South Dakota have no record of registration of Oldsmobile Coupe, motor # F-382,876. Stop Orders placed in Motor Vehicle Bureaus of North and South Dakota.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-RUC-</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b>      <b>Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, 7-3-35.</b></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>On July 10, 1935 this office directed letters to the Motor Vehicle Registration Departments of the states of North and South Dakota asking that their files be examined to determine whether or not Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor #F-382,867 had been registered in either North or South Dakota under the name of Courtney Gouthey. This office made the additional request, in the event such an automobile was not registered in either North or South Dakota, and in the further event that neither state had any record of Courtney Gouthey, stop orders should be placed against this man and this automobile so that this office would be notified in the future.</p> <p>This office has now received communications from the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus of North and South Dakota and has been advised that neither Bureau has any record of said automobile nor has either state a record of Courtney Gouthey. This office has been advised that stop orders will be placed against the said automobile and also Courtney Gouthey.</p> <p>No further leads being outstanding in this district, this case is being</p> |                                  |   |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Wernick</i>   |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                 |  |
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REN:EM  
31-3076

Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
July 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, N. J.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HERRINGTON,  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER -  
Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the report of Special Agent Arthur Cornelius Jr., dated Trenton, N. J., July 20, 1935, you are advised that the serial number of the automobile believed to be in the possession of subject is C 85366.

It is requested that appropriate inquiries be made through the Automobile License Division of the State of New Jersey's Motor Vehicle Department, regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

NY FILE NO. 31-2910

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br>NEW YORK CITY  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br>7/22/35 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br>7/8 & 13 & 19/35 | REPORT MADE BY:<br>H.P. DOLAN                 |
| TITLE:<br>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases.<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim.<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim. |                            |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of car having been registered in State of Connecticut. Records of New York State Bureau of Motor Vehicles not maintained to enable a check by motor number.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agents A.T. Deere, New York City, dated May 27, 1935; J.S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Ala., dated July 3, 1935, and F.C. Culberson, Los Angeles, Calif., dated July 15, 1935.

**AT NEW YORK CITY.**

**DETAILS**

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the State of Connecticut has advised that upon examining his records for 1935 he was unable to find that a 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor number E-382876, has been registered in that state up to the present time.

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the State of New York, has advised that their records are filed alphabetically according to the name

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*R. Whitten*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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of the owner and numerically according to registration plates. Consequently, they were unable to determine whether or not 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor #F-300376, is registered in the State of New York.

Report of Special Agent A.T. Deers, New York City, dated May 27, 1935, states that a check of the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the State of New York had been made under the name and aliases of the subject without success.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: NEW YORK CITY OFFICE:

Will ascertain at the head office of the American Express Company, New York City, the history of the negotiations of Travelers Checks Nos. R1500073 to R1500083 inclusive, especially noting any information which would be of value in tracing the movements of subject.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **31-17 jjo**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/19/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/11, 15/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>B. M. HIRSH</b>                |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No further information as to the whereabouts of subject Hetherington obtainable from parishioners of Pentecostal Church at Toledo, Ohio, according to Reverend W. H. Thaxton of that church. Mr. Thaxton does furnish information as to how to locate girl with whom subject was most familiar in Toledo. Latter supposed to be residing in Detroit, Michigan.

- R. U. C. -

**REFERENCE**

Letter from the Birmingham Office, dated June 15, 1935, and report of Special Agent J. L. Willard, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 11, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TOLEDO, OHIO**

Reinterview was had by the writer with Reverend W. H. Thaxton, who resides at 1226 Collingwood Avenue. Mr. Thaxton reiterated that statement which he made to Special Agent Willard, during his previous interview, to the effect that he has not seen the subject Hetherington since he conducted a revival meeting at his church, which was some three years ago. Reference letter from the Birmingham Office indicates that that office has gained the impression that Mr. Thaxton has seen the subject, and only a short time ago. This is not true. The reference report of Special Agent Willard indicates that Mr. Thaxton last saw the subject almost three years ago.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED<br><i>J. MacFarland</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE               | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  |   |
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Mr. Thaxton did advise that when Hetherington left Toledo, Ohio, he did so in company with a young lady and a young man, having met them in Toledo; that Hetherington spent the night at a hotel in Detroit with the woman; that upon his departure from Detroit, prior thereto, he took a Bible belonging to the woman; that later he was located in some town in Iowa where the young woman caused his arrest and where he was released upon returning the Bible and making some explanation or other; that at the time, some woman who was interested in the church activities in Iowas, where subject was then preaching, had written to Mr. Thaxton to have him come out there and tell of the activities of the individual so that she could get him to leave town; that apparently Hetherington left of his own accord because he did not go to Iowa. Mr. Thaxton was unable to recall either the name of the woman nor the town in Iowa from which she came. Mr. Thaxton also was unable to recall the name or address of the young woman with whom Hetherington left Toledo and spent the night in Detroit, but he did furnish the name of Mrs. Zula Bates, 17801 Northrup Street, Redford, Detroit, Michigan, who, according to Thaxton, is a close friend of the young woman who left Toledo with Hetherington and who should be able to furnish the address and name of this young lady. Mr. Thaxton also stated that this young lady should be able to furnish the name of the young man who also accompanied the couple to Detroit from Toledo. According to Mr. Thaxton, this young lady caused the arrest of subject in Iowa and should be able to furnish some information of value.

Mr. Thaxton made inquiries at his Sunday Night Services among his parishioners for the purpose of ascertaining whether any information was available as to the whereabouts of the subject. Mr. Thaxton advised that no information was forthcoming, and in the event any information of value should be forthcoming from the Toledo acquaintances of the subject, it would be obtained from the young lady previously referred to by Mr. Thaxton.

Mr. Thaxton stated that to his knowledge, Hetherington, while in Toledo, was not in possession of any automobile; that when he left Toledo for Detroit he traveled in an automobile belonging either to the young lady or young man with whom he departed and who have been referred to previously.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DETROIT OFFICE, at DETROIT, will make appropriate inquiry of Mrs. Zula Bates, 17801 Northrup Street, Redford, Detroit, for the purpose of ascertaining the name and address of the young lady who accompanied Hetherington from Toledo to Detroit, and was stated to have spent the night in a Detroit hotel with him. Will interview said young lady for any information which she may have relative to the present whereabouts of subject. It has been said that this young lady caused the arrest of subject in some town in Iowa and it is possible that he has some sort of

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police or other record at that place. Inquiry might also be made for the name of the young man who accompanied the couple to Detroit so that he might be interviewed for any valuable information.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Alabama**

FILE NO. **31-65 MS**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Buffalo, New York</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>7/24/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>7/23/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>T. N. STAPLETON</b>            |
| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>Clyde Alexander - VICTIM<br/>Hazel Irene Smith - VICTIM</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further inquiry made at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Albany, N.Y. under the correct number of the Oldsmobile coupe which subject purchased in Lansing, Mich. on or about July 15, 1934 reflects no information.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, dated at Birmingham, Alabama 7/3/35.

**DETAILS:**

Upon receipt of the reference report setting forth the correct motor number of the Oldsmobile coupe as **F-382876** a communication was directed to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Albany, New York, which replied under date of July 20, 1935, advising that it had no record of registration on file for the Oldsmobile coupe nor for subject under his name or aliases. A notation is being maintained in the files at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and in the event of any application for registration the Buffalo office will be advised.

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July 31, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report submitted by Special Agent J. V. Blake, dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, July 23, 1935, in connection with the case entitled, Reverend Courtney Retherington, with aliases, et al; White Slave Traffic Act.

The two copies of the foregoing report indicated for the Birmingham Office were forwarded to the Bureau with the Bureau's copies.

The copies for the Birmingham Office are being sent to Birmingham with a copy of this letter.

The Bureau desires that more care be exercised in the future to see that copies of all reports are properly routed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Birmingham (Enc. copies of report of SA J. V. Blake  
dated at New Orleans, La., 7/23/35.)

DIRECTOR

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>                                | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>7/23/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>7/20, 22/35</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>J. V. BLAKE</b>                |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,<br/>with aliases, et al.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Oldsmobile, motor F-382876, is not registered in Louisiana or Mississippi for year 1935. No alphabetical list of owners in Mississippi. No registration in Louisiana under name of Subject or any known aliases. Stop cards placed against registrations in Louisiana or Mississippi.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Ala., 7/3/35.


**DETAILS:**

At Jackson, Mississippi, Mr. Henry Riser, Chief Clerk, Auto Department, State Auditor's Office, searched his records and advised that the above mentioned Oldsmobile Coupe is not registered in the State of Mississippi for the year 1935. No alphabetical index of names of owners is kept in the State. Mr. Riser placed a stop card for the New Orleans Office to be notified in the event of registration of Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F-382876.

At Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Miss Dot Sills, Record Clerk, Auto License Bureau, searched her records and advised that Oldsmobile, motor #F-382876, is not registered in the State of Louisiana for the year 1935. She placed a stop card against registration of this motor number, for the New Orleans Bureau Office to be notified in the event it should be registered. She also searched her alphabetical index of names of owners against Subject's name and known aliases and advised that she has no record of registration in any of those names.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases, et al.</b> |   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Billie Harrison, Barber's Hill, Texas, and Thurman Teal, Houston, Texas, have no idea as to subject's whereabouts. Mrs. Alleah Gillette reinterviewed relative to Ford car subject stole at Houston in June 1933 and transported to Shreveport, La. constituting possible National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation. Birmingham office requested to advise auxiliary offices if facts concerning same have not been developed. Subject's Oldsmobile car not registered in Texas. EUC.

Reference: Reports Special Agents D. R. Morley, dated San Antonio, Texas, July 8, 1935, and J. C. Brawner, dated Birmingham, Ala., November 19, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

In the absence of Reverend Billy Harrison, who was at Austin preaching, Mrs. Harrison was interviewed at her residence, Barber's Hill, Texas, and stated she knew as much about subject as her husband as they were together during the period of acquaintanceship. She stated they first met subject in the spring of 1933 at Westlake, a suburb of Lake Charles, La. Subject came there as a preacher of the Assembly of God Church accompanied by his supposed wife, Alleah Pierrepont of Houston, Texas. During the short time spent there he gained the confidence of a number of townspeople, among them a Mr. Vernon Atkinson, who resides in Westlake. Atkinson loaned him \$250 to finance a proposed trip to Mexico where subject claimed he owned a large tract of land which he said he was going to sell and use the proceeds to build an Assembly of God church in Westlake. Also during his stay there subject is believed to have obtained money from other persons, the names of whom are unknown to Mrs. Harrison, however she stated Mr. Atkinson would probably know more about his activities than anyone else, as he made an energetic effort to locate subject when he discovered he was a swindler. Subject did a lot of bragging about his accomplishments, his family, who were alleged-

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ly nobility of some European country believed France, his ability to speak a number of different tongues, his knowledge of medicine (claimed to be a doctor of medicine) etc. Mrs. Harrison stated he did not wear a mustache during the period they knew him, that he always dressed very neatly, and spoke with a noticeable accent which resembled English more than anything else; further, that he appeared to be well educated and spoke very good English. He did not own a car at that time. However when he left Lake Charles his wife and her sister accompanied him in the sister's car; they drove to Houston where subject appropriated the car, in fact Mrs. Harrison stated he stole it, and it was found abandoned some time later in Shreveport, La. This may work out to be a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case against subject, and if the facts are true a better case than the White Slave Traffic Act Violations. Mrs. Gillette and her sister will be contacted relative to same. Agent furnished his address to Mrs. Harrison who will have her husband write if he has anything to add which may aid in locating subject, however, she stated neither of them have any idea as to where he might be. Mrs. Harrison assured Agent she and her husband would make inquiries of various ministers they meet and if they ever get a line on subject will advise. Under the circumstances it is deemed unnecessary to interview Mr. Harrison. Lead is not being set out to interview Vernon Atkinson as it is noted he has already been interviewed.

Thurman Teal was interviewed at his place of employment, Stern's Cafe, opposite Jefferson Davis Hospital, Houston, and stated he has no idea as to subject's whereabouts. He stated he met him at Houston 3 years ago at the Assembly of God Church, but has not seen him since he ran off and left Mrs. Gillette. Mr. Teal stated he was not a friend but merely an acquaintance of subject as were other members of the congregation, that subject was a great braggart and talker and made all sorts of wild statements, one of which was to the effect he was going to kill a man over some family trouble. Another time he claimed to have killed a negro in front of the Rice Hotel, Houston, but they checked up on this and found it was not true. Mr. Teal stated he recalled having a conversation regarding subject with Mr. Moody, representative of the Assembly of God Church in Dallas during which Mr. Moody mentioned that subject claimed to have been a missionary in Africa under the name of Wilbur Taylor or some similar name. Mr. Teal suggested soliciting Mr. Moody's assistance in locating subject and state he could furnish a list of all Assembly of God churches in the country in the event it was desired to circularize them. Moody's address and initials are unknown but can be obtained in directories.

Mrs. Alleah Gillette re-interviewed at 2006 Summer St. relative to the car stolen by subject stated the car was not her sister's but the property of a Mr. Partin of Marlin, Texas; that in July 1933 when subject deserted her he borrowed the car from Partin who was visiting in Houston and stated he would use it a short while to visit an official of the French Government who was stopping at the Rice Hotel, subject disappeared and they have not seen him since, while the car was found abandoned in Shreveport, La. by a representative of the C. I. T. Insurance Co. working out of the Beaumont office.

Mrs. Gillette stated she was sure the facts relative to the car were in

possession of the Bureau, and that the theft was reported to the Houston Police. During the interview Mrs. Gillette stated that in her opinion the best way to apprehend subject was to circularize all Pentecostal Churches in the country as soon as possible or later he will appear at these churches as it is by hanging around them that he meets women. She stated there are two branches of the church both of which he frequents, and that the branches are now practically merged into one church. The branches are the General Assembly of God with headquarters at Springfield, Mo. and the Oneness Church with headquarters at Dallas, Texas. Mr. W. E. Kidson is head of the latter and can probably furnish a complete list of both branches throughout the country; also Mrs. Gillette stated he would probably be glad to co-operate and possibly do the circularizing himself.

Check of the records of the Auto Theft Bureau of the Houston police showed that L. A. Parton of 618 Courtland St., Houston, (his address at that time) reported on June 30, 1933 that his car had been stolen by Maurice Pierrepont. According to the record Parton loaned the car to Pierrepont on June 27, 1933 and he never returned it; the car is a 1931 model Ford Roadster, motor #4676122 and was insured by the C. I. T. Insurance Co.

Facts relative to the transportation of the above car were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney Bryan Odom who stated he believed that there was a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and suggested the facts be developed and presented to the U. S. Attorney at Shreveport, La. where the car was abandoned.

The Houston police have a wanted notice on file for subject and description of his Oldsmobile car was also furnished to Captain A. C. Thornton, Chief of Detectives who will broadcast it. With further reference to this (described on page 2 of report of Agent J. C. Brawner, dated Birmingham 11/19/34) letter was addressed to the State Highway Department, Austin, Texas to ascertain if it had been registered for the year 1935. Under date of July 8th reply was received that there was no record of registration on the car however that an alarm card had been placed in the file and notification would be given if information concerning it was received.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Birmingham office: Check file and ascertain if facts relative to possible National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation by subject have been developed in connection with the Ford Car he borrowed from L. A. Parton in June 1933. If not developed the Birmingham office may desire to set out leads for the Dallas Office to check with the C. I. T. Co. at Beaumont; and the New Orleans office to obtain details of the recovery at Shreveport and present the facts to the U. S. Attorney there; also for the San Antonio office to interview the car owner at Marlin, Falls County, Texas. The office of origin is also requested to consider the advisability of circularizing the various Pentecostal churches throughout the country and advise the Dallas office to arrange it with W. E. Kidson if deemed advisable.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Roy C. Hetherington, 2437 North 12th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated Rev. Courtney Hetherington is not a relative of his, and that he has never heard of anyone by that name or by any of subject's aliases. No information obtained concerning the whereabouts of subject.

- R. U. C. -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. B. Miller, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 11, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

Roy C. Hetherington, 2437 North 12th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, stated he is the owner of 1929 model Ford Coach, motor #758081, which bears Arkansas 1935 license #11-459. He stated he is 54 years old and has lived in Fort Smith, Arkansas, for the past 34 years, coming to that city from Coffeyville, Kansas, where he was born. During the 34 year period he has lived in Fort Smith, he said he has been employed as a switchman for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad. Mr. Hetherington stated his only known living relatives were two sisters who lived at unknown addresses in the state of California. He said he was certain he had no relative by the name of Rev. Courtney Hetherington or any of the aliases used by the latter. Nor had he ever heard of anyone by the name of Rev. Courtney Hetherington or the aliases of the subject. The photograph of Rev. Courtney Hetherington was exhibited to him by the writer but he asserted he had no memory of ever having seen anyone resembling the photograph of the subject. It was obvious to the writer that Roy C. Hetherington was not identical with Rev. Courtney Hetherington since the former was markedly deformed in stature and bore none of the descriptive characteristics attributed to the latter in previous reports.

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General inquiry in that neighborhood established that the statements of Roy C. Hetherington concerning himself and his known relatives were true. He had also stated he knew of no other persons named Hetherington living in or about Fort Smith and an examination of the Fort Smith City and Telephone Directories by the writer verified this statement. The usual inquiries were made around Fort Smith concerning the subject, but no information was obtained leading to his whereabouts.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY EETTERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>ET AL</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of registration of subject's automobile in Virginia, Maryland or District of Columbia. Wanted notices placed in each State.

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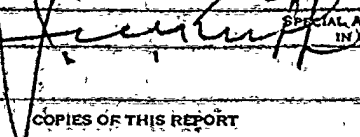
**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh dated July 3, 1935. at Birmingham, Alabama.

**DETAILS:**

Upon receipt of the report of reference, contact was had by letter with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia, and it was ascertained that 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor #F-382876 had not been registered in any of these States for the current year. A wanted notice was placed with the appropriate official in each of the above States, in order that this file will receive information in event this car is later licensed in this territory.

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789 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

July 31, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
Birmingham, Alabama

Re: REV. COURTNEY BETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; Clyde<sup>O</sup>Alexander,  
Victim; Hazel Irene<sup>O</sup>Smith,  
Victim. White Slave Traffic  
Act. File #31-22

Dear Sir:

With reference to the report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, July 3, 1935, regarding the above named Subject, I communicated with Mr. C. W. Williams of the State Automobile Department, Frankfort, Kentucky, in an effort to place a "stop order" against the car involved.

I am now advised that the State of Kentucky merely keeps its automobile records in numerical order, according to licenses, and therefore, it is impossible to place a "stop order" against this automobile's motor number.

This matter is therefore being referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

O. C. DENNEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALICEAN GILLETTE - VICTIM</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Office of origin changed  
to San Antonio, Texas.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter of July 27, 1935.

DETAILS:

The Bureau letter of reference authorizes  
changing the office of origin to San Antonio.

With the copies of this report going to the San Antonio office, there is being forwarded one copy of each of the following serials taken from the Birmingham file, which have not previously been sent to the San Antonio Office:

**Report of Special Agent:**

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| H. E. Anderson, Milwaukee, 6/8/35      | Letter from Portland, 7/10/35           |
| Letter from St. Louis office, 6/11/35  | R. A. Alt, Jacksonville, 7/13/35        |
| J. L. Willard, Cleveland, 6/11/35      | J. M. Baker, Salt Lake, 7/11/35         |
| J. H. Kenney, Nashville, Tenn, 6/13/35 | H. E. Anderson, St. Paul, 7/12/35       |
| Letter to Bureau, 6/15/35              | J. H. Kenney, Nashville, 7/18/35        |
| Paul. M. Plunkett, Boston, 6/13/35     | D. E. Hall, Butte, 7/15/35              |
| H. E. Robert, Detroit, 6/15/35         | John E. Lunsford, Atlanta, 7/18/35      |
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| Letter to Omaha Office, 6/20/35        | E. C. Culbertson, Los Angeles, 7/15/35  |
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| Letter from Detroit, 6/25/35           | John A. Dowd, Omaha, 7/19/35            |
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| J. F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, 6/25/35  | Letter to Trenton, 7/22/35              |
| W. F. Wood, Portland, 6/28/35          | K. R. McIntyre, Aberdeen, 7/20/35       |
| J. V. Blake, New Orleans, 7/2/35       | B. M. Hirsch, Cleveland, 7/19/35        |
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| Letter from Milwaukee, 7/6/35          | T. M. Stapleton, Buffalo, 7/24/35       |
| C. C. Lawrence, Phoenix, 7/7/35        |   |

A specimen of subject's handwriting in the form of a letter written by him to Mr. L. C. Varble, Owensboro, Ky. is also being forwarded to the San Antonio Office.

The report of Special Agent T. H. Bisk, San Antonio, 7/24/35, indicates leads for this office to review the file in connection with the Ford car borrowed by subject from L. A. Partin in June 1933. With all serials being forwarded to the San Antonio Office, this review and developing of leads therefrom is being left to the discretion of the new office of origin.

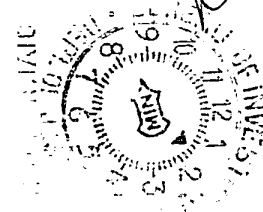
All other leads having been covered in the territory of the Birmingham Office, this case is being

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Post Office Box 344  
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TO ALL BUREAU OFFICES:

Re: REV. COURNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM  
MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

In connection with the above case, the office of origin has been changed by Bureau authorization from Birmingham, Alabama to San Antonio, Texas, and copies of all reports should be directed to San Antonio as the office of origin.

Yours very truly,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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| TITLE <b>CHANGED</b> REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, alias DR. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, alias REV. COURTNEY GOUTHEY, alias DR. COURTNEY DARLING, alias J. WILEUR TAYLOR, alias ARTHUR ADOLPH DE BUSSEY DE BOUGAINVILLE, alias CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT, alias REV. DR. COURTENAY DARLING. |                           |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim.  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.

Records of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles disclose operator's license issued June 27, 1934, to Rev. Dr. Courtenay Darling, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, and 1935 automobile license #7B1682 issued January 29, 1935, to Rev. Dr. Courtenay Darling and Gwendolyn Darling, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, on 1930 Dodge Sedan, motor #DD 28578, serial #3500886, legal owner Santa Barbara Industrial Loan Company.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 7/3/35.

DETAILS:

At San Francisco, California

A letter from the Sacramento representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, dated July 22, 1935, states that the records of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles disclose that operator's license #D83397 was issued on June 27, 1934 to Rev. Dr. Courtenay Darling, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California. For this reason, the title of this report is "Changed", to include the alias Rev. Dr. Courtenay Darling.

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This permit describes Darling as follows:

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| Date of birth  | September 30, 1887.  |
| Height         | 5'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". |
| Weight         | 170 lbs.             |
| Eyes           | Hazel.               |
| Hair           | Black.               |
| Marital Status | Married.             |
| Father's name  | Geoffrey Darling,    |
| Mother's name  | Carolyn Darling.     |

These records further disclose that on January 29, 1935, 1935 California license plates #7B1682, were issued to Rev. Dr. Courtenay Darling, and Gwendolyn Darling, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, on a 1930 Dodge Sedan, motor #DD 28578, serial #3500886. The legal owner of this car is listed as the Santa Barbara Industrial Loan Company, 205 Central Building, Santa Barbara, California.

The letter referred to fails to state whether or not Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F-382876, has been registered in the State of California, as was requested in a letter from this office, dated July 18, 1935. Another letter has been directed to the National Automobile Theft Bureau representative, in Sacramento, requesting this information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Santa Barbara, California, will contact the Santa Barbara Industrial Loan Company, to determine who is making payments on the Dodge Sedan described in the body of this report.

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
August 5, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: REV. COURTNEY DEXTERINGTON, W.A.;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto two copies of each of the following reports, in view of the recent change of office of origin to San Antonio:

Report of Sp. Agt. J. V. Blake, New Orleans, La.  
dated 7-23-35;  
Report of Sp. Agt. L. K. Cook, Los Angeles, Cal.  
dated 7-23-35.

Very truly yours,

R. D. KATHAM,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>IRS. ALMAN GILLETTE - Victim.</b> | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Pennsylvania and Delaware State Registrars of Motor Vehicles state they have no record of the Oldsmobile Coupe in question.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated July 3, 1935; copy of letter from Birmingham Office, dated July 31, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

In accordance with reference letter from the Birmingham Office, the Office of Origin in this case is being carried as San Antonio, Texas.

On July 13, 1935, upon receipt of reference report, the Registrars of Motor Vehicles of Pennsylvania and Delaware were informed by letter of the change in the motor numbers of the Oldsmobile Coupe from S-382876 to F-382876. On July 23, 1935, their replies stated that they had no record of such an automobile.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F-382876, not registered in the State of California during 1933, 1934 or 1935.**

**R.U.C.**

**REFERENCES:**

**Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, 7/3/35;  
and Report of Special Agent L. K. Cook, San Francisco, 7/29/35.**

**DETAILS:**

**AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:**

In response to a letter from this office dated July 31, 1935, directed to the Sacramento representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, a reply has been received, dated August 3, 1935, stating that an examination of the records of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles for the years 1933, 1934 and 1935 failed to disclose a registration in this State for Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F-382876.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1837  
Charlotte, North Carolina

August 7, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
San Antonio, Texas

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Dear Sir: RE: REV. SOUTHEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH,  
Victim; MRS. ALLEAN GILLETTE, Victim;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated July 3, 1935, in the above entitled matter.

Please be advised that letters have been directed to the State Highway Departments of both North Carolina and South Carolina, requesting that a stop notice be placed for Oldsmobile coupe, motor number F-382,876. This office is in receipt of letters from both North Carolina and South Carolina State Highway Departments reflecting that this car is not registered in either state, and that stop notices have been placed against this vehicle.

This matter is therefore being referred upon completion.

Very truly yours,

G. N. Lowdon,  
Special Agent in Charge

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**TITLE:**  
**REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases.**  
**CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM**  
**HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM**  
**MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE - VICTIM.**

**CHARACTER OF CASE:**  
**WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor Number S-382376,  
 not registered in State of Kansas during 1934  
 or 1935.

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**REFERENCE:** Reports of Special Agents R. G. Reed and J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 5-9-35 and 7-3-35, respectively.

**DETAILS:** Mr. Frank Callbeck, after examining the records in the office of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, advised that there was no record of a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor number S-382376, having been registered in the State of Kansas during 1934 or 1935.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE will carry out the lead set out in the report of Special Agent E. M. Headley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-16-35.

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P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Ala.  
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31-3676

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

RE: REV. COURTNEY HESTERINGTON, w.a.,  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM; et al.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

There are transmitted herewith three copies of the report of Special Agent F. L. Welch, Kansas City, Mo., dated Aug. 17, 1935, it being noted that the office of origin in this case has been changed from Birmingham, Ala., to San Antonio, Texas.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Nathan,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1930 Dodge Sedan, motor #DD28578, purchased by subject, was left with Gwendolyn Pettinger at time subject left Santa Barbara, Calif., in July 1934, and remaining payments made by her.

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**REFERENCE:**

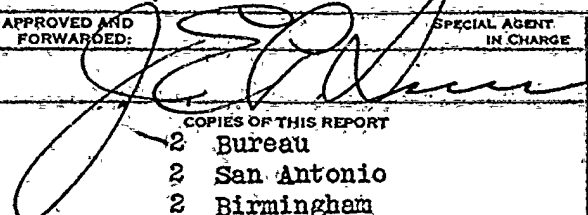
Report of Special Agent F. C. Culberson, Los Angeles, California, dated July 15, 1935, and Report of Special Agent L. K. Cook, San Francisco, California, dated July 29, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.**

MR. W. H. CARSWELL, Manager, Santa Barbara Industrial Loan Co., 204-205 Central Bldg., advised that 1930 Dodge Sedan, motor #D.D.28578, was purchased by subject from Beard Motor Company, using the name of REV. DR. COURTENAY DARLING; that he gave his address as Four Square Gospel Church; that he gave as references MR. GILL, Medical Arts Bldg., 1421 Chapaula Street, and AARON CASE, 530 W. Victoria Street; and that the contract was co-signed by FRANK STROMACH, Fire Chief. Subject gave as his nearest relative, JOFFRE DARLING, 69 Cromwell Road, London, England. The contract was fully paid up on June 1, 1935.

MR. FRANK STROMACH, Fire Chief, who was previously interviewed as reported in the reference report of Agent Culberson, advised that the above automobile was left with GWENDOLYN PETTINGER when subject left Santa Barbara in July 1934, and that she had continued making the payments. He advised further, that he

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had talked with both of the references mentioned above and neither of them had any information regarding subject, they being only casual acquaintances while subject was in Santa Barbara. Mr. Stromach stated that Gwendolyn Pettinger had written Joffre Darling at the London address and her letter was returned with the notation that there was no such address.

Mr. Stromach stated that he believes subject had connections in Los Angeles, inasmuch as subject went to Los Angeles several times with him, and upon each occasion subject would leave him and arrange to meet him a few hours later; that subject never had much money, yet upon each trip to Los Angeles he would secure money from some source to buy clothes; and that upon one occasion he had an expensive watch in his possession when he returned to meet Mr. Stromach which he claimed to have purchased from some man on the street for \$2.00. Later subject had the engraved initials appearing on the watch-case ground off. On one trip to Los Angeles, subject told Mr. Stromach, as they were passing a Cadillac-LaSalle showroom, that he had roomed at one time in a house directly across the street from the showroom, and that he used to go to the Cadillac-LaSalle Garage and get them to allow him to drive some of the cars. Mr. Stromach believed the rooming house referred to was east of the showroom, but he could give no description of the house or location of the showroom.

Mr. Stromach advised that subject claimed to have fallen arches which caused him pain when he walked, and he therefore drove an automobile or rode in one every place he went. Mr. Stromach stated that he did not believe subject had anything wrong with his feet but merely desired to always have a car available for a getaway. He stated further that subject was a peculiarly built man, having very short legs and a large body.

It is suggested that the office of origin may desire to request the Bureau to have an investigation conducted at London to determine if subject has a criminal record there, or if he is known at or near the address given above for Joffre Darling, inasmuch as Mr. Stromach stated that subject appeared to be familiar with several foreign countries and spoke with a decided English accent.

### UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Los Angeles, Calif., will endeavor to locate a rooming house across the street east from a Cadillac-LaSalle showroom, and will exhibit subject's photograph to witnesses at that place, as well as at the showroom, in an effort to find someone acquainted with subject in Los Angeles.

Will confer with the Captain of the Bunco Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, to determine if complaints have been received on confidence schemes similar to the manner in which subject operates. Will search the Los Angeles Police records to determine if subject has been arrested in this locality, and will endeavor to have his photograph, description, and a story run in the Daily Police Bulletin.

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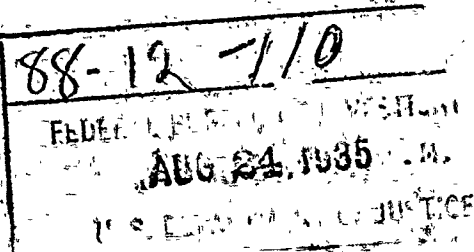
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

So- You are requested to have the supervisor in charge of White Slave Traffic Act Violations prepare an article dealing with the modus operandi of Refrand Courtney Hetherington for inclusion in the Fugitive Bulletin.

This article should be prepared by September 5, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas**

FILE NO. **31-1397**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim<br/>MRS. ALICE GILLETTE - Victim</b>   |  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>  |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">Check of automobile and drivers' licenses in State of Minnesota fails to reveal license issued to subject under his correct name or aliases.</p>  |  |  |   |
| <b>R.U.C.</b>   |  |  |   |
| REFERENCE:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of S.A.C. H.E. Andersen, St. Paul, Minnesota, 7-12-35, and letter from Birmingham to all Bureau Offices 7-31-35.</p>   |  |  |   |
| DETAILS:<br><p style="margin-left: 40px;">In the reference report it is stated that the State of Minnesota does not require automobile drivers to secure permits to operate motor vehicles. Subsequent inquiry has revealed that this statement is incorrect. Therefore a letter was addressed to the Drivers License Division, Department of Highways, State of Minnesota, requesting advice as to whether the subject in this case under his correct name or one of his aliases had secured a driver's permit in the State of Minnesota. Under date of August 27, 1935 a reply was received advising that no application for a driver's permit had been received from COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, COURTNEY DARLING, or COURTNEY GOUTHEY. The License Division, however, furnished the names, description, and addresses of several individuals with names similar to the alias of Subject, J. WILBUR TAYLOR. A comparison has been made of the descriptions furnished by the License Division with the description of Subject HETHERINGTON and it has been determined that none of the persons mentioned in the letter cited even approximates the description of subject,</p> |  |  |   |
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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August 31, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In accordance with memorandum addressed to you by the Director under date of August 22, 1935, there is attached hereto an article outlining the modus operandi of Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, et al, White Slave Traffic Act, for inclusion in the Fugitive Bulletin.

The suggestion is offered that the information contained in this write-up be furnished all field offices in bulletin form, for discussion at the monthly conferences.

Respectfully,

R. J. Abbaticchio Jr.

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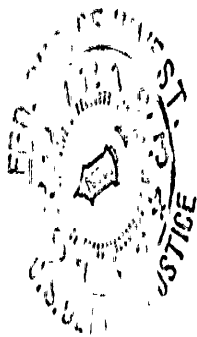
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REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases:

Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Rev. Courtney Gouthey; Dr. Courtney Darling; Rev. Dr. Courtenay Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont; Maurice Pierrepont; Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington; Arthur Hetherington; Dr. C. Gouthey; Dr. C. Darling; Dr. Courtenea; Dr. Pierpont.

Photograph taken in September, 1934.

The activities of the individual whose photograph and aliases appear above were first brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on September 15, 1934, when the Chief of Police at Birmingham, Alabama, notified the Bureau's Birmingham Office of the receipt of a complaint that this man had possibly violated the White Slave Traffic Act.

It appeared that in the fall of 1933 Hetherington professing to be a former doctor from London, England, converted after having been cured of paralysis by religious faith and then holding revivals in Birmingham, met the daughter of a respectable family there at a church to which he came to preach. After marrying the girl in December of that year, he continued his preaching at Birmingham until March of 1934, when, expressing his intention of reverting to the medical profession, he obtained a loan of \$1,000.00 through his father-in-law for the purpose of opening a laboratory for germ culture and analysis, of which he stated the South was sorely in need. He then journeyed to Chicago with his wife, ostensibly to purchase the necessary equipment, and on March 11, 1934, deserted her there. From Chicago he proceeded to Santa Barbara, California, where in April of 1934 he began holding Bible services at the International Church of the Four Square Gospel under the name of Dr. Courtney Darling, and after a whirlwind courtship he married the pastor of this church on May 8, 1934. During the religious services he frequently discussed his relatives in England, claiming that they were wealthy and stating that if he could obtain the sum of \$2,000.00 with which to travel to England, he would return with \$15,000.00 to be used for the improvement of the church. In response to his appeal one of the women parishioners gave Hetherington

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\$1,600.00 with which he purchased American Express Travelers Cheques and departed on July 1, 1934, without his wife for Chicago, supposedly en route to England. Needless to state he failed to return.

Part of this money was used by Hetherington to purchase a 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor #F382876, Serial #C85366, on July 16, 1934 at Lansing, Michigan, which car presumably is still in his possession.

Hetherington next appeared at Corpus Christi, Texas, in August of 1934 where, while conducting services in a Seventh Day Adventist Church as Rev. Courtney Gouthey, he met a young woman of that city whom he married in San Antonio, Texas on August 27, 1934. Traveling in Hetherington's new Oldsmobile Coupe, the couple visited several of the bride's relatives in Texas and proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, where on September 26, 1934, he hurriedly deserted her, leaving his baggage behind, when he heard that the Memphis Police were making inquiries regarding him.

The transportation of this woman from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee, was in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, and prosecution has been authorized therefor by the United States Attorney at San Antonio.

The investigation has also disclosed that on April 5, 1933, Hetherington, under the name of Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, married a young woman at Houston, Texas. At this time Hetherington was conducting religious meetings at the Full Gospel Mission. He claimed to be a Frenchman, to have been born in Paris, France, of noble parentage, and to have served in the French Army as a Colonel during the War. In the latter part of May 1933 he traveled with his bride to Westlake, Louisiana, as a preacher of the Assembly of God Church. While there he obtained sums of money from various parishioners for the express purpose of proceeding to Mexico, where he was to sell a large tract of land owned by him, the proceeds to be used to build an Assembly of God Church at Westlake. He returned to Houston, and on June 27, 1933, after borrowing a minister's car for the purpose of visiting an official of the French Government then in Houston; he disappeared. The car was later found in Shreveport, Louisiana and Hetherington is presently wanted by the Houston police for its theft.

The United States Attorney at Houston has indicated his willingness to prosecute Hetherington for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act in having transported his bride from Houston, Texas to Westlake, Louisiana and return.

Hetherington, under his various aliases, is believed to have married, swindled and deserted numerous unsophisticated women throughout the country, using the approach and methods indicated above. He is last known to have been in Birmingham, Alabama in November, 1934, although he was tentatively identified at Los Angeles, California early in June, 1935 at which time he was believed to be driving a new tan coupe, make unknown.

The following is a composite description summarizing the information furnished by the various persons whom Hetherington has defrauded:

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| Age               | 45 to 48 years  |
| Height            | 5' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  |
| Weight            | 160 pounds  |
| Build             | short legs, thick body  |
| Hair              | black; receding, high forehead.   |
| Eyes              | hazel   |
| Complexion        | olive   |
| Mustache or Beard | generally clean shaven, although has heavy beard necessitating frequent shaving; sometimes wears small mustache or Van Dyke beard.  |
| Teeth             | one upper tooth discolored  |
| Eye-glasses       | none  |
| Scars and Marks   | small indentation on forehead; hair line scar on chin; small scar on one upper forearm; believed to have round scar on abdomen, allegedly bullet wound received during War.   |
| Marital Status    | married   |
| Race              | white   |
| Occupation        | itinerant Evangelist; reported also to be a good chef and stenographer, although no instances known where these occupations have been followed; claims, however, to be a licensed physician and also to have been a member of the staff of the French Embassy in Mexico.  |
| Nationality       | probably English or Canadian, as has a pronounced English accent; claims to be English or French.   |
| Speech            | eloquent speaker with excellent command of the English language; can sway an audience with humor or pathos; also speaks and writes French and some Spanish; claims to speak fourteen languages.   |
| Education         | apparently well educated; has some knowledge of medical terms and claims to be a graduate of Oxford and to have a medical degree from the Royal Surgery College in England; appears to have traveled widely and claims to have been a Medical Missionary at Johannesburg and East London, British South Africa and to have traveled in India and South America. The advertisements of his revivals refer to him as "of London and Paris, World-Wide Traveler, |

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|                 | Missionary and Evangelist", and state that he "will tell of his experiences with Foreign Legion, canibals, China, Africa, etc."   |
| Dress           | dresses neatly; wears number five shoe; claims feet small because arches broken by clubs when preaching the Gospel in Africa; has fallen arches which give him trouble.   |
| Peculiarities   | subject to colds and bronchial trouble; smokes cigarettes only occasionally; said not to drink intoxicants, although claims enjoys a glass of beer; legs are bowed just above ankles; is excellent mimic; may attempt to go on the stage; said to know something of jiu-jitsu and claims to have wrestled some; claims to have learned to fly when in the French Army and to have subsequently owned his own plane; is very popular with women; refers to children as "tots"; is boastful of his family, allegedly of the English or French nobility and of his education; knowledge of medicine, and accomplishments as an Evangelist; claims to be a minister of the Pentecostal or Four Square Gospel Church and to have preached at the Crystal Palace, London, and in the Angelus Temple, Los Angeles. |
| Criminal Record | no fingerprints or criminal record of this individual have been located.  |

Law enforcement officials and agencies are requested to transmit any additional information which they may have regarding this individual to the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, covering their respective districts and in the event he is apprehended, kindly hold him for the Federal Government and notify the nearest Bureau Office.

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of Oldsmobile coupe  
Serial #C85366 registered with  
State Department of Motor  
Vehicles.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Birmingham Office dated July  
22, 1935.

Report of Special Agent Arthur Cornelius,  
Jr., dated July 20, 1935, at Trenton, New Jersey.

DETAILS:

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Jules Shein, Principal Clerk of the New Jersey  
State Motor Vehicle Department, advised that the Olds-  
mobile coupe Serial #C85366 has not been registered with  
the New Jersey State Motor Vehicle Department for the  
year 1935.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY WETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM.</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Person answering subject's description believed preaching at Methodist church in Pratt City, Birmingham, Alabama. Hazel Irene Smith, victim, and her parents do not identify suspect as subject.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is based on information furnished by Mrs. W. E. Smith, 2604 42nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, mother of the victim, to the effect that a man whose description was reported to her fitted that of subject was preaching in a little church in Pratt City, Alabama and that he was to preach at this place at 7:30 P. M. on August 30, 1935 and she requested that an agent be sent to her place to accompany her for the purpose of identifying this suspect.

Special Agents J. H. Baldrige and L. A. Obenshain proceeded to Mrs. Smith's home and were advised by Mrs. Smith and victim that Mrs. Lula Abney, living directly across the street from them, had received information from her sister, Mrs. Ruby Murphy, 300 Avenue A, Pratt City, Alabama that a visiting preacher who was conducting services at the Southern Methodist Church at Pratt City, answered subject's description. Agents Obenshain and Baldrige, together with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith and Hazel Irene Smith, victim, proceeded to the above church in Pratt City, Alabama on this same evening for the purpose of allowing the victim and her parents to observe the above mentioned party and if possible make an identification. Victim and her parents viewed the above suspect from the sidewalk in front of the church and stated that they were positive that this person was not Wetherington.

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Special Agent L. A. Obenshain proceeded to the home of Mrs. Ruby Murphy, 300 Avenue A, Pratt City, Alabama, the following morning for the purpose of ascertaining if the party viewed by the victim and her parents was the one Mrs. Murphy had reference to. Mrs. Murphy stated that she was at the church on the previous night and that the person who preached there at that time was the one she had reference to. She stated that his name was Reverend G. H. Harby and that he was living with the Pastor of the church, a Reverend Newton, who lived next door to the church. Agent then contacted the Reverend Harby, who stated that he had met Motherington at a prayer meeting during the time subject was living with Hazel Irene Smith in Birmingham, and had heard about his actions. Reverend Harby voluntarily accompanied Agent to the Tabernacle of Reverend Glenn Tingley for the purpose of obtaining any information he could from different people he knew in that organization. However, when they were interviewed Reverend Harby obtained no further information than that already known by the Bureau.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE - VICTIM</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor #F382876 not registered in state of West Virginia for current year. Stop card placed in files at Automobile Bureau.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, July 3, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA**

The Pittsburgh Bureau Office by letter dated August 14, 1935 directed to the Automobile Bureau, The State Road Commission, Charleston, West Virginia requested that the records at the said bureau be searched in an endeavor to ascertain whether a 1934 Oldsmobile coupe bearing motor #F382876 had been registered for the current year; further that if it had not been so registered, a stop card be placed in the files of the said bureau.

**DETAILS:**

The Automobile Bureau, at Charleston, West Virginia advised by letter dated August 19, 1935, that no such car was registered for the current year and that a stop notice was being placed on it in the event it is registered at any time in the future.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE - Victim</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's automobile under correct motor number apparently not registered in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts or Rhode Island for 1935. Hetherington apparently does not hold operator's permit in any of these states.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh at Birmingham dated 7-3-35.

**DETAILS:** The Boston office has sent letters to the Registry of Motor Vehicles in the States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine setting out therein the correct motor number of the subject automobile together with the aliases and description of subject Hetherington. Replies have now been received from each of the registries named above indicating that the subject has neither registered a car nor obtained an operator's permit within these States for 1935.

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON; with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;</b> |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                           |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**1934 Oldsmobile Coupe Motor No. F-382876  
not registered in the state of Arizona for  
1935. Stop order placed.**

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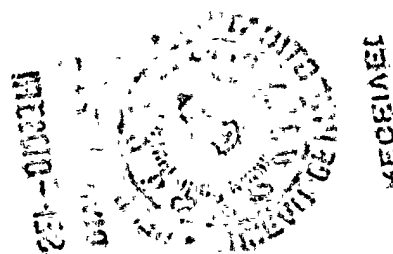
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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh; Birmingham, Alabama; dated 7/3/35.

**DETAILS:**

Inquiry at the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, State Highway Department, Phoenix, Arizona, reveals 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe Motor No. F-382876 has not been registered in the state of Arizona for the year of 1935. A stop order was placed against the above automobile with a request that the Phoenix office be notified in the event this car is registered in the state of Arizona.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                         |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of ~~Oldsmobile Coupe~~ motor number **F-382876** having been registered in the State of Kansas during 1934 or 1935, but Missouri records reflect registration, this car apparently sold Memphis, Tenn. 9-26-34. Dr. E. M. Dill investigated with the American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois, and found that organization had no record of Subject under name of C. Courtney Hetherington, also furnished name of additional religious organization with which Subject might now be connected.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent F. M. Headley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-16-35; report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama dated 5-9-35; report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 7-3-35.

**DETAILS:**

Special Agent F. L. Welch made a check of the records of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, on August 23, 1935, and found that Oldsmobile Coupe, motor number F-382876 had not been registered in the State of Kansas during 1934 or 1935.

A check of the automobile registration records for the State of Missouri, at the Department of Motor Vehicles at Jefferson City, Mo., by Special Agent J. B. Brown disclosed that Oldsmobile Coupe, bearing motor number F-382876 was registered under Missouri title #4450363 on August 6, 1935, in the name of Arthur R. Mass, 1059 South Weaver Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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Is noted that the figure two (2) has been written in ink over the figure four (4) where the figure two appears in the motor number, and all papers in the Motor Vehicle Department file relative to previous ownership of this car carry the motor number as F-384876, instead of F-382876. All of these papers carry the same title number and, undoubtedly, belong to this one car. The first record on this car shows that it was sold by the Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., of 933 Union Ave., Memphis, Tenn. on September 26, 1934, at which time it bore 1934 Michigan license number F-18-686 (it will be noted from Agent Reed's report, dated 5-9-35, that this license was on the car when Subject Hetherington was known to have had the same in his custody). It was thereafter sold to the Morton Auto Exchange, Springfield, Missouri, who in turn sold it to Dr. C. E. Feller, 222 1/2 East Commercial Street, Springfield, Mo., the latter trading the car to K. M. H. Oldsmobile Co., of Springfield, Missouri, which company sold the car to Arthur R. Mass, hereinabove named. As it appears that the individuals and companies at Springfield, Missouri, who had possession of this car would not be in a position to know the Subject, no investigation is being conducted by the Kansas City Bureau office at that point. Appropriate lead is being set out for the Nashville office at Memphis, Tenn.

The writer interviewed Dr. E. M. Dill, Student Health Department, Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Manhattan, Kansas. Dr. Dill stated that during the Summer and Fall of 1933, while attending the Chicago World's Fair she had stayed at the Mission Rest Home, 1848 Berenice Ave., Chicago, Illinois; that while she was staying there a Rev. Lundmark of the Pentacostal Church had introduced a man to Miss Spencer, the matron of this home, by the name of Hetherington. This person introduced himself to Miss Spencer as "Albert Hetherington" but informed Dr. Dill his name was "C. Courtney Hetherington". He had a pleasing personality, was well mannered, spoke good English, and apparently had travelled extensively. He claimed to be a doctor licensed to practice in New York, Vermont and Massachusetts by examination, in a number of other States by reciprocity, to have received his medical training in England, and to be a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. He further claimed that he had since been converted to faith healing and freely told of a number of his experiences in faith healing. Dr. Dill states that he unquestionably had a good medical vocabulary and knew the proper usage of a number of medical terms. However, she felt satisfied that he was not a doctor.

Accordingly, she telephoned to the American Medical Association offices in Chicago, and asked them to check their records for C. Courtney Hetherington. She advised that they were unable to locate any record whatsoever of this individual under that name. She then went to the Science Department of the Crerar Library in Chicago, and found there a book containing a complete list of the Fellows of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, and she found therein no record of any C. Courtney Hetherington.

She advised Miss Spencer of her findings and suggested that Subject be requested to leave the Mission Rest Home. She did not, however, inform Subject

what she had found out, but attempted to lead him into further admissions whereby she could discover who he really was. She was unable to get any definite information from him. Shortly after she made this investigation, he announced one day that he was leaving, that he had one car check and that he intended to ride as far as that would take him and then proceed on foot to Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Dill served one term of six years as a medical missionary in India and the Far East. She advises that Subject had unquestionably traveled extensively, because he "knew his geography" and was familiar with numerous cities, railroad routes, hotels, etc., in foreign countries with which she was familiar. She stated that there was one period of time about which he consistently evaded giving any information or experiences, and that period was during the war. She questioned him about his activities during the war but he never gave her any definite information. She stated that her reaction to his medical vocabulary was that he had possibly at one time started upon a medical education which he had never completed, or that he had been employed as an interne in a hospital. She also considered that in view of his wide knowledge of foreign places that possibly he had been connected with the Medical Corps of the United States Navy or the Navy of some other country.

Dr. Dill advised that there was one place that Subject spoke of quite frequently, and this place was The Isle of Pines. She stated that this was an out of the way place for the average tourist, and that the average tourist would not have the intimate knowledge thereof which Subject expressed. She further pointed out that the Isle of Pines was known principally for a Penal Institution located thereon, and a Sanitarium for Tubercular Patients. She indicated that she believed Subject may have been incarcerated at this Penal Institution. Since the Kansas City Bureau Office file in this case does not reflect all the investigation that has been conducted in connection therewith, the foregoing information is being set out in case it may be of value to the office of origin.

Dr. Dill further advised that while Hetherington was at the Mission Rest Home in Chicago he was in communication with an organization whose name was "Omnisephorus" which organization was supposed to be engaged in religious or missionary work of some sort. Subject advised Dr. Dill this organization was doing extensive missionary work in China. Subject made an appointment with the officers of this organization to see about doing religious evangelistic work for them, and in making this appointment used the telephone at the Mission Rest Home. Dr. Dill accordingly is of the opinion that this organization would be listed in the Chicago directory. Accordingly a lead is being directed to the Chicago Bureau Office in this connection.

A snapshot photograph contained in the Kansas City Bureau Office file was exhibited to Dr. Dill who only partially identified same. She said that the picture resembled Subject when she had seen him last, but that the man in the picture was considerably heavier than Hetherington when he was in Chicago at the Mission Rest Home. She stated that one peculiarity about Hetherington was

that when he was sitting down he appeared to be of normal height, but when he stood up he was comparatively very short - that his legs were from three to four inches shorter for the rest of his body than would be normal.

Dr. Dill's physical description of Subject agreed with that set out in report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 5-9-35, but stated that at the time she knew him his weight would be approximately 140 pounds.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, is requested to get in touch with the officers of an organization known as "Omnisephorus", which organization is supposed to be engaged in religious or missionary work of some sort, and obtain any information they may have concerning Subject.

The NASHVILLE OFFICE, at Memphis, Tenn., will make appropriate investigation through the Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., 933 Union Avenue, relative to the purchase of this car on September 26, 1934, in order to obtain all possible information, looking toward the location of the Subject in the instant case.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b>  |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                     |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No record of Oldsmobile Coupe motor number F-382876 having been registered in the State of Kansas during 1934 or 1935, but Missouri records reflect registration, this car apparently sold Memphis, Tenn. 9-26-34. Dr. E. M. Dill investigated with the American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois, and found that organization had no record of Subject under name of C. Courtney Hetherington, also furnished name of additional religious organization with which Subject might now be connected.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;"><b>R.U.C.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent F. M. Headley, Chicago, Illinois, dated 4-16-35; report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama dated 5-9-35; report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 7-3-35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Special Agent F. L. Welch made a check of the records of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, on August 23, 1935, and found that Oldsmobile Coupe, motor number F-382876 had not been registered in the State of Kansas during 1934 or 1935.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A check of the automobile registration records for the State of Missouri, at the Department of Motor Vehicles at Jefferson City, Mo., by Special Agent J. E. Brown disclosed that Oldsmobile Coupe, bearing motor number F-382876 was registered under Missouri title #4450363 on August 6, 1935, in the name of Arthur R. Mass, 1059 South Weaver Street, Springfield, Missouri.</p> |                                  |  |   |
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

The Birmingham Office advises that the Gospel Advocate Company in care of the McQuiddy Printing Company, Nashville, Tennessee may have record of subject's whereabouts.  
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Reference: Letter from the Birmingham Office dated 9/17/35. Report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California, dated 8/19/35. Report of Special Agent V. R. Clary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9/13/35.

**DETAILS:**

The reference letter advised that J. Roy Vaughn connected with Church of Christ of Montgomery, Alabama advises that the Gospel Advocate Company in care of the McQuiddy Printing Company, Nashville, Tennessee publishes a monthly paper with a large circulation and that the editor may have information as to subject's whereabouts.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS**

THE NASHVILLE OFFICE, which has been furnished copy of reference letter will contact the Editor of the Gospel Advocate Company in care of the McQuiddy Printing Company at Nashville, Tennessee for any information of subject; also follow out lead at Memphis, Tennessee as set out in reference report of Special Agent V. R. Clary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 13, 1935.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE will continue to locate subject at Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, California.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE will contact Navy Department for any record they may have of subject as a member of the Medical Department.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER (VICTIM)<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH (VICTIM)</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record at Navy Department of subject as a member of the Medical Corps. Description of one John Wilbur Taylor, Weston, West Va., being submitted to office of origin. Only discrepancy seems to be height of this individual, which is 5 feet, 9½ inches, while subject has been described by various persons as being about five feet, five inches.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent E. M. O'Donnell, San Antonio, Texas, dated September 19, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:**

Agent interviewed Dr. J. J. Kabeney, Aide to the Surgeon General, room 1078, Navy Building, and he checked the records for members of the Medical Corps of the Navy and stated that the subject was not a member of the Medical Corps under his name or any of his aliases.

Agent then interviewed L. L. Tucker, Chief Clerk, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Detail Section, Navy Building, and he checked his records and stated that the only party answering to the name or any of the aliases of subject was one John Wilbur Taylor, #140169, who at one time was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. The following is a description of this individual:-

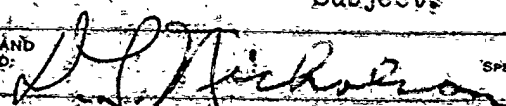
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| TITLE: <b>CHANGED: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON alias DR. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON alias REV. COURTNEY GOUTHEY alias DR. COURTNEY DARLING alias J. WILBUR TAYLOR alias DR. CHARLES ARTHUR DeBUSSY du BUGGINSdale HETHERINGTON alias REV. COURTNEY ARTHUR VINCENT MAURICE MAURANCE CHARLES BUGGINS-</b><br>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>VILLE HETHERINGTON.</b><br><b>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim.</b><br><b>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.</b><br><b>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b>  |  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b></p> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject was in Detroit, Michigan, in 1933 and met Dorcas St. Moulin, a girl evangelist, whom he promised to marry. Left Detroit taking hymnals and bibles belonging to Miss St. Moulin who followed him to Des Moines, Iowa, where she had him arrested. Miss St. Moulin, who now uses the name of Mrs. Dorothy Fraser and who has a wide acquaintance in evangelistic circles, is cooperating with the Bureau in an attempt to locate Subject. -F- |  |  |   |
| REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, Cleveland, Ohio, 7/19/35.<br><br>Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, 5/9/35.  |  |  |   |
| DETAILS: The title of this case is being changed to include additional aliases for Subject.  |  |  |   |
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Mrs. Zula Bates, 17801 Northrup Street, Redford, Michigan, was interviewed. She stated that her husband, now deceased, was formerly pastor of the Pentecostal Church located at Lamphere and Fenkell Avenues; that she succeeded him until the church was later turned over to a younger pastor named Bond Bowman about a year ago; that while she was in charge of the affairs of the church she became acquainted with Subject Hetherington who was speaking at Toledo, Ohio, at the church of which Rev. W. H. Thaxton was minister; that she went to Toledo about two years ago this summer with her son, George, and brought Subject to Detroit. Mrs. Bates also stated that she became acquainted with Dorcas St.Moulin, who became a child evangelist at the age of twelve; that Dorcas attended her church on the occasion when Subject gave a talk. Mrs. Bates advised that she did not care for Subject and therefore only allowed him the privilege of conducting services in her church on the one occasion; that she heard about a week later that William West, who was an orderly at Eloise Hospital, and Dorcas St.Moulin went to Toledo and returned to Detroit with Subject, but she did not learn of this until after the Detroit Free Press published an article stating that Subject had promised to marry Dorcas St.Moulin, the well known girl evangelist, and had stayed with her at a Detroit hotel over night and when leaving had taken with him several hymnals and bibles belonging to Miss St.Moulin. Mrs. Bates stated that she later heard that Dorcas St.Moulin had Subject arrested at Des Moines, Iowa, where he was holding a revival.

Agent also talked with Minah Bates, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated that information as to the whereabouts of William West and Dorcas St.Moulin might be obtained through Rev. Bond Bowman who resides at 15038 Dolphin Street.

Agent attempted to contact Rev. Bowman but he was away from home. Upon making inquiries in the vicinity of Lamphere and Fenkell Avenues, it was ascertained that Rev. John Ayrton, 15747 Dolphin Street, was the janitor of the church.

Agent interviewed Rev. John Ayrton who advised that he is personally acquainted with Subject Hetherington and identified his photograph. He stated that while Subject was in Detroit conducting services at the Pentecostal Church above mentioned he slept at his home and that after they had retired for the night, Subject talked for hours, bragging about his power over women and how women fell for him. Rev. Ayrton stated that he felt Subject must be of no account and told Rev. W. H. Thaxton of Toledo of his conversations with Subject, informing him that he did not believe Subject was a good man to go about preaching. Rev. Ayrton stated however that Rev. Thaxton at that time discounted what he said concerning Subject. Rev. Ayrton also stated that Subject had told him that he had stopped at a Pentecostal assembly at Dayton, Ohio, where he met a woman, a member of that assembly, who was a saleswoman for Buick motor cars and that he obtained a Buick car from this woman.

He did not mention when this car was obtained. Subject also told Rev. Ayrton that he had conducted a revival at a Pentecostal assembly at Shreveport, Louisiana. Leads are not being set out due to the fact that the file at the Detroit Office is incomplete and it is not known to what extent investigation might already have been conducted at these points and it is being left for the office of origin to designate whatever investigation is desired along this line. Rev. Ayrton also informed that Subject was a member of the International Ministerial Association but stated that he did<sup>not</sup> know where the headquarters of this association were located.

Agent contacted officials of the Eloise Hospital and ascertained that William F. West began work as an orderly on April 27, 1931 and left the hospital on August 30, 1933. He gave his date and place of birth as Flint, Michigan, February 15, 1898.

At the Detroit News, Agent found clippings taken from the Detroit Free Press, in the issues of August 9, 10 and 24, 1933, which stated that Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussy du Bugginsdale Hetherington, who was thirty-six years of age at that time, was in custody of the authorities at Des Moines, Iowa, in connection with the theft of hymnals and bibles, as the result of a complaint made by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West, evangelists. The articles went on to state that Mr. and Mrs. West were riding along the street in Des Moines when they saw Subject's name on a church signboard and caused his arrest about August 9, 1933. The articles also indicated that Miss Dorcas St.Moulin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli St.Moulin, 9234 Broadstreet Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was an evangelist and that she had been engaged to marry Hetherington; that she had stayed with him over night at a hotel at 2250 Fourteenth Street and he had promised to take her to Chicago with him where they were to be married; that he had left Miss St.Moulin taking her bibles and hymnals; that Miss St.Moulin was a member of the World's Faith Missionary Association with headquarters in Minnesota and Hetherington was also a member of the same organization.

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Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Eli St.Moulin, 9234 Broadstreet Avenue, and was advised that their daughter has become very common in the past two or three years; that they have found she is a liar and a cheat and has lived with several men; that she still conducts revivals and is continuing her evangelistic work. They stated that they have no information as to her present whereabouts. They also advised that immediately [redacted] Rev. Hetherington she left Detroit, supposedly with William J. West, and they caused Subject's arrest at Des Moines, Iowa; that their daughter's hymnals and bibles were returned to her at Des Moines and they do not know where their daughter went after leaving Des Moines but stated that on one occasion when she returned home she stated that she had been in Arkansas. They informed that their daughter came home in April 1934 and on April 17th went to Grace Hospital

where Dr. Milton Darling delivered a son to her who is going by the name of [redacted] that their daughter stated she had married Neil Fraser, an evangelist. They informed that Neil Fraser's father resides at 9220 Burnette Street, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. St.Moulin state that they do not know whether their daughter is actually married to Neil Fraser or to William J. West but they doubt that either of these men is the father of her child. They state however that after their daughter came from the hospital the child was left with them and she ran away again. When she returned later she stated that she had been living at the Seward and Book Cadillac Hotels in Detroit. They informed that she has not contributed to the support of the child and it was necessary for them to pay her hospital and doctor bills. Mr. St.Moulin stated that on one occasion he attended a church where Neil Fraser was preaching and began a conversation with him. At the beginning of their conversation Neil Fraser stated that he was glad to see Mr. St.Moulin but as soon as he said that he had a baby at his house who was carrying his name, a smile came on Neil Fraser's face and he immediately excused himself and hurriedly left. Mr. St.Moulin stated that he has not seen Neil Fraser since that time. Mr. St.Moulin also stated that a Mrs. Minnie Hathaway, 206 Midland Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan, who is recording secretary of the Michigan W.C.T.U., called at their residence and stated she had recently contacted their daughter and that she was living somewhere on Smith Street under the name of Fraser; that when Mrs. Hathaway called there, their daughter introduced a Mrs. Medley as her mother.

Agent contacted Mrs. Minnie Hathaway through the Townsend Plan Association of Michigan (telephone Cadillac 7637) and she advised that their headquarters were located at 2234 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. She advised that Dorcas St.Moulin is now living at 225 Smith Street, Detroit, under the name of Mrs. Dorothy Fraser, with a family by the name of Medley and that when she spoke to her she was introduced to Mrs. Medley as Mrs. Fraser's mother. She stated that the reason for her contacting Mrs. Dorothy Fraser was for the purpose of checking back on her activities which caused her to give two talks at meetings of the Townsend Plan Association of Michigan; that about a month ago Mrs. Dorothy Fraser went to Flint, Michigan and talked for two and one-half hours on the Townsend Plan but repeated herself many times in various phases of her talk and did not seem well informed on her topic; that she made certain representations that she had been sent there to speak by the Michigan headquarters at Detroit and had referred to one of the officers as being a very nice gentleman who had given her a ring which she displayed on her finger; that her activities have bordered on blackmail and they feel she should be curbed. Mrs. Hathaway stated that Mrs. Fraser claims she was formerly the wife of a "G-man" who was killed in Chicago a year or so ago and that she also was in the Government service herself, representing herself to be a Secret Service agent. Mrs. Hathaway stated however that Mrs. Fraser obtained nothing of value from her. Mrs. Hathaway advised that subsequently she made an investigation and ascertained that Mrs. Fraser's true parents were Mr. and Mrs. Eli St.Moulin.

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Agent interviewed Mrs. Dorothy Fraser (Dorcas St. Moulin) at 225 Smith Street, Detroit, Michigan, who introduced Mrs. Medley as her mother and stated that she and Subject were members of the World's Faith Missionary Association with headquarters at Robbinsdale, Minnesota. She advised that a Mrs. Osterhus is President of this association. She also stated that William J. West is now living in Detroit and working for one of the automobile companies but she does not know his present address or for which company he is working. She stated however that if his address is desired she will obtain it and furnish same to Agent. She informed that she and William West were touring the United States in an effort to run down Subject for stealing her bibles and hymnals and that while riding down a street in Des Moines, Iowa, in August 1933, she saw Subject's name on the bulletin board of a church and immediately caused his arrest. She stated that Detective Stanley assisted in the arrest. She advised further that after Subject was taken to the Sheriff's office she identified each book as being her property and further advised that the books were marked with her book markers. Subject, however, avowed that each book was his property and that she was a dirty liar and spat in her face. She stated that after retrieving her bibles and hymnals she relented and did not have Subject prosecuted but did have him fingerprinted. She also advised that on numerous occasions it has occurred to her that she should have prosecuted Subject especially since reading in the papers about a girl in Birmingham, Alabama having her parents mortgage their home for \$1,000 and Subject leaving with this money in much the same manner in which he had taken her bibles and hymnals. She advised that she has traveled in practically every state in the union for the past three years and has made very many close friends through her ability as a speaker. She has a very clear enunciation and speaks exceptionally well for a girl having only a high school education and it is believed by the writer that she could very easily win the confidence of one not knowing her.

Agent did not question Mrs. Fraser relative to her living with William J. West, her marriage to Neil Fraser or the paternity of her child, as it was believed that to bring these questions up might antagonize her. Her cooperation was solicited and she stated that she wishes to assist in causing Subject's apprehension. She stated that she is of the opinion that she can locate Subject in less than a month; that she would send letters to her friends all over the country and ask them to advise her if they learn of Subject's being in any particular community and in case she receives such advice she will immediately notify the Detroit Bureau Office. She advised Agent that she doubts very much if William West would be able to furnish any information concerning Subject's whereabouts as he has not been connected with evangelistic work for a long time. Agent therefore did not endeavor to locate William J. West. In the course of the conversation, however, Agent did ask Mrs. Fraser to whom she was married and she stated that she married Neil Fraser, now deceased. It is doubted that Neil Fraser is dead in view of the information furnished by Mrs. Fraser's father, Eli St. Moulin.

It would appear from the information received that Mrs. Dorothy Fraser is an exceedingly treacherous woman who would not hesitate to blackmail anyone if they encouraged her displeasure. Therefore, in the future, any Agents contacting her should be guided accordingly.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. PAUL OFFICE, at Robbinsdale, Minnesota, will interview Mrs. Osterhus, President of the World's Faith Missionary Association, for the purpose of ascertaining if Subject Hetherington is paying his dues or communicating with the association. The St. Paul Office should make arrangements to be notified in the event Mrs. Osterhus learns of any place where Subject may be conducting revivals at any time.

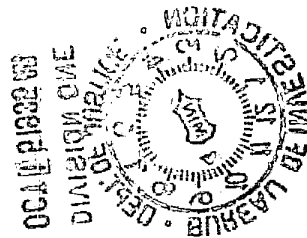
The OMAHA OFFICE will contact the Chief of Police and Sheriff's office at Des Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of ascertaining particulars concerning Subject's arrest. Will also determine whether or not Subject's fingerprints were taken at the time of his arrest in August of 1933 and forwarded to the Bureau, in order that an identification order may be prepared if desired by the Bureau or the office of origin.

The DETROIT OFFICE will keep in touch with Mrs. Dorothy Fraser, 225 Smith Street, Detroit, Michigan, for any information she may be able to obtain regarding Subject's whereabouts.

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31-2918 - REV. COURTNEY, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim, et al.



A lead was received here on May 13, 1935, for investigation at Santa Barbara. No report was submitted until July 15. A further report was made in this case by this office under date of August 19, 1935, covering another lead at Santa Barbara but fails to cover two leads in the city of Los Angeles. It is believed that this case should receive appropriate attention.

The lead received here on May 13 for investigative activity at Santa Barbara was assigned as speedily as the condition of the work in the office and investigative personnel available would permit, although, in this connection, I would say that it has been more or less my practice to defer road trips to distant parts of the territory until a reasonable accumulation of work in that territory is at hand, the reason for that action being that, with a limited investigative personnel over a long period of time, the institution of frequent road trips for a limited number of investigative leads would automatically tie up a greater number of investigative leads in the immediate headquarters vicinity.

It is noted in this connection that the instant matter was probably in delinquent status at the time of assignment to the investigating Agent and that fact, possibly, prompted the Agent to dictate the result of his investigation at Santa Barbara immediately upon his return to headquarters and prior to developing the outstanding leads in Los Angeles.

It is further noted in this connection that the principal portion of the outstanding lead in Los Angeles was somewhat indefinite in that it required an attempt to locate a rooming house across the street from some automobile showroom for the purpose of displaying subject's photograph. The other lead involved contact with the Bunco Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department for the purpose of reviewing complaints received at that Detail in order to obtain any available information concerning confidence schemes similar in modus operandi to that of subject's. It is my belief that Special Agent Billings regarded the investigative requirements of the Los Angeles leads as contemplating a considerable expenditure of time and, therefore, believed it advisable to inform the office of origin concerning the results of the investigation of the lead at Santa Barbara.

Inspection Los Angeles  
Bureau Office - 9-5-35  
Inspectors Egan and Whitley

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| TITLE:<br>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br>Clyde Alexander - Victim<br>Hazel Irene Smith - Victim<br>Mrs. Allean Gillette - Victim |                             |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

D. E. Richard, American Express Co., New York City, advises American Express Travelers cheques Nos. R1500073 to R1500086 inclusive issued to subject by County National Bank, Santa Barbara, Cal. on 7-10-34. Cheques cashed in Los Angeles, Cal., Chicago, Ill., Lansing, Mich. and Chicopee, Mass. Wife of subject made several inquiries of American Express Co. regarding location where cheques mentioned above were cashed.

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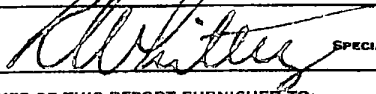
Report of Special Agent H. P. Dolan, New York City, dated 7-22-35.  
Report of Special Agent F. C. Culberson, Los Angeles, California, dated 7-15-35.  
Report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, Detroit, Mich. dated 1-7-35.

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Mr. D. E. Richard, Special Agent in Charge, Inspectors Division, American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York City,

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informed agent that the records of his Company indicate American Express Travelers Cheques R1500073 to R1500086 inclusive, in denominations of \$100. each, were purchased by Dr. Courtney Darling from the County National Bank, Santa Barbara, California, on July 10, 1934. In this connection it should be noted that reference report of Special Agent F. C. Culberson, Los Angeles, California, dated July 15, 1935, indicates that the American Express travelers cheques mentioned above were purchased by subject through the County National Bank of Santa Barbara, California on July 10, 1935. Mr. Richard states that his records do not indicate that subject bought any American Express Travelers cheques from the County National Bank of Santa Barbara, California, except on the date mentioned above, namely July 10, 1934.

Agent inquired of Mr. Richard as to the various locations where the above mentioned cheques were cashed by subject, to which he replied that cheque R1500073 was cashed by subject on July 10, 1934 at Los Angeles, California, said cheque bearing the endorsement of the Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe Coast Lines.

Cheque R1500074 was cashed on July 12, 1934 at Los Angeles, California, bearing the endorsement of the Bank of America, 7th and Westlake Branch, Los Angeles, Cal.

Cheque R1500075 was cashed on July 17, 1934 at Chicago, Ill. bearing endorsement of the C and W I Railroad.

Cheques Nos. R1500076 to R1500082 inclusive were cashed on July 16, 1934 at Lansing, Michigan, bearing endorsement of the Peoples Savings Bank.

Cheque R1500083 was cashed July 17, 1934 at Lansing, Mich. bearing the endorsement of the Hotel Olds.

Cheques Nos. R1500084 to R1500086 inclusive were cashed on July 24, 1934 at Chicopee, Massachusetts bearing the endorsement of the Chicopee Savings Bank.

Mr. Richard informed agent that on August 2, 1934 the American Express Company at New York received a letter, apparently from subject's wife, the contents of which are set out as follows:

"American Express Company,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

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On July 10, 1934 my husband, Dr. Courtney Darling, purchased Travelers' cheques serials R1500073 to 86 inclusive to the amount of \$1400. He left Los Angeles, California, on July 11, 1934 on a U. P. train intending to go to New York and take a boat for London, England.

I received a telegram from Omaha, Nebraska on July 14, 1934 saying he was not feeling well and I have not heard from him since. As he would have arrived in the East about the time of the hot spell and may have been a victim of the heat, I wonder if you would let me know in which city and state he cashed these cheques. I understand these cheques are stamped by the bank in which they are cashed. This might give me some information as to where I might expect to locate him.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Courtenay Darling,  
1415 Chapala Street,  
Santa Barbara, California "

Mr. Richard states that he replied to this letter on August 6, 1934 advising Mrs. Darling that cheques Nos. R1500084 and R1500085 were cashed by Mr. Darling at Chicopee, Massachusetts on July 24, 1934, said cheques bearing the endorsement of the Chicopee Savings Bank.

Mr. Richard further advised that on August 18, 1934 another letter was received from Mrs. Darling requesting additional information with reference to the cashing of the above mentioned cheques. Mr. Richard states that he replied to this letter on August 24, 1934 advising Mrs. Darling that cheque R1500086 was cashed by her husband on July 24, 1934 at Chicopee, Massachusetts, bearing the endorsement of the Chicopee Savings Bank.

Mr. Richard further stated that another letter was received by the Company from Mrs. Darling on September 9, 1934 requesting further information with reference to the cashing of the above mentioned cheques by her husband and in addition stating that she has requested the police at Chicopee, Mass., to locate her husband but as yet they have been unable to give her any information that her husband can be located in that city. Mr. Richard advised that he answered the above mentioned communication on September 13, 1934 advising Mrs. Darling that he had no additional

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information that any of the other cheques outstanding had been cashed by Dr. Darling. Mr. Richard also stated that on October 22, 1934 another letter was received from Mrs. Darling requesting additional information with reference to the cashing of the above mentioned cheques by her husband and suggesting that possibly her husband might be located at Lansing, Michigan.

In this connection Mrs. Darling stated in her letter that she is of the opinion that the remaining cheques were no doubt cashed by her husband at Lansing, Michigan. In her letter she states that the cashing of instant cheques involves a legal matter concerning an automobile purchased and paid for by these cheques.

Mr. Richard states that on October 27, 1934 he advised Mrs. Darling that cheques Nos. R1500076 to R1500082 inclusive were cashed on July 16, 1934 at Lansing, Michigan, bearing endorsement of the Peoples Savings Bank and cheque R1500083 was cashed July 17, 1934 at Lansing, Michigan, bearing the endorsement of the Hotel Olds.

Apparently Mrs. C. Darling who made the various inquiries regarding the above mentioned cheques, of the American Express Company, New York City, is one and the same individual as Gwendolyn Pettinger mentioned in the report of reference of Special Agent F. C. Culberson, Los Angeles, California, dated July 15, 1935. In this connection it should be noted that the address given by Mrs. Darling at the time she made inquiry regarding the above mentioned cheques, of the American Express Company, New York City, was 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California. This is the same address as given by Gwendolyn Pettinger.

Regarding the suggestion made by Mrs. Darling to the American Express Company in her letter of October 22, 1934 that her husband could be located in Lansing, Michigan, no doubt, and that it is possible he may have cashed some of the instant travelers cheques to purchase an automobile, reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 7, 1935, which report indicates that subject purchased an Oldsmobile business coupe, motor number F382876, from the Lansing Oldsmobile Company on July 16, 1934.

Agent inquired of Mr. Richard as to whether or not subject has recently purchased any American Express travelers cheques, to which he replied that it would be impossible for him to advise definitely regarding this point unless some information could be furnished with reference to the name of the issuing bank from which subject might have purchased an additional supply of American Express travelers cheques.

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Mr. Richard states that the bookkeeping system which is maintained by his company reveals information only as to the name of the issuing bank to which cheques are sold and no bookkeeping system is kept with reference to purchases made by individuals.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-91**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>10-18-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>10-1, 7, 10-35.</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>WILLIAM R. HIGH</b>             |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                    |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., who did business in Memphis, Tenn. at 933 Union Street, and through whom subject sold his car, have ceased business. Leads set out for their home office and manager to be interviewed. Editor, Gospel Advocate Company, Nashville, Tennessee, has no knowledge of subject Hetherington.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent V. R. Clary, San Antonio, Texas, dated September 13, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

Mr. G. M. Sowell, Manager of the Auto Sales Company at 933 Union Street, advised that the Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., to whom subject sold a car, had ceased doing business approximately a year ago. Where they went, or who manages this place of business, he did not know.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. Roy D. Key, Manager for the Auto Sales Company at 1195 Union Street, advised that the Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., who operated a business at 933 Union Street, had ceased doing business in the city of Memphis; that their head office was Evans Motor Company, Atlanta, Georgia; and that they are agents for the Willys-Knight and Austin automobiles. Mr. Key advised that Mr. Ray Seivers had been Manager for the branch located at 933 Union Street in Memphis, Tennessee; however, he did not know where Mr. Seivers was

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located, but that Mr. Richmond, who works for the Fisher Motor Company, knows him personally and can possibly give his address.

Mr. J. Richmond, 29 Douglas Street, Fisher Motor Company, advised that Mr. Ray Seivers, who was connected with the Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., at 933 Union Street, had moved to Atlanta, Georgia, first working at the home office of the Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., it being the Evans Motor Company; that he quit that job, and is now working for the Cadillac people of that city.

A copy of the reference report is being forwarded, with copies of this report, to the Atlanta Office.

The following investigation was conducted at Nashville, Tennessee, by Special Agent J. M. Towler:

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

John T. Hinds, Editor, Gospel Advocate, 110 Seventh Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, stated that he has never heard of Reverend Courtney Hetherington, and does not believe that his name has ever been brought to the attention of any of the organizations of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Hinds stated that he intends to publish an article in the Gospel Advocate, asking for any information relative to subject, and will give the Nashville Office the benefit of any information he receives.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The ATLANTA OFFICE at Atlanta, Georgia, will make appropriate investigation through the Evans Motor Company relative to the purchase of the car, as set out in the attached reference report, through the Auto Wholesale Dealers, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee, on September 26, 1934;

Will also interview Mr. Ray Seivers, Manager of this company while it was in operation at Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Seivers is employed at the Cadillac Agency.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

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REV COURTNEY HETHERINGTON WA WSTA BUFFALO REQUESTS IDENTITY OF OWNER OHIO LICENSE  
NINETEEN NAUGHT EIGHT V THIS ISSUED REVEREND J D LEWEN FOUR NAUGHT SIX EAST SANDUSKY  
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To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED-MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, Executive Vice-President

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

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**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

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**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

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**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

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(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

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**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

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**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. Not to be posted; when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

**WEEK-END CABLE LETTERS** at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under conditions applicable to Night Cable Letters, excepting that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on following Monday morning. Indicator "WLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

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PHONE REV COURTNEY HETHERINGTON WA WSTA. REV J. D. LEWIN FINDLAY

OHIO BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT NOW CONDUCTING EVANGELISTIC SERVICES  
HORNELL, N. Y. CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN A FRANCISCAN MONK. VIOXX  
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P. O. Box #765  
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October 19, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: REV. COURTNEY HETTERINGTON  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRMA SMITH - VICTIM; MRS.  
ALLAN GILLETTE-VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegraphic advice from the Cincinnati Office on this date, please be informed that a telegram was received at the Cincinnati Office requesting that the name, address and identity be secured on the owner of Pontiac Coach bearing 1935 Ohio License 1903-V.

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, indicate that the license in question was issued to Reverend J. D. Lewen, 405 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, Ohio, for a 1932 Pontiac Coach, Motor No. 621533, serial number 543493. The bill of sale covering this car is filed under Bill of Sale File No. 62161, Wayne County, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE REV COURTNEY HETHERINGTON WA WSTA JOHN D LEWEN SUSPECT  
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ADVISES HELD PASTORATE OF CHURCH OF FOUR GOSPELS, SIXTY-SIXTH  
PLACE AND NORMAL STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FROM FALL 1933 UNTIL  
MAY XXX MARCH 1934 SAYS MR AND MRS TOOKSON, 1/ XXX 2822 PRAIRIE  
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS KNOW HIM. ADVISES HIS ADDRESS WAS  
15339 WELLAND AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN FROM JANUARY 1934 UNTIL  
JUNE 1934, THAT DR HETHERINGTON, 8-3 XXX 813 XXX 8121  
ELLSWORTH STREET, DETROIT KNOWS HIM. PLEASE  
NOTE DOCTORS NAME CORRESPONDS WITH ALIAS USED BY SUBJECT WHICH  
NAME ELICITED FROM SUSPECT. SUBJECT LEWIN CLAIMS BANK ACCOUNT WITH  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS FOR LAST FIFTEEN YEARS  
UNDER NAME JOHN D. LEWEN. ADVISES STATION

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COLLEGE, TWELFTH AND BLUE IRELAND AVENUES, CHICAGO,  
LATER AT ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE AT TEUTOPOLIS, ILLINOIS. SAYS HE JOINED  
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WHERE RT REV FATHER BENEDICT KNEW HIM, LATER JOINING FRANCISCAN  
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ILLINOIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION NUMBER 146 XXX

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THAT DR M O HICKARD ELIVERED HIM. CLAIMS MARRIED DAUGHTER  
NAMED MRS E D WEIR LIVING AT 6803 SOUTH MORGAN STREET CI  
CHICAGO. NO CMXXX COMPLAINT FILED. SUSPECT LEWEN LEAVING HORNELL,  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-3845**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>10/22/35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>10/20/35</b>  | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>N. E. MANSON</b>  |
| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAN GILLETTE - Victim.</b>   |                                    |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>  |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>O. R. Hetherington, Detroit, Michigan, states he is not related to Subject; that he knows Rev. J. D. Lewen who held pastorate at Detroit for about nine months to approximately December 1, 1934. Rev. Lewen is married and lives with his wife and one son, age 20. Has married daughter living in Chicago. Rev. J. D. Lewen is not identical with Subject. -P-</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Teletype from the Buffalo Office dated 10/20/35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><u>AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p>Agent interviewed Orville Raymond Hetherington, 8121 Ellsworth Street, who stated that he has lived in this vicinity for about four years; that he is employed as a checker for the Michigan Central Railroad Company; that he is no Doctor of Divinity but is an ordained minister of the National and International Pentecostal Missionary Union. He stated that the secretary's quarters of this union are located at 6309 Yale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p>Mr. Hetherington informed Agent that he has never heard of Subject and is not related to him. He stated that he has known Rev. J. D. Lewen for about a year and a half through the Pentecostal Church, of which Lewen is also an ordained minister; that in the spring</p> |                                    |  |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><i>[Signature]</i>  |                                    | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  | <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p><b>88-17-124</b></p> <p><b>OCT 24 1935</b></p> <p><b>OCT 28 1935</b></p> |
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of 1934 Rev. Lewen was called as pastor of their local church, the Beulah Gospel Tabernacle, 7501 Fenkell Avenue, Detroit. He stated that Rev. Lewen resigned as pastor of this church about December 1, 1934, and is now a traveling evangelist and his itinerary is often printed in their church paper, "The Evangel." Mrs. Hetherington informed Agent that she noticed in their church paper that Rev. Lewen was in Erie, Pennsylvania, about two weeks ago.

Continuing, Mr. Hetherington informed Agent that Rev. Lewen came from Chicago; that he was a former monk and also had been in the printing business in Chicago. Rev. Lewen is married to an Italian woman and has a son about twenty years of age who lives with them. He also has a married daughter, whose name he did not recall, but he was sure she lived in Chicago.

Agent exhibited photograph of Subject to Mr. Hetherington, whereupon the latter stated that the photograph did resemble Rev. Lewen but if it were he the picture was not taken recently; that Rev. Lewen has more hair, his shoulders are broader and his cheeks are much more round, also that Lewen is about 5'7 or 8" tall. Mrs. Hetherington suggested that her husband accompany Agent to the home of one of the members of their church, a Mrs. Willett, who has a photograph of Rev. and Mrs. Lewen.

At 14889 Wisconsin Avenue, Mrs. C. W. Willett exhibited photograph of Rev. and Mrs. Lewen and also gave Agent a copy of a leaflet containing the picture of Rev. Lewen which was passed out at the church at the time meetings were being conducted by him. The leaflet is now contained in the Detroit Office file.

Mr. Hetherington then advised Agent that he did not know the exact address where Rev. Lewen and his family had lived in Detroit, but that he could find the house as it was near the church. Mr. Hetherington accompanied Agent who proceeded to this house upon directions given by Mr. Hetherington and upon arrival at the house it was noted that the number was 15339 on Welland Street, which address corresponds to the address given in reference teletype.

Inquiry by Agent at 15339 Welland Street revealed that the present tenants have lived there for only a short time and that they pay their rent to a Mr. Sax of the Sax Realty Company, 3236 Fenkell Avenue.

Mr. Hetherington then informed Agent that he would be very glad to cooperate with the Government in attempting to locate Subject inasmuch as an imposter of this sort is very much to the detriment of their gospel work. Agent left the address and telephone number of the Detroit Bureau Office with Mr. Hetherington who promised to notify the office immediately should he hear of Subject's activities.



At 3236 Fenkell Avenue, an effort was made to contact the Sax Realty Company but undoubtedly due to the fact that the day on which Agent called was Sunday, the office was found to be closed. No further investigation was made.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The DETROIT OFFICE will complete the lead contained in the report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 9, 1935.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALBERT GILLETTE-VICTIM.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation at Holly Pond, Alabama, discloses that individual alleged to be Hetherington was James Luther Rowe, graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, now Pastor of the Baptist church at Holly Pond. Rowe's description in no way similar to that of subject in this case.

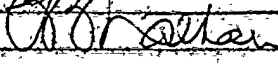
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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated on a telephone call October 21, 1935 from F. A. Vest, Constable, Hanceville, Alabama, to the effect that he had received information from a citizen at Holly Pond, Alabama that there was a person having the description of subject Hetherington who had moved to Holly Pond in August, 1935, and was pastor of the Baptist church there.

**AT HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA**

Agent contacted F. A. Vest, Constable at Hanceville, who advised that he had received information from one Henry Gable, a reputable farmer living in the vicinity of Holly Pond, Alabama, to the effect that the Baptist Minister at Holly Pond closely resembled Reverend Courtney Hetherington, whose picture appeared in F.B.I. fugitive bulletin for October; that he personally had not checked to ascertain if the person did resemble Hetherington in any way, thinking that it might be desirable to have an agent of this Bureau accompany him to Holly Pond for this purpose.

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The writer, accompanied by F. A. Vest, proceeded to Holly Pond where Henry Gable was contacted. A photograph of Hetherington was exhibited to Mr. Gable, who, after examining it, stated definitely that the Baptist Minister at Holly Pond was this individual.

A photograph of Hetherington was also exhibited to J. A. Bird, Postmaster at Holly Pond, who, after examining same, stated that the Baptist Minister, Mr. J. L. Rowe, bore no resemblance whatever to this picture.

The writer contacted the Baptist Minister, and it was ascertained that his name was James Luther Rowe; that he had graduated from Howard College in 1932; that he was 28 years old, married and had been living in Dora, Alabama prior to August, 1935, at which time he accepted the invitation from the Baptist church at Holly Pond.

The following is a description of James Luther Rowe as obtained by personal observation and interview:

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| Age        | 28 (born 9-14-07) |
| Height     | 5' 9"             |
| Weight     | 140#              |
| Hair       | Black             |
| Eyes       | Brown             |
| Complexion | Tan               |
| Teeth      | Irregular         |
| Build      | Medium            |
| Remarks    | Extra large feet. |

The statements of James Luther Rowe were verified at the office of O. S. Causey, Registrar, Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Causey stated that Rowe was an ideal student, was born in Thorsby, Alabama where he graduated from high school; that he had been in contact with Rowe since he graduated from that College and that he knew nothing against his character.

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October 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with  
aliases; Clyde Alexander - Victim;  
Hazel Irene Smith - Victim; Mrs. Alleah  
Gillette - Victim.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

The attention of all Special Agents of your office should be invited to the article beginning on page 15 of the F B I Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1, 1935, entitled "MODUS OPERANDI OF REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases. Wanted by the FBI for White Slave Traffic Act Violations."

You are advised that San Antonio, Texas is the office of origin in this case and that no prosecutive process has as yet been issued against the subject. All investigative leads should be given expeditious attention by the various field offices, and the information contained in the instant article should be discussed by the Agents with those peace officers whom they have occasion to contact.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

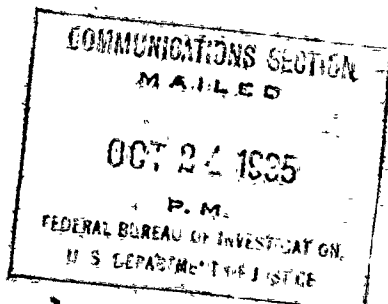
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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim</b> |  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records Cook County, Illinois reveal John D. Lewen born Chicago, Illinois February 18, 1895. Father John, mother Julia Lewen, both born in Germany. Records St. Ignatius College reveal John Lewen attended that institution September, 1910 to November, 1911. Lewen pastor of Church of Four Gospels, Chicago, Ill. April 1932 to March 1934. Left Chicago latter date to assume pastorate of Gospel Tabernacle, 7501 Fenkell Avenue, Detroit, Mich. Lewen bears good reputation among members of former congregation, and First National Bank Chicago, Illinois where he has maintained checking account for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Cookson now located Minneapolis, Minnesota. Florence Weir married daughter of Lewen, and church members, fail to identify photograph of subject Hetherington as Lewen.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:**

Teletype of the Buffalo office dated October 20, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:**

Effort was made to contact Mr. and Mrs. Tookson, 2822 Prairie Avenue. However it was ascertained that this address is a vacant lot, the numbers on this block skipping from 2804 to 2840. Inquiry was made at the Fairview Sanitarium, 2840 Prairie Avenue and Agent was advised by Roger Williams janitor at the above address that there has been no dwelling which carries the number 2822 Prairie Avenue for approximately three years. Investigation in the neighborhood disclosed that no one in that vicinity is acquainted with anyone by the name of Tookson.

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At 6633 South Normal Avenue which is the address of the Church of the Full Gospel, Agent contacted Mr. George Neiubert, pastor of the above mentioned church who stated that he has been pastor of this church for approximately eight months; that John D. Lewen was formerly pastor of the above church while it was known as the Church of the Four Gospels, but that however the name has been changed. Doctor Neiubert stated that he was not personally acquainted with Lewen, and directed Agent to Mr. Donald L. Munroe, 7312 Stewart Avenue who according to Mr. Neiubert was the chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time of Lewen's pastorship.

Mr. Donald L. Munroe, 7312 Stewart Avenue was interviewed and stated that he was well acquainted with John D. Lewen; that Lewen had been pastor of the Church of the Four Gospels, 66th and Normal Avenue, from April, 1932 to approximately March 1, 1934; that the wife of Lewen had preceded him as a pastor of the church and that she had been the pastor for approximately six months; that Lewen was formerly in the printing business on the north side of Chicago, name of firm and address unknown; that he had succeeded his wife as pastor of the church; was well liked by all the members of the congregation, and had always conducted himself in a very gentlemanly manner; that he received twenty-five dollars per week and quarters as pastor of the church, and had left the church in March, 1934 to go to Detroit, Mich. where he assumed the pastorate of the Gospel Tabernacle, 7501 Fenkell Avenue and that the then pastor of that church, W. E. Budgett, had traded places with John D. Lewen at the church of the Four Gospels in Chicago. Mr. Munroe also advised that he was well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. COOKSON (not TOOKSON as mentioned in reference teletype), but that these persons had moved from Chicago to Minneapolis, Minnesota approximately one year ago and their address was unknown to him; further that Lewen was married and had two grown children, the daughter being Mrs. Florence Weir, 6803 South Morgan Street and the son Roy, age 26, who was also married and now residing at the Plaza Hotel in Chicago.

At the First National Bank, Chicago, Illinois, located at the corner of Clark and Monroe Streets, Agent interviewed Mr. R. G. Appel of the law department of the above institution who made a check of the records of the bank and advised that John D. Lewen had a checking account at the bank and has had the same for several years; further that information as reflected by the records is to the effect that Lewen is apparently a very reputable person. Mr. Appel requested that before the details of the account were disclosed that the bank be protected by a subpoena. However, in view of the fact that the statement of Lewen as contained in reference teletype is apparently borne out by the records of the bank this action is not being taken.



Agent contacted Miss Margaret Fisher, by telephone, at the office of the Registrar of St. Ignatius College, telephone Haymarket 5900 who advised that there were no scholastic records appearing for John D. Lewen at that institution. However that the catalogue of the school for the years September 1910 and November, 1911 contained the name of one John Lewen but no address is given for this party. However it is believed that he is identical with the John D. Lewen in question.

Mrs. Florence Weir Apartment 206, 2803 South Morgan St. was interviewed and stated that John D. Lewen is her father and that he has lived in Chicago practically all his life with the exception of the time taken from his studies at St. Ignatius college, and St. Louis, Missouri where he was in a Franciscan monastery; that he was formerly engaged in the printing business in Chicago, name and address of place unknown, and left that occupation to continue his evangelistic work; further that her mother's maiden name was Susana Mary Angellini; that she, Mrs. Weir, has a brother Roy, age 26 who is married but presently unemployed, and residing at the Plaza Hotel, Chicago; further that her father was formerly the pastor of the Church of the Four Gospels, 66th and Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for approximately two years; in 1933 and 1934; that he left at that time to assume the pastorate in Detroit, Michigan, and more recently has been engaged in Evangelistic work at Hornell, New York, the exact address at that city being unknown to her; that undoubtedly her father could be contacted through the post office at that town. Mrs. Weir was very much perturbed to think that her father might possibly be involved in any trouble with the Government, stating that her father had always borne an excellent reputation in the communities in which he had lived.

At the City Hall, Cook County, Illinois located at Clark and Washington Streets, Chicago, at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Room 707 Agent contacted John Dunlap, who produced the birth certificate, register number 14865, which reflected that John Dean Lewen was born February 18, 1895 at Chicago, Illinois; mother Julia Lewen, father John Lewen. The birthplace of the mother and father of Lewen was given as Germany; occupation of the father mechanic; mother housewife. The name of the attending physician at the birth of Lewen is not stated. The address of Lewen's parents was given as 49th and Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This birth record was dated May 8, 1924, which is the date on which it was filed. Dunlap explained that evidently no birth certificate was filed at the time of Lewen's birth.

Photograph of subject Hetherington was exhibited to all persons interviewed by Agent but none could identify his picture as being John D. Lewen.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

San Antonio, Texas

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE - VICTIM</b>   |                                    |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Suspect John D. Lewen reported to have been at Franciscan Monastery, St. Louis, Mo. for about eight months in 1913. Father Martin Strub, Franciscan Monastery, Teutopolis, Ill. advised that suspect attended St. Joseph's College for about a year in 1912 and subsequently spent three months in the Franciscan Monastery at Teutopolis after which he went to St. Louis. Suspect reported to have used the name Korek prior to his staying at the above mentioned Monasteries. At the present time thought to be a protestant minister.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. U. C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Teletype from the Buffalo Bureau office dated 10-20-35.</p> <p>DETAILS: At the Franciscan Monastery, 3140 Meramec St., St. Louis, Missouri brothers Christian and Osmont were interviewed as to their knowledge of suspect John D. Lewen. They stated that he had been at that monastery for about eight months in 1913; that for six months he worked in the kitchen under the supervision of brother Christian after which he was transferred to the tailor shop. They stated that he was not ordained and that he wore the tertiary habit while at the monastery. He left of his own volition because he felt the work was becoming too hard for him as he had trouble with his eyes. They stated that he was Bohemian and thought he was of foreign birth although he had his permanent home in Chicago prior to coming to St. Louis. He spoke Hungarian, Polish, English and some German but apparently he had learned these languages from experience rather than from study. He did not seem well educated but was talkative and friendly and there was nothing that they knew of his record which could be held against him. Brother Christian stated that he believed suspect had used the name Korek at sometime</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> |                                    |   |   |
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before his coming to the monastery. It was their understanding that he left the Catholic Church after leaving the monastery and became a protestant minister. About 1931 the monastery received an inquiry from Buffalo, New York. Although they did not remember the exact nature of this inquiry, they stated that it came from some bishop in that city and it was their idea that suspect was trying at that time to make some sort of connection with a church in that city and they were investigating his references. The brothers stated that Father Benedict was the Provincial over the district which covers both Teutopolis, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri and that he may have known suspect although they were not aware of that fact. They stated that Father Benedict died about 1927. The description given by the brothers, of John D. Lewen was somewhat similar to that of the subject in this case although the weight given by them was somewhat less than that of subject.

Father Martin Strub at the Franciscan Monastery, Teutopolis, Illinois was contacted by telephone. He stated that suspect Lewen attended the St. Joseph's College for about a year sometime around 1912. After leaving this college, he went to his home in Chicago for a few months returning in the fall of the year as a novitiate in the Franciscan Monastery for a period of about three months. After this time he went to St. Louis, Missouri where he entered the Franciscan Monastery there. Father Strub stated that the St. Joseph's College has since been discontinued; that the records no longer exist for that period and that the college has been converted into a Franciscan seminary. Father Strub also stated that he received an inquiry about 1930 or 1931 from a bishop in Buffalo, New York and that several years before that time another inquiry concerning Lewen had come from Binghamton, New York as he remembers from some inspector there. He could not state what was the nature of these two inquiries and stated that he does not know suspect's record since leaving Teutopolis although he also believes that he has become a protestant minister. The information as outlined in this report was sent by teletype to the Buffalo Bureau Office on October 20, 1935.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend J. D. Lewen preached as visiting evangelist in Assembly of God Church, Findlay, Ohio, from December 11th to January 18, 1935. He had preached in Toledo prior to that time. Informants state photograph of subject does not resemble Lewen who is described as being a little taller than subject, dark eyes, badly scarred face. No complaints against Lewen in Findlay, Ohio.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE**

Teletype from Buffalo Office dated October 19, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT FINDLAY, OHIO**

At the Findlay, Ohio, Police Department, which is considered reliable, Agent interviewed Acting Desk Sergeant G. C. Hardy, who advised that Rev. Thos. K. Leonard was Pastor of the Assembly of God Church, a Pentecostal Church, located at 406 E. Sandusky Street in that city. With reference to this individual, Sergeant Hardy stated that Rev. Leonard had lived in the city all his life and that he had always been considered very reliable and had always been straight in his relations with the Police Department of that city. Sergeant Hardy also stated that Rev. Leroy Cabbage and Rev. F. B. MacIntosh were Pastors of other churches in the city who would be most apt to be acquainted with the other Pastors in that city.

An examination of the City Telephone and City Directory failed to reveal anyone listed therein by the name of J. D. Lewen or Lewin. Sergeant Hardy or any of the other police officers at the station at the

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time, recalled any minister in town by that name.

Interview was had with Rev. Leroy Cabbage, 210 Ash Street, who advised that he recalled a Rev. J. D. Lewen having preached as a visiting Evangelist sometime last fall at the Assembly of God Church, and that he had received quite a bit of publicity, it having been indicated that he was a Franciscan Monk and was supposed to have the robes of such a Priest. He was also supposed to have been a convert to the church or something of that nature. He did not recall him very well, but the description which he furnished fitted in general the height, weight and build of the subject. The photograph of subject, which appears in the latest F. B. I. Fugitives Wanted Bulletin, was exhibited to Rev. Cabbage who stated that he thought it resembled somewhat Rev. Lewen.

Agent next interviewed Rev. R. B. MacIntosh, 401 W. Sandusky Street, who also stated that he recalled the appearance of a Rev. J. D. Lewen as a visiting evangelist at the Assembly of God Church sometime in December or January of this year, and that as he remembered, this preacher was supposed to have formerly been a Franciscan Monk. Rev. MacIntosh had never seen Rev. Lewen and accordingly was unable to say that the photograph of the subject resembled him. He was of the opinion that he had never observed anyone bearing a resemblance to the photograph of the subject.

Agent interviewed Foreman of Mails, Charles Redman, U. S. Post Office, who made a search of the Carrier's Directory and advised that he had no record of a J. D. Lewen or Lewin residing at 406 E. Sandusky Street. He further advised that he had never heard of anyone being a Reverend in the city by that name. With reference to Rev. Thos. K. Leonard, Mr. Redman corroborated the information furnished by Sergeant Hardy, and stated that Leonard has always enjoyed a good reputation in that city.

Interview was then had with Reverend and Mrs. Thos. K. Leonard of the Assembly of God Church at their residence, 404-1/2 East Sandusky Street, which is just above the church. These persons furnished Agent with a circular which they published at the time Rev. J. D. Lewen appeared at their church, which indicated that he was there from December 11th, 1935 until January 18th, 1935. This circular also contained a photograph of the Rev. J. D. Lewen and a photograph of his wife who is also a Reverend. Mr. Leonard advised that the information indicating that Rev. Lewen had formerly been a Franciscan Monk had been furnished by Rev. Lewen as did the photograph. Mr. Leonard stated however, that the photograph of Rev. Lewen appearing on this circular did resemble Rev. Lewen quite well. Rev. Leonard further stated that he had met Rev. Lewen while he was preaching in the City of Toledo, being the guest there of Rev. Fass, and that he, Leonard, had met Rev. Lewen at Toledo early in December just prior to the return of Rev. Lewen at Findlay; that he had invited Rev. Lewen to preach at his revival. Rev. Leonard stated that Rev. Lewen claimed that he had formerly preached at the Pentecostal Church in Chicago as

well as in Detroit, very recently, although, he, Leonard, did not know at what church this occurred. He further advised that Mrs. Lewen did not come to Findlay until one week after her husband, Rev. Lewen, had been there; that she later came to Findlay and took an active part in the revival. Rev. Leonard described Lewen's wife as being an Italian and further stated these persons had told them that they had been married over twenty years and that they had two grown children, one named Roy Lewen who was living in Detroit, address unknown, and Grace Lewen who was living in Chicago. Rev. Leonard further stated that Lewen had told him that he originally came from Chicago; that years ago he had been a hoodlum there and that the scars which were on the sides and cheeks of his face had been received while mixing up with other hoodlums in that city. Rev. Leonard also stated that Lewen appeared to him to be German in race. He also described him in build, weight, and otherwise as being about the same description as the subject Hetherington. He advised, however, that Lewen had a very heavy scar on his cheek and after examining the photograph of Hetherington, which appears in the latest issue of the F. B. I. of the Fugitives Wanted Bulletin, that Lewen did not resemble the photograph of subject. Mrs. Leonard also corroborated the statement made by her husband about Rev. Lewen and advised further that Lewen definitely had dark eyes, whereas in the description of the subject Hetherington it is indicated that he has hazel eyes. Mrs. Leonard further advised that she definitely does not feel that Lewen is identical with the subject as would be indicated upon an examination of the photograph of the subject. Rev. and Mrs. Leonard seemed quite frank and did not appear to be covering, or in any manner concealing the identity of Lewen. They freely indicated that they knew nothing about his background other than what he had told them.

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard exhibited to Agent the October 12th issue of the Pentecostal Evangelist Magazine which is printed at Springfield, Missouri. There was contained therein a notice that Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Lewen were to preach at Trenton, New Jersey at the Pentecostal Church located at 681 Princeton Avenue, from October 27th to November 10th, 1935.

Agent interviewed Mr. Kelley Blackford, who operates the Blackford Garage on Lima Avenue. Mr. Blackford is a Deacon and active member of the Assembly of God Church. He advised that he done repair work on the Pontiac Coach belonging to Lewen and that he had occasion to see him many times. Mr. Blackford described the person Lewen as being taller than five foot two and one-half inches, but otherwise fitting somewhat the description of subject Hetherington. Mr. Blackford examined the photograph of subject Hetherington appearing in the latest edition of the F. B. I. Fugitives Wanted Bulletin, and stated in his opinion Lewen was not identical with subject Hetherington.

Agent also interviewed Mrs. Ervin Waaland, Florist, 146 Larkin Avenue. Mrs. Waaland stated that she feels quite certain that

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Lewen is taller than five foot two and one-half inches, but that his weight answers the description of subject Hetherington. Mrs. Magland examined the photograph of subject Hetherington but stated that she felt quite certain that it was not identical with Rev. Lewen.

Sergeant G. C. Hardy of the Findlay Police Department had previously advised Agent that there have been no complaints filed against Rev. Lewen relative to his activities in that city. The above information was teletyped to the Buffalo Office on the morning of October 20th, 1935.

The circular which was obtained from Rev. Leonard containing the picture of Rev. J. D. Lewen is being retained in the Cleveland file.

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Charlotte, N.C.,  
October 28, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;  
MR. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Your attention is specifically invited to the article beginning on page 15 of the F. B. I. Law Enforcement Bulletin, dated October 1, 1935, entitled "MODUS OPERANDI OF REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases. Wanted by the F.B.I. for White Slave Traffic Act Violations."

You are advised that San Antonio, Texas is the office of origin in this case and that no prosecutive process has as yet been issued against the subject. All investigative leads should be given expeditious attention by the various field offices, and the information contained in the instant article should be discussed by you with those peace officers whom you have occasion to contact.

G. N. LONDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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New Orleans, La.  
October 29, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENTS:

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with  
aliases; Clyde Alexandre - Victim;  
Harol Irene Smith - Victim; Mrs. Allean  
Gillette - Victim.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

The Bureau, by letter of October 24, 1935 has requested the attention of all Special Agents to be invited to the article beginning on page 15 of the F B I Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1, 1935, which concerns the above entitled subject.

The aforementioned bulletin, at the page designated, should be read by you, as it contains the modus operandi and description of subject Reverend Courtney Hetherington. This individual undoubtedly will continue his gospel and religious services in small communities, so kindly bear this in mind when you are traveling in the field on your investigations, and investigate any gospel meetings discovered by you.

The San Antonio Bureau office is the office of origin, and subject will be prosecuted for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, although no process has been issued against him at the present time.

When you contact peace officers, inform them of the modus operandi and description of this subject.

All investigative leads received by this office are to receive expeditious attention.

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October 28, 1935.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

RE: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander - Victim;  
Hazel Irene Smith - Victim; Mrs. Alleah  
Gillette - Victim. White Slave Traffic Act.

The Bureau desires that the attention of each Agent be called to the article appearing on page 15 of the F B I Law Enforcement Bulletin, dated October 1, 1935, entitled "MODUS OPERANDI OF REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases. Wanted by the FBI for White Slave Traffic Act Violations." The San Antonio Office is the office of origin in this case and no prosecutive process has as yet been issued against the subject.

It is desired that each Agent of the Oklahoma City Office familiarize himself with the details of Hetherington's mode of operation in order that he may discuss this article with the various peace officers contacted in the field.

*DB*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Phoenix, Arizona  
October 20, 1935

MEMORANDUM TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Bureau under date of October 24, 1935, which is self explanatory and is set forth below for your information:

Re: Reverend Courtney Petherington, with  
aliases; Glydo Alexander - Victim;  
Eazel Irene Smith - Victim; Mrs. Alleah  
Gillette - Victim,  
White Slave Traffic Act.

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"The attention of all Special Agents of your office should be invited to the article beginning on page 15 of the F B I Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1, 1935, entitled "MOROS CHARGE OF REVEREND COURTNEY PETHERINGTON, with aliases. Wanted by the FBI for White Slave Traffic Act Violations."

You are advised that San Antonio, Texas, is the office of origin in this case and that no prosecutive process has as yet been issued against the subject. All investigative leads should be given expeditious attention by the various field offices, and the information contained in the instant article should be discussed by the Agents with those peace officers whom they have occasion to contact."

You will, of course, be governed by the above instructions, making contact with the peace officers in the cities in this district you have occasion to visit and appropriate notation on such action should be indicated on your daily reports.

Very truly yours,

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CLAYTON FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge. NOV 1 1935 A.M.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-1397**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>10-29-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>10-28-35</b>  | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>F. G. TILMAN</b>               |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases:<br/>Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Gouthey,<br/>Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor,<br/>Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussy du Bugginsdale<br/>Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Arthur Vincent Maurice<br/>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Maurance Charles Bugginsville Hetherington.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim,<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b>  |                                    |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p><b>Synopsis of Facts:</b> Mrs. C. S. Osterhus, Robbinsdale, Minnesota, has no knowledge of subject, and World's Faith Missionary Association no record except complaint of Dorcas St. Moulin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R.U.C.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Michigan, 10-9-35.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Mrs. C. S. Osterhus, 4501 Broadway, Robbinsdale, Minnesota, the President of the World's Faith Missionary Association, advised that she has no knowledge of the subject either under his true name or the several aliases. Mrs. Osterhus communicated with Mrs. A. Terry, 2010 Fremont Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Secretary of that Association, who advised that the only record of HETHERINGTON in their files was a communication from Dorcas St. Moulin, Detroit, Michigan, complaining of the theft of certain hymn books by HETHERINGTON as set forth in the report of reference. Mrs. Osterhus also advised that Dorcas St. Moulin was dropped from the roles of the Association because of immoral conduct and was never ordained as a minister by their Association.</p> |                                    |  |  |
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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>H. E. Anderson</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE            | <b>88-12-130</b>   | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>OCT 31 1935</b>          |
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The World's Faith Missionary Association publishes a magazine or newspaper, The Bible Friend, in which the activities of the various Evangelists are noted. Mrs. Osterhus will check all material received by the editor of this publication for information relative to HETHERINGTON. She will also make an effort through her correspondents to locate him, and will transmit all pertinent information secured to the St. Paul Office. Continuing, Mrs. Osterhus stated that there is a prominent Evangelist named REVEREND GOUTHEY, whom she does not believe is identical with the subject. To her recollection the given name of the bona fide REVEREND GOUTHEY is not COURTNEY, as used by the subject. However, she is not well acquainted with him and does not know his present address. However, it is thought that such address may be secured through one PAUL RADER, an Evangelist operating a tabernacle on Chicago's North Side. When interrogated relative to other organizations through which Evangelists are employed, or their names recorded, Mrs. Osterhus advised that each denomination keeps a record of their ministers and Evangelists, and that presumably HETHERINGTON would be listed with the church with which he is connected.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Chicago Bureau Office

At Chicago, Illinois, will interview PAUL RADER at his tabernacle to determine if HETHERINGTON is known to him, and if he is unable to give any information concerning his whereabouts, will secure a list of the various organizations or associations through which Evangelists or ministers are placed, in order that similar investigation may be conducted with them.

Will also question PAUL RADER concerning the REVEREND COURTNEY GOUTHEY to determine if the REVEREND GOUTHEY mentioned by Mrs. Osterhus is the subject. If REVEREND GOUTHEY is found to be a bona fide minister, will interview or set out appropriate leads to interview him relative to the subject.

The San Antonio Bureau Office

Is requested to determine which denomination the subject was connected with and the names and addresses of the proper officers of that denomination, so that such officers may be interviewed along the lines set forth in this report.

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# Evangelist Who Married Often And For Cash Now Is White Slave Fugitive

Courtney Heatherington, Who Conducted Church Service In Homewood And Wed Birmingham Choir Singer, Left Trail Of Broken Hearts And Empty Purses

By Harold Helfer

Courtney Heatherington, who conducted evangelistic services at Homewood and married a North Birmingham girl, is being sought by Federal agents on a white slavery charge, it was learned today.

Heatherington claimed to be of both French and English nobility. He deserted his Birmingham wife after swindling her father of \$1000 and then proceeded to marry numerous other women and conduct numerous other swindles from California to Texas, according to a Department of Justice circular.

This circular said Heatherington, under the alias of Arthur Adolph Debusses, Debouganville, Charles Vincent, Maurice Pierrepont, had married and deserted another woman before he married the Birmingham girl, a church soloist here.

Heatherington, it is charged, deserted his Birmingham wife when she was about to become a mother.

Claimed Faith Cure

Heatherington came to Birmingham in 1933. He professed, the circular states, to have been a doctor in London before coming to this country.

In his preaching, he claimed to have taken up religious work after being cured of paralysis by religious faith.

"After marrying the church soloist in December of that year," the circular said, "he continued his preaching at Birmingham until March of 1934, when, expressing his intention of returning to the medical profession, he obtained a loan of \$1000 through his father-in-law for the purpose of opening a laboratory for germ culture and analysis, of which he stated the South was sorely in need. He then journeyed to Chicago with his wife, ostensibly to purchase the necessary equipment, and deserted her there."

Married Woman Pastor

Heatherington is charged with marrying a woman pastor in Santa Barbara, Cal., and swindling a woman parishioner of \$1500. From there he is said to have gone to Corpus Christi, Tex., and married there while conducting services.

Because he took his latest bride from Texas to Tennessee, while allegedly not legally married, he is wanted by the U. S. district attorney in San Antonio, Tex., for white slavery.

Heatherington was believed to have been seen in Birmingham during the past year.

He is about 45, slightly bald, small and stocky and described as handsome.

While preaching here, he said in an interview that he was once thrown into a shark-infested water with two others because natives of a tropical country objected to his preaching.

Divine Inspiration

He said he didn't know how to swim, but that he received a divine inspiration and not only swam to shore ahead of the sharks but rescued his companions.

Another adventure of which he told was of being captured with native guides by cannibals while trekking through Africa. Slowly the cannibals devoured the natives and then came to him. They were boiling the pots for him when he suddenly received, he said, another divine inspiration. He had never known a word of their language but it suddenly came to him and he made an eloquent address, tied to a tree, and converted the cannibals to Christianity. They set him free.

THE BIRMINGHAM POST,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
October 23, 1935.

Re: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, wa;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim.  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.  
MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **31-65 CJG**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLMAN CHILLETTE, Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Rev. John D. Lewen resembled the description of subject Hetherington; was born 2/18/95; attended St. Ignatius College 1910, St. Joseph College 1912, and the Franciscan Monastery in 1912 at Teutopolis, Ill. and was in the Franciscan Monastery in St. Louis, Mo. in 1913. Lewen was in Chicago, Ill. from the fall of 1933 to March 1934. Lewen was in Detroit, Mich. from March to June 1934. Lewen has banked with the First National Bank, Chicago, Ill. for 15 years. A photograph of Lewen was obtained.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, Pa. 8/3/35.

**DETAILS:**

Fred A. Cornell, Sheriff of Steuben County, Bath, New York telephonically advised the Buffalo Bureau Office that Deputy Sheriff E. P. Merriman had observed Rev. J. D. Lewen, an Evangelist, at Hornell, New York, whose description was similar in many respects to the description set out in the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1st, 1935, of Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases.

Mr. Lewen advised that from the fall of 1933 until March, 1934, he was pastor of the Church of the Four Gospels, located at 66th Place and Normal Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that Mr. and Mrs. Tookson, 2822 Prairie Street, Chicago, Illinois know him there.

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Mr. Lewen upon being questioned further advised that from March, 1934 until June, 1934 his address was 15339 Pelland Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, at which city he claimed that Dr. Hetherington of 8121 Ellsworth Street, Detroit, Michigan knew him. It was noted that the name of this doctor was identical with a known alias of subject in instant case.

Mr. Lewen claimed that he had a bank account with the First National Bank at Chicago, Illinois for the past fifteen years under the name of John D. Lewen.

Mr. Lewen advised agent that he studied at Saint Ignatius College at 12th and Blue Ireland Avenues in Chicago, Illinois, and later at St. Joseph's College at Teutopolis, Illinois. He said that in 1912 he joined the Franciscan Monastery at Teutopolis where the Right Reverend Father Benedict knew him. He said that from here he went to the Franciscan Monastery at St. Louis, Missouri in 1913 and that the Right Reverend Father Benedict could vouch for this too.

Mr. Lewen advised agent that he was born on February 18th, 1895 at Chicago, Illinois; that the registration number appearing on his birth certificate is 14865; that the district number appearing on said birth certificate is 3104; that his address at the time of birth was shown as Hermitage Avenue and 49th Street, Chicago, Illinois; and that Dr. M. O. Richard delivered him.

Mr. Lewen further advised agent that he has a daughter living at Chicago, Illinois. He said that she is married; that her name is Mrs. E. D. Weir; and that she resides at 6803 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Agent observed that Lewen was driving a 1934 Pontiac Coach bearing 1908-V Ohio license tags. A recent photograph was obtained of Lewen and it together with a cardboard announcement bearing his (Lewen's) photographs and that of his wife, is being sent to the office of origin.

In view of the fact that all of the leads in instant case were handled by teletype and prompt investigation made and reports received definitely establishing the fact that Lewen was not the subject desired in instant matter, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.



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For the information of the San Antonio Office, the following description of the Rev. John D. Lewen was obtained by personal observation and questioning:

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| Age             | 5' 4" (Born Feb. 18, 1894)   |
| Weight          | 160 pounds   |
| Build           | Medium   |
| Color of Hair   | Brown  |
| Color of Eyes   | Hazel  |
| Complexion      | Olive  |
| Nationality     | German by descent  |
| Place of Birth  | Chicago, Illinois  |
| Scars and Marks | One scar about 3 inches in length on each side of mouth; dented scar on forehead; hair line scar on chin and forehead. |
| Address         | 6803 South Moran Street<br>Chicago, Illinois   |
| Photograph      | San Antonio Office files.  |

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Automobile Wholesalers, Inc., 933 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, on September 26, 1935, purchased 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe from Courtney Gouthey. Southeastern Clergy Passengers Association, Terminal Station, Atlanta, Georgia, has no record of having issued clergyman's pass book to subject.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated October 24, 1935; report of Special Agent William R. High, September 18, 1935, Nashville, Tennessee, and report of Special Agent V. R. Clary, September 13, 1935, Kansas City, Missouri.

**DETAILS:**

R. H. Seivers, 551 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, said he is now manager of the Capitol Automobile Company, used car department, 830 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. In 1930 he was manager of the Automobile Wholesalers Inc., 933 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. On September 26, 1934, he remembered purchasing an Oldsmobile Coupe, motor # R-382876, serial # F-85366 from Courtney Gouthey for \$410.00. Gouthey at that time gave his address as Hotel Peabody or Claridge, Memphis, Tennessee. Gouthey told Seivers that he was a gambler and lost all his money playing poker, and that is the reason he gave for selling the instant automobile. Seivers said Gouthey spoke with an English accent and was alone at the time. He said Gouthey was going to Birmingham, Alabama, in the Oldsmobile.

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There was found in instant automobile some gasoline tickets and a lamp. These articles were given to a negro who was hanging around the sales office. Seivers said he did not take any particular note of these articles and was unable to furnish any information as to where they were purchased except that the lamp was one of those used at tourist camps. Seivers further said that he called Lansing Oldsmobile Company at Lansing, Michigan before he purchased the car to ascertain whether the title and bill of sale were clear. He sold the car the same day to Morton Automobile Exchange, 4542 McDaniel Avenue, Springfield, Missouri. The records of these transactions are now at the Evans Motor Company, 233 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

A picture of subject was displayed to Seivers who identified Hetherington as the man who sold the above automobile under the name of Courtney Gouthey.

Al Christian, associate president, Evans Motor Company, Inc., 233 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia, showed Agent records of purchase and sale of the instant automobile. From the records it was ascertained that Courtney Gouthey gave his address as Hotel Olds, Lansing, Michigan. The motor number of the car was F-384876 and serial number F-85366. The car was purchased and sold on September 26, 1935 by R. H. Seivers at the Automobile Wholesalers Inc., 933 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. The draft of \$410 payable to the order of Courtney Gouthey was endorsed by Courtney Gouthey and tracings of this signature are being forwarded to the office of origin with this report. Tracings of this signature are likewise being retained in the Atlanta file. It was noted on the draft the motor number was F-382876 and serial number F-85366 and a further notation that the license on the said automobile was Michigan, F-18686. This draft is being retained by Mr. Christian and the same may be obtained at any time for any purpose it may serve.

E. L. Bailey, Chief Clerk in charge of records of Southeastern Clergy Passengers Association, Terminal Station, Atlanta, Georgia, said that a record of all who received Clergymen's pass books is retained by his office for a period of three years. He searched the records now at said office for the years 1933, 1934, and 1935, but failed to locate any application for a clergyman's pass book under the name of subject or aliases.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The NASHVILLE OFFICE at Memphis, Tennessee, will make appropriate investigation at the Hotel Peabody and the Claridge to ascertain any information concerning subject which may assist in locating him.

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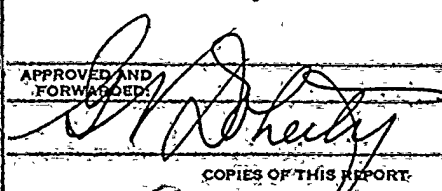
# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-65**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM</b>   |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Dr. A. P. Gouthey spoke at Churchill Tabernacle, Buffalo, N.Y. during October, 1935. Not subject in instant case. Information furnished by Reverend Churchill which indicates subject might possibly be located through the Pentacostal School in Cincinnati, Ohio and appropriate lead set out to cover.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p>  |                                   |  |   |
| <p>DETAILS: <b>This investigation was predicated upon information furnished by one of the clerical personnel of the Buffalo Bureau office at which time it was indicated that a Dr. Gouthey had recently spoken in the Churchill Tabernacle, Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y.</b></p> <p><b>Reverend Clinton H. Churchill and Reverend A. P. Keeney, operators of the Churchill Tabernacle were contacted by the writer and they advised that a Dr. A. P. Gouthey, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman had addressed their congregation during the latter part of October; that said Dr. Gouthey was described as being 45 years of age, 5' 9" in height, weight 155 lbs. black hair, small feet. They indicated that his picture appeared in the Buffalo Evening Times under date of October 5, 1935. A copy of said paper was secured and an examination of the picture clearly showed that Dr. A. P. Gouthey was not in fact subject in instant case although it was observed that Gouthey is an alias used by subject.</b></p> <p><b>Reverend Churchill advised that he recalled that when Dr. Gouthey was in Buffalo, N.Y. he mentioned the fact that an Evangelist was</b></p> |                                   |  |   |
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using his name but due to the fact that he (Churchill) was not particularly interested in the matter he did not interrogate Dr. Gouthey further relative to same. He did, however, state that Dr. Gouthey at the present time is giving a series of sermons at the Methodist Episcopal Church at St. Johns, Kansas where it is expected he will be for some time to come.

Reverend Churchill also examined the photograph of subject in instant case and stated he was positive that said person in no way resembled Dr. A. P. Gouthey and further stated while he has done extensive travelling throughout the United States he could not recall ever having heard of subject nor could he recall ever having seen anyone resembling subject.

Reverend Churchill was interrogated in an effort to ascertain what particular institution subject would be connected with or through which he could be located and after examining subject's history as shown in the F.B.I. bulletin for October, 1935 he stated he felt certain that subject was a member of the Pentacostal and that he could be reached through God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio; that the Pentacostals also have a meeting place in Cincinnati and issue a paper which he believed is known as the "Revivalist"; that through either the Revivalist or God's Bible School some information may be secured concerning subject and his activities.

Reverend Churchill also stated that the type of work that subject would be doing would unquestionably associate him with Amy Semple McPherson.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CINCINNATI OFFICE is respectfully requested to make appropriate inquiry through God's Bible School and the "Revivalist" in Cincinnati, Ohio in an effort to ascertain subject's present whereabouts.

For the information of the Cincinnati Office their attention is respectfully directed to the F.B.I. Law Enforcement bulletin, October issue.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio**

S. A. FILE NO. **31-1262**

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| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim</b> |                                      |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Miss Clyde Alexander, one of the victims in this case, does not have any additional information as to subject's present whereabouts. Does not know of what church denomination subject is a member as he has been affiliated with various church organizations in conducting his evangelistic work. Review of file discloses subject has conducted revivals for Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Little Seven Day Adventists and International Church of the Four Square Gospel. P.


Reference: Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, St. Paul, Minn., dated 10/29/35.

**DETAILS:**

Agent again interviewed Miss Clyde Alexander, one of the victims in this case, who stated that she is now residing with her Aunt, Mrs. C. C. Woodyard at 115 Peck Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, telephone Kenwood 6207, and is employed by the Peoples Loan Society, Brady Building, San Antonio, telephone Garfield 2273. Miss Alexander stated that she had secured the annulment of her marriage to subject on August 27, 1934; that she had not received any information as to subject's present whereabouts, but should she receive any information whatever about subject or someone operating similar to subject she will communicate with this office immediately. Miss Alexander further stated that she did not know to what church denomination subject was supposed to belong as it seems that he would hold revivals and other meetings for any church that would allow him to do so. Victim Alexander does not desire that she be contacted at her place of employment, but prefers to be contacted either at home or by telephone.

Review of the file discloses that subject has held revivals and evangelistic meetings for various churches and organizations, which are as follows:

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Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Little Seven Day Adventists and International Church of the Four Square Gospel. It appears from the file that subject conducted a revival at the Pentecostal Assembly at Shreveport, La. This information was secured from Rev. John Ayrton, 15747 Dolphin Street, Detroit, Mich., as set out in the report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Mich., dated 10/9/35. Copy of Agent Roberts' report is attached to copies of this report furnished the New Orleans Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

New Orleans Office: Will ascertain at Shreveport, La., whether subject ever conducted a revival at the Pentecostal Assembly in that City and secure all information available which will tend to disclose the present whereabouts of subject. (See FBI Bulletin dated 10/1/35 for further details).

Omaha Office: Will make appropriate investigation at Des Moines, Iowa, as set out in the report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Mich., dated 10/9/35.

Pending.



St. Paul Daily News

Nov. 29 - 1935

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## Man Of Many Wives Sought

### Uncle Sam Hunts Amorous Revivalist.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(UP)—The justice department today set its corps of ace G-men to the task of catching the man who has probably invented more and snottier aliases than any other fugitive in the land.

He is Rev. Courtney Hetherington, alias Athur Debussey Brockville, Charles Maurice and Vinson Pierreport.

Interest of federal agents in Hetherington was aroused by his absent-minded matrimonial technique. He has, agents assert, traveled about the country for the last three years. At frequent intervals, they say he gets married, usually picking a young and unsophisticated girl.

After obtaining the young woman's money, according to the charges, Hetherington moves on, forgetfully

neglecting to leave any forwarding address and without bothering to return the money.

#### Man Of Many Arts.

Before launching his matrimonial career Hetherington was a man of many arts. He was, agents said, at various times a jiu-jitsu artist, a mimic, an itinerant evangelist, a physician, a diplomat.

He claims he is a licensed physician and served on the staff of the French embassy at Mexico City. He is an eloquent speaker, can sway an audience with humor or pathos, speaks and writes French and Spanish and claims to speak 14 more languages.

He excels at holding revivals and lecturing on his travels. He advertises himself as "of London and Paris, world-wide traveler, missionary and evangelist" and promises to "tell of his experiences with foreign legions, cannibals, China, Africa, etc."

In the fall of 1933, Hetherington married the daughter of a respectable family in Birmingham, Ala. He posed as a former London doctor who was converted by being cured of paralysis by religious faith and was holding revivals. He barrowed

\$1,000 from his father-in-law and vanished.

While conducting services at a church at Corpus Christi, Tex., he met a young woman at San Antonio, lived on her relatives for a short time and traveled to Memphis, Tenn. Police grew suspicious and he decamped, leaving wife and baggage.

In 1933, calling himself Arthur Adolph Debussey De Bougainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierreport, he found a bride in Houston, Tex. He took her to Westlake, La., to a new church. A number of the congregation contributed funds for him to go to Mexico, sell a large piece of land belonging to him, and return with the proceeds to construct a church.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas

Re: Rev. Courtney Ketherington, with aliases;  
Olyde Alexander, Victim - et al.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:-

One William Samuel Davies is presently engaged in the ministry at Springview, Nebraska and there is some belief that he may be the Subject of this case. He is said to resemble the description of Subject quite markedly.

Attached hereto, find two photographs of William Samuel Davies, one of which appears on an Immigration Identification Card, of the U. S. Department of Labor, as of the date on or about March 12, 1929, and the other is a photograph of him wearing a turban, which appears as part of his "Carap Book of Life", and is said to have been taken during the summer of this year.

It is requested those photographs be exhibited to witnesses in your territory in a position to definitely state whether the photographs are of Subject; if so, please telegraph me so that plans may be made to arrange for the apprehension of this man, as there is a likelihood he may depart from Springview at any time.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOST,  
Special Agent in Charge

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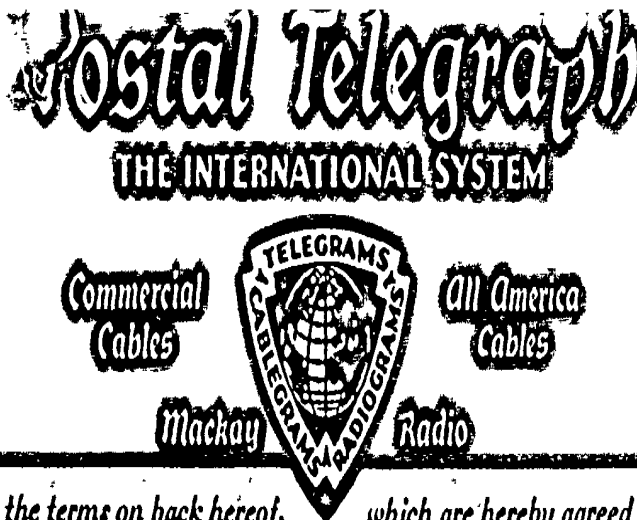
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| TITLE <b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

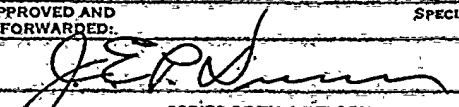
Dr. A. P. Gouthey, who conducted religious services in San Diego, California, prior to June 7 or 8, 1935, was ascertained not to be identical with subject Hetherington.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.**

This investigation is predicated on information received from Mr. Arthur F. Grube, U. S. Secret Service Operative of the Los Angeles office. Mr. Grube advised Special Agent C. D. White that he had noticed in the October 1 issue of the "F. B. I. Law Enforcement Bulletin" the article including the modus operandi of subject. Mr. Grube further stated that on May 11, 1935, his office received a complaint to the effect that one DR. A. P. GOUTHEY, who at that time was conducting evangelistic services at the San Diego Tabernacle, 3121 University Avenue, San Diego, Calif., was alleged to have in his possession a Secret Service badge. Mr. Grube, on reading the F. B. I. article, noticed the similarity of some of the subject's aliases with the name of the Evangelist Gouthey in San Diego, and, thinking they might be identical, reported the matter to this office.

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Agent visited REV. E. G. ROBERTS, 3761 Herman Street, San Diego, Calif., who has been pastor of the San Diego Tabernacle for the past three or four years, and questioned him in regard to the Dr. A. P. Gouthey who lectured at the tabernacle. From Rev. Roberts it was ascertained that Dr. A. P. Gouthey conducted services in the tabernacle for about six weeks prior to June 7 or 8, 1935; that this Dr. Gouthey is an acquaintance of about twenty years of Rev. Roberts and is a very widely known evangelist in the United States, with headquarters at the Detroit Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Roberts described Dr. Gouthey to agent in detail and exhibited a recent photograph of him to agent. Neither the description nor the photograph of Gouthey tallied with the description and photograph of subject as set out in the F. B. I. article.

Rev. Roberts further informed agent that the Dr. Gouthey who lectured at his tabernacle has on at least one previous occasion been embarrassed by being mistaken for subject, because of the similarity between the aliases which subject has used and Dr. Gouthey's name. It is Rev. Roberts' opinion that subject has used Gouthey's name as an alias in order to capitalize on the real Dr. Gouthey's prominent and good name.

When the modus operandi of subject was related to Rev. Roberts, he informed agent that if subject has operated very much at all in Texas, that valuable information on subject's activities could probably be procured from Rev. RAYMOND RITCHIE, Pastor of the Houston Temple, at Houston, Texas. Rev. Roberts seemed to recall that at one time, probably while the real Dr. Gouthey was lecturing at the San Diego Tabernacle, he had observed subject in attendance at the tabernacle; Rev. Roberts seemed fairly sure of this.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE, at Houston, Texas, will interview Rev. Raymond Ritchie, Pastor of the Houston Temple, and obtain any information which he might have on subject, his activities, and whereabouts.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - et al - VICTIMS.</b> |                                    |  | CHARACTER:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject cashed American Express traveler's checks #R-1500076 to #R-1500032 at the Peoples State Savings Bank, Lansing, Michigan, 7/16/34. No further records there concerning transaction. Mrs. Dorothy Fraser expects to have some definite information in the future regarding Subject's whereabouts.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Alabama, 5/9/35.

Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Michigan, 10/9/35.

Report of Special Agent F. M. Headley, New York City, 10/18/35.

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**AT LANSING, MICHIGAN:**

In the absence of Mr. William Shaw of the Peoples State Savings Bank, Mr. Roy D. Lee, Assistant Cashier of the bank, was contacted. He advised that their records show that American Express traveler's checks #R-1500076 to #R-1500032 were cashed by Dr. Courtney Darling on July 16, 1934, at that bank. He advised that if any refer-

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ences had been required, there would have been no record kept of them. From the report of Special Agent J. K. Collins dated January 7, 1935, at Detroit, Michigan, it is to be noted that these checks were probably cashed by Mr. William T. Shaw, Vice President of the Peoples State Savings Bank, and in the interview as set out in that report, Mr. Shaw stated that he had no recollection of the transaction.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. E. Roberts.

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Mrs. Dorothy Fraser now resides at 311 Marston Street, having moved from 225 Smith Street about a month ago. She advised that she is working through friends to locate Subject and heard through the man whom she is to marry, a Mr. LeRoy of Lansing, Michigan, that he recently contacted someone acquainted with Subject who had seen him in Lansing recently. Mrs. Fraser stated that she will get more definite information and notify this office as soon as she hears from him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The DETROIT OFFICE will recontact Mrs. Dorothy Fraser, 311 Marston Street, Detroit, Michigan, regarding any information she may be able to obtain relative to Subject.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 29, 1935

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your inquiry concerning an article appearing in the Washington News on November 28, 1935 concerning the Bureau's search for Reverend Courtney Hetherington alias Arthur DeBussey and other aliases, who is described in the newspaper as "the smoothest liar in America", you are advised that the substance of this man's operations was contained in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin for October 1, 1935. The article in its entirety is attached hereto at the designated point in this bulletin.

Respectfully;

E. A. Tamm

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# Men Launch Search for Smoothest in America

Justice Department today set out a plan to catch a man who has probably invented a new and snootier alias than any other fugitive in the land.

The man is Rev. Courtney Hetherington, alias Arthur DeBussey, alias Charles Maurice Vinson, report Courtney Hetherington.

Interest of Federal agents in Hetherington was aroused by his absconded matrimonial technique. He is agents assert, traveled about the country for the last three years. At frequent intervals, they say, he gets married, usually picking a young and sophisticated girl.

**DOESN'T BOTHER**

After obtaining the young woman's money, according to the charges, Hetherington moves on, forgetfully neglecting to leave any forwarding dress and without bothering to return the money.

Before launching his matrimonial career Hetherington was a man of many arts. He was, agents said, at various times a jiu-jitsu artist, a mimic, an itinerant evangelist, a playwright, a diplomat.

As a teller of tales, it would appear Hetherington had few peers. Sometimes he asserts his arches are broken by natives who clubbed him during a career as a missionary in Africa. On other occasions he unites his lameness on a bullet and received when he fought through World War.

**SWAYS LISTENERS**

Flashy from the Hetherington biography as reported to the Justice department by his victims, he claims he is a licensed physician and that he served on the staff of the French Embassy at Mexico City. He is an eloquent speaker, can sway an audience with humor or pathos, speaks and writes French and English and claims to speak 14 more languages.

He excels at holding revivals and stirring on his travels. He advertised himself as "of London and Paris, world-wide traveler, missionary, and angelist" and promises to tell of his experiences with Foreign Legion, cannibals, China, Africa, etc.

**LONDON DOCTOR**

In the fall of 1933, Hetherington married the daughter of a respectable family in Birmingham, Ala. He posed as a former London doctor who was converted by being cured of paralysis religious faith and was holding revivals.

He continued preaching until March, 1934, when he told his father-in-law he wanted to return to the practice of medicine and borrowed \$500 to start a laboratory for germ culture and analysis. Claiming the city had no adequate facilities for his work, Hetherington entrained for Chicago with his young wife. He defers frequent chances to refer to his English relatives and friends.

return with \$15,000 to improve the church. A woman parishioner without.

While conducting services at a church at Corpus Christi, Tex., he met a young woman at San Antonio, lived on her relatives for a short time and traveled to Memphis, Tenn. He was suspicious and he decamped leaving his wife and baggage.

Early in 1933, calling himself Arthur Adolph DeBussey, Debougainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepoint, he found a bride in Houston, Tex. At that time he asserted he was of a noble French family and had been a colonel in the French army. He was holding forth at a gospel mission in Houston.

**POPULAR WITH WOMEN**

He took his wife to Westlake, La., to a post at a new church. A number

of the congregation contributed funds for him to go to Mexico, sell a large piece of land belonging to him, and return with the proceeds to construct a new church.

According to the official description of the fugitive, he is popular with women, refers to children as "boys," does not drink intoxicants, but enjoys a glass of beer, asserts he learned to fly in the French army, that he is of English nobility, preached in the Crystal Palace

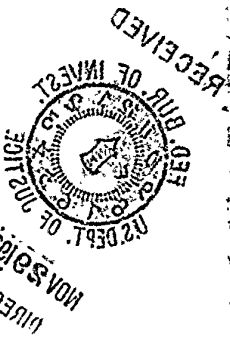
don, and at Angelus Temple, Los Angeles. His legs are bowed just to the ankles.

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REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON  
with aliases;  
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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the above entitled case, in connection with which information was received by this office to the effect that one ALBERT ANDREW MURRAY YOUNG was representing himself to be a minister of the gospel and was operating in and around Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Investigation in this matter disclosed that Reverend Young is the present pastor of the Johnstown Avenue Baptist Church in Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is residing at the home of Mrs. David L. Shaffer, 5045 Electric Street, Hazelwood.

Upon being located, Reverend Young was requested by Bureau Agents to accompany them to the Pittsburgh Office, at which time he was thoroughly interviewed. It was ascertained during this interview that Reverend Young is not identical with Subject Hetherington. However, during the interview Reverend Young was apparently very nervous and upon questioning it was ascertained that he is at present living in adultery. By Reverend Young's own admissions to Agents, he was married in London, England several years ago and deserted his wife there in 1927. He came to the United States through Canada on quota in 1927 and has filed his declaration of intentions to become a citizen of the United States, such declaration being numbered 5839, dated August 11, 1928. Reverend Young admitted that he has not obtained a divorce from his wife but that on September 14, 1935 he married RUTH BELMONT at Wolcott, Vermont and is at present residing with her. Information thus far received does not constitute a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, however, further investigation is being made in this connection.

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During the interview Reverend Young made mention of the fact that he had a brother by the name of GEORGE HOWARD \*YOUNG, whom he has not seen since 1928, at which time he was living in Peterboro, Canada, at 251 Murray Avenue. Reverend Young was reluctant to give information concerning his brother and informed Agents he knew nothing concerning his whereabouts or activities, however, Young will be further interviewed in this regard.

Due to the fact that Reverend Young apparently was uneasy because he was being questioned by Federal Agents and the fact that the modus operandi used by Young is quite similar to that used by Subject Hetherington, the fingerprints of Young are being forwarded to the Bureau with the request that this office be advised <sup>by wire</sup> of any known criminal record. The fingerprints were submitted voluntarily by Reverend Young, therefore, same were placed on a personal identification card. However, no request has been made by Young for these prints to be returned.

There is also a possibility that the brother of Reverend Young - George Howard Young - may be identical with Subject Hetherington, therefore, Reverend Young will be again thoroughly questioned in this regard.

The following description of Young was obtained by Agents' observation and questioning:

Name: ALBERT ANDREW MURRAY YOUNG  
Born: January 1, 1897 Ashton under-Lyne, England  
Age: 38  
Height: 5' 9½"  
Weight: 182  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Dark brown  
Build: Heavy  
Complexion: Medium ruddy  
Nationality: British  
Teeth: Uppers - false.  
Lowers - discolored.  
Scars: Small circular scar upper right forearm.  
Small cut scar lower right shin, both allegedly  
received during the World War.  
Residence: 5045 Electric Street, Hazelwood, Pgh., Pa.  
Relatives: Brother - George Howard Young, last known address  
251 Murray Ave., Peterboro, Canada.  
Wife - 5045 Electric St., Hazelwood, Pgh., Pa.  
Mother-in-law: Mrs. Eugene Wheeler, Box 145, Wolcott, Vt.  
Army Service: Royal Air Corps, Serial # 10967, Rank-Corporal, ser-  
vice 4½ years, London, England.  
Photograph: Retained in Pittsburgh Bureau Office file.

A report in this matter will be submitted subse-  
quent to further interviews with Reverend Young.

Very truly yours,

*C. K. Fierstone*  
C. K. FIERSTONE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: San Antonio

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December 10, 1935

Mrs. Alva Smith,  
30 South 25th Street,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

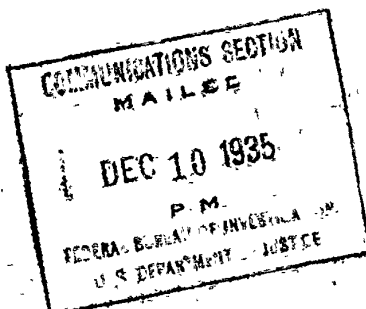
I have your letter dated December 3, 1935, in which you request the description of Reverend Courtney Ketherington, who is wanted by this Bureau for violations of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Please be advised that I have referred your request to Mr. W. A. Smith, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who will assign a Special Agent of his office to contact you immediately for the purpose of furnishing you the desired data, and obtaining any information which you may have relative to this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Kansas City  
(copies of Mrs. Smith's letter  
12-3-35 attached)



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Kansas City, Mo  
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The Justice Department  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

FILE NO. 31-1683

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER ..... Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH ... Victim<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE. Victim</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                                 |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information received from Sheriff Frank Sweeney, Rushville, Nebraska that a Rev. William Needham, formerly located at Rushville and now located at Springview, Nebraska where he was using the name of Rev. William Davies, might possibly be identical with Rev. Courtney Hetherington of this case. Subsequent investigation proved this not to be the case.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon a letter received from Frank Sweeney, Sheriff, Sheridan County, Rushville, Nebraska, in which he stated that while looking over the F. B. I. Law Enforcement Bulletin of October 1, 1935, he noticed a description and photograph of REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, wanted by this Bureau on a White Slave Traffic Act Charge. The Sheriff advised that there had been a Rev. William Needham in Rushville during the Spring and Summer of this year, who answered the description of this man in every respect, except that he did not look like the photograph; that this man had left Rushville, leaving numerous unpaid bills behind him, one at the Evans Hotel in connection with which the hotel officials had been forced to hold his baggage; that this man was now located at Springview, Nebraska and was using the name of Rev. William Davies. The Sheriff

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Sheriff Sweeney was of the opinion that this man had not been in trouble at Rushville of a serious enough nature to cause him to change his name.

At Rushville, Nebraska

R. J. Perreten, Manager of the Hotel Evans, was interviewed relative to Rev. William Needham, at which time the photograph of Subject HETHERINGTON was exhibited to Mr. Perreten. He advised Agent that the photograph did not look at all like Rev. Needham, however, the descriptions of these two men seemed practically identical. Mr. Perreten stated Rev. Needham left the hotel owing a bill of approximately \$58.00 and he had been forced to keep Needham's baggage, hoping thereby to be compensated for this bill. Mr. Perreten permitted Agent to examine Rev. Needham's baggage and among the personal effects of Rev. Needham were found two photographs of Needham, one on an Immigration Card showing he immigrated to this country from Canada on March 15, 1929; the other photograph was contained in a "Scrap Book of Life", this photograph taken during the summer of 1935 and in which Rev. Needham was wearing a turban. These photographs were forwarded to Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, of the Omaha Bureau Office, who in turn forwarded them to the San Antonio Office, with the request they be exhibited to the witnesses in this case for the purpose of determining whether Rev. Needham was identical with Rev. Courtney Hetherington. On November 23, 1935, a telegram was received from the San Antonio Office, advising that the witnesses were unable to identify the photographs of Needham as being photographs of Subject.

Prior to the sending of these photographs to San Antonio, Agent interviewed William Lawrence, Route #1, Rushville, Nebraska, who advised that Rev. Needham had roomed at his place for approximately three months during the Spring of 1935; that he became acquainted with him through his daughter, Mrs. Williams of Marmarth, North Dakota; that Rev. Needham had been a resident of Marmarth, North Dakota for a period of time in 1934. Mr. Lawrence advised Agent that Rev. Needham was "no good"; that he treated his wife shamefully during the three months he lived with them. Mr. Lawrence also advised Agent that Needham had a little girl about three years of age, of whom he seemed to think a great deal. He could furnish Agent with no information concerning Rev. Needham's past, other than his (Lawrence's) daughter had told him Needham had been pastor of the First Methodist Church at Marmarth, North Dakota.

Sheriff Sweeney advised Agent that one of his deputies had a brother-in-law by the name of T. G. Weddel, who was County Attorney at Springview, Nebraska and he had furnished Mr. Weddel all the information he had in his possession relative to Needham.

Among the personal effects of Rev. Needham, examined by Agent at the Hotel Evans, in Rushville, were found numerous magazine pictures and writings of an obscene nature, which indicated that Rev. Needham was morally a low type of individual.

At Springview, Nebraska

Agent contacted T. G. Weddel, County Attorney, inasmuch as he had already been furnished with information concerning Rev. Needham, now using the name of Rev. William Davies at Springview. Mr. Weddel said that since he had received the information from Sheriff Sweeney, he had attempted to become friendly with Rev. Davies; that Davies answered the description of Rev. Courtney Hetherington in every respect, except he did not look like him and he did not believe they were one and the same person.

Agent, not wanting to disclose his identity to Rev. Davies because of the fact it was not certain he was or was not Subject, Rev. Davies was not interviewed personally, although County Attorney Weddel made every effort to arrange a casual meeting between Agent and Rev. Davies, which effort was without success. Mr. Weddel informed Agent he was certain Rev. Davies would not leave Springview for three or four days and in view of the fact photographs had been mailed to the office of origin to determine whether Davies and HETHERINGTON were identical, no further effort was made by Agent to contact Rev. William Davies, personally.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA OFFICE: At Des Moines, Iowa, will contact the Chief of Police and Sheriff's Office, for the purpose of ascertaining particulars concerning Subject's arrest; also, determine whether or not Subject's fingerprints were taken at the time of his arrest in August of 1933, and forwarded to the Bureau, in order that an identification order may be prepared, if desired by the Bureau or the office of origin - (see report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, 10/9/35).

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FILE NO. **51-93**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HEMMERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>ET AL.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Registration of Hemmerington under that name or the name of Courtney Gouthey, or any other alias, not found at the Peabody and Claridge Hotels, Memphis, Tenn., on any day during the month of September, 1934. His photograph not identified by managers, clerks, or bell-boys at these hotels as any guest who was ever at either of these hotels.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent P. A. Munley, Atlanta, Georgia, dated November 13, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:**

Manager A. H. Addison and Clerks Vincent Esola and James A. Brooks, all of the Claridge Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, together with several colored bell-boys, were shown the picture of Hemmerington, and none of them could recall having ever seen this man as a guest of the hotel. Manager Addison caused a complete check to be made of all registrations during the month of September, 1934, looking for all aliases as shown by F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1, 1935, but particularly looking for the alias of Courtney Gouthey, as that was the one Hemmerington used in disposing of the Oldsmobile coupe at Memphis, but no registration was found under his true name or aliases.

Assistant Manager T. J. McGinn, Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tenn.,

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likewise viewed the picture of Heatherington, and showed it to his clerks and bell-boys, but none remembered ever seeing such man as a guest at the hotel. Mr. McGinn also made a personal check of all registrations during September, 1934, looking for all names and aliases, and, advised Agent that he found no such registration.

Both Manager Addison, of the Claridge Hotel, and Assistant Manager McGinn, of the Peabody Hotel, at the request of Agent, looked through their record of bogus checks given during September, 1934, but found none that Hetherington had given. The Claridge hotel took in no bad checks during September, 1934, and the Peabody Hotel took in only one, the maker of which was known to Mr. McGinn, who expected to collect it sometime.

In view of the number of hotels, first, second, and third class in Memphis, and the multiplicity of aliases used by Heatherington, check-up at other hotels was deemed inadvisable.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **31-1683**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim<br/>MRS. ALLAN GILLETTE - Victim</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Hetherington arrested at Des Moines, Iowa, August 22, 1933, by Des Moines Police. Hetherington's fingerprints were not taken at the time of arrest.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, dated 10/9/35.

DETAILS: At Des Moines, Iowa

Agent interviewed the Secretary of the Des Moines Police Department regarding the arrest of Rev. Courtney Hetherington at Des Moines, Iowa in 1933. His records showed that Hetherington was arrested by officers Sillick and Miller in the summer of 1933, upon the complaint of Miss St. Moulin of Detroit, Michigan. There was no charge filed against Hetherington, according to the records, as it was merely stated that he had been held for investigation. No further pertinent information from the records was to be had.

Officers J. Sillick and L. Miller when interviewed as to their arrest of Hetherington advised that they remembered vaguely this occasion. They stated that Hetherington upon arrest returned the hymnals and other equipment which he had allegedly stolen from Miss St. Moulin, and that the charges against him were dismissed. Neither Sillick nor Miller could recall any friends or associates of Hetherington's at the time of his arrest in Des Moines, and they also knew of no peculiar circumstances surrounding the arrest.

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At the Identification Unit of the Des Moines Police Department, Agent made inquiry to determine whether Hetherington's fingerprints had been taken at the time of his arrest. A record of arrests on August 22, 1933 was found, but no fingerprints had been taken, as Hetherington had been held for investigation only a short time, and then released.

No record of Hetherington's arrest was found at the Des Moines Sheriff's Office.

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December 17, 1935

Mrs. Norman F. Brown,  
Woodstock, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I have your recent letter received in this Bureau on December 10, 1935, with which you enclose two letters with envelopes addressed to you and postmarked respectively at Berwyn and Chicago, Illinois, both letters being signed by Henri Dubois, as well as a clipping apparently from a Chicago newspaper, bearing a photograph purportedly that of the writer of the letters.

Upon the possibility as you suggest, that the writer of these letters might be the Reverend Courtney Methorington who is sought by this Bureau for violations of the White Slave Traffic Act, I have requested the Chicago Office of this Bureau to make inquiries at Chicago for the purpose of ascertaining the identity and antecedents of this man.

Let me assure you that your courtesy in bringing this matter to my attention is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

DEC 19 1935

After reading the accompanying article I thought possibly the enclosed 4 letters (received in a small deluge of fan mail, after a tilt with the Highway Department over the cutting of some trees in front of my home, and in describing which the papers unwisely referred to me as a young, wealthy widow) might be from the missing "nobleman" under a 1935 alias.

The contents were so obviously false that I hadn't considered them in anything but a humorous light. If the letters are of the slightest value to your Department I shall be glad, if not will you kindly destroy them as they are of no further interest to me.

Yours truly  
Mrs. Norman P. Brown  
Woodstock, Virginia

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ENCLOSURE

# MUCH-WEDDED, FANCY-NAMED FUGITIVE SOUGHT

## U. S. Interested In Absent-Minded Matrimonial Technique

Washington, Dec. 5 (U.P.)—The Justice Department today set itself to the task of catching the man who has probably invented more and snottier aliases than any other fugitive in the land.

The man is Courtney Hetherington, alias Arthur Debussey, Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierrepont Courtney Hetherington.

Interest of Federal agents in Hetherington was aroused by his absent-minded matrimonial technique. He has, agents assert, traveled about the country for the last three years. At frequent intervals, they say, he gets married, usually picking a young and unsophisticated girl.

### Man Of Many Arts

After obtaining the young woman's money, according to the charges, Hetherington moves on, neglecting to leave any forwarding address and without bothering to return the money.

Before launching his matrimonial career Hetherington was a man of many arts. He was, agents said, at various times a jiu-jitsu artist, a mimic, an itinerant evangelist, a physician, a diplomat.

As a taller of tales, it would appear Hetherington had few peers.

Sometimes he asserts his arches were broken by natives who clubbed him during a career as a missionary in Africa. On other occasions he blames his lameness on a bullet wound received in the World War.

### Poses As A Physician

Flashes from the Hetherington biography as reported to the Justice Department by his victims:

He claims he is a licensed physician and that he served on the staff of the French Embassy at Mexico City. He is an eloquent speaker, can sway an audience with humor or pathos, speaks and writes French and Spanish and claims to speak fourteen or more languages.

He excels at holding revivals and lecturing on his travels. He advertises himself as "of London and Paris, world-wide traveler, missionary and evangelist" and promises to "tell of his experiences with Foreign Legion, as a former London doctor, who was converted by being cured of paralysis by religious faith and was holding revivals."

He continued preaching until March, 1934, when he told his father-in-law he wanted to return to the practice of medicine and borrowed \$1,000 to start a laboratory for germ culture and

analysis. Claiming the South had no adequate facilities for his work, Hetherington, entrained for Chicago with his young wife. He deserted the girl there.

### Takes Pastor As Bride

As Dr. Courtney Darling, he appeared in Santa Barbara, Cal., in April, 1934, and held Bible services. After a short courtship he married the pastor,

Hetherington, or Darling, found frequent chances to refer to his rich English relatives and the fact that if he had \$2,000 he could go over and return with \$15,000 to improve the church. An impressionable woman parishioner invested \$1,500 and he left, without his wife.

While conducting services at a church at Corpus Christi, Texas, he met a young woman at San Antonio, lived with her relatives for a short time and traveled to Memphis, Tenn. Police grew suspicious and he decamped, leaving his wife and baggage.

### Weds Again in Houston

Early in 1933, calling himself Arthur Adolph Debussey, Debourgenville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, he found a bride in Houston, Texas. At that time he asserted he was of a noble French family and had been a colonel in the French army. He was holding forth at a gospel mission.

He took this wife to Westlake, La., to a post at a new church. A number of the congregation contributed funds for him to go to Mexico, sell a large piece of land belonging to him, and return with the proceeds to construct a new church.

According to the official description of the fugitive, he "is popular with women," refers to children as "tots," enjoys a glass of beer, asserts he learned to fly in the French army, is of English nobility and has preached in the Crystal Palace, London, and at Angelus Temple, Los Angeles.

His legs are bowed just above the ankles.

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After y in foreign languages, regularly, he has been admitted to the bar of Illinois. He belongs to a conspicuous Franco family, which gave to its nation many prominent men. Among others, Henry Gratiot, general under Napoleon and the most faithful to him especially during the time of exile being first in Egypt with him. At Austerlitz he was made the emperor's adjutant and created a count after the battle of Aspern, 1809 for his ability to establish bridges over the Danube. He followed the Corsican to Elba first, then shared his banishment to St. Helena. After Napoleon's death he returned to France, where the sentence of death had been pronounced upon him. Louis XVIII revoked it and restored him to his dignities. He was the man to whom the Corsican dictated his memories at St. Helena, and brought to France the ashes of the Emperor.

The great-grandfather of Mr. (Bernard Desumie) about the beginning of the French Revolution, with a certain baron Desumie, came to a lonesome town on the Alps. The baron had there an estate which he had landmarked with monuments in 1780, many of them still intact, bearing on one side the above date and on the other side "B.D.M." (Baron Desumie).

The baron left sometime afterward incognito and attempted to re-enter France, but fell into the hands of some "san'culotte" and was never heard of again.

Bernard Desumie built there a house, acquired a good deal of property, and afterward died from an accidental fall leaving a child of tender age, who when grown-up thought to place his fatherland.

The who was for a long period, almost until his death, (1913), Mayor of his native town, in order to served, during the World War, in the army as an air pilot, was decorated with military medals and crosses.

He is a graduate of college and has a degree in law from the University of Chicago and is holding the degree of Doctor of Law, conferred on him by the University of Chicago. His Bar

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Henri Dubois  
Post restante  
Chicago, Ill.



Mrs. Lorraine F. Brown  
Woodstock, Va.

(Personal)

Dear Madam:-

All the content of this letter is  
true and sincere -

After the World war I came  
to these States and since then I lived  
too much in lonesomeness -

Thinking of you that perhaps  
are lonesome too at this time, it  
seems to me, if I am right, that trying  
to get acquainted will bring out  
such happiness that only can come  
down from heaven -

I shall be glad to forward to you  
my photograph taken at the time of the  
war, in which I lived in, as I am of  
French descent, and when an American  
University conferred on me the degree

of Doctor of Divinity, some years after  
I came here. I am of course a  
member of the American Bar at  
present. I am living now in a  
suburb of Chicago, Ill.

If you believe, therefore, that you  
are the one elected by my heart  
you will become interested in  
corresponding, and I am sure  
and promise that you will never  
regret to have so resolved.

I am eagerly waiting a line  
from you during the coming week in  
order to open fully the treasury  
in store in my heart to you.

Your Sincere admirer

Henri Dubois

Postrestante, Chicago, Ill.

HENRI DUBOIS  
General Delivery.  
Chicago, Illinois.



BUY U.S.  
BONDS  
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER

Mrs. Lorraine F. Brown  
Woodstock, Va.



July 2 - '35

Dear Madam:-

Perhaps my letter was quite a puzzle to you. To prove to you however that it was from a gentleman and that every word is very true, herewith is enclosed a strip of a paper with a snap of the man who sent it.

I decided to write you when I had a chance to see your photograph. I discovered that your physiognomy is a perfect matching with the one you will find here, and I thought, and still think that it would prove a perfect fine match or superhuman one -

If you are not, with this  
proof, fully persuaded, I shall  
ask only a favor, which I am sure  
you will not deny, in seeing the  
trust that I put in you. And this  
is only to send back the present  
letter and its content and the first  
one in order that I might destroy  
them like the sweet illusion is des-  
troyed. At the same time I assure you  
that I destroyed your address and that  
you will no hear from me hereafter.  
(Please do it this week-)

With my best wishes of happiness  
and begging to forgive and forget  
this incident

Sincerely,

Henri Dubois. General Delivery  
Chicago, Illinois -

been pronounced upon him. Louis XVIII revoked it and restored him to his dignities. He was the man to whom the Corsican dictated his memories at St. Helena, and brought to France the ashes of the Emperor.

The great-grandfather of Mr. [redacted] (Bernard [redacted]) about the beginning of the French Revolution, with a certain Baron Desmoulin came to a long-term town on the [redacted] Alps. The baron had there an estate which he had landmarked with monuments in 1788, many of them still intact, bearing on one side the above date and on the other side "B.D.M." (Baron Desmoulin).

The baron left sometime afterward incognito and attempted to re-enter France, but fell into the hands of some "sans culotte" and was never heard of again.

Bernard [redacted] built there a house, acquired a good deal of property, and afterward died from an accidental fall leaving a child of tender age, who when grown-up thought to [redacted] his fatherland.

The [redacted] who was for a long period, almost until his death, (1913), Mayor of his native town, in order to [redacted] served, during the World War, in the [redacted] army as an air pilot, was decorated with military medals and crosses.

[redacted] He is a graduate of [redacted] college and has a degree in law from [redacted]. He is also a graduate from the [redacted] of Chicago and is holding the degree of Doctor of Law, conferred on him by [redacted] university.

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**St. Louis**

FILE NO. **31-2284**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM.<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM.<br/>MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. H. C. Williams, 3326 Vista Ave., St. Louis, Mo., partially identified a picture of subject as being identical with Rev. R. S. Weaver, organizer for the A. M. O. M. A., a religious organization. Mrs. Williams made this identification at the time she reported the disappearance of her step-daughter, Bernyce Williams, and investigation subsequently conducted fails to indicate that Weaver and subject are identical.

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**DETAILS:**

The following investigation is predicated upon information furnished by Mrs. H. C. Williams, who appeared at the St. Louis Bureau Office and reported the disappearance of her step-daughter, Miss Bernyce Williams. Mrs. Williams alleged that her step-daughter was formerly employed in a secretarial capacity by Rev. R. S. Weaver, an organizer of the A. M. O. M. A., a religious society, and that a few days ago this step-daughter, who was then staying with Mrs. Paul Sleeth at 3139 St. Vincent Avenue, disappeared and that it is her belief that she might have left St. Louis in order to join Rev. R. S. Weaver, who had departed approximately three weeks previous.

The information subsequently furnished by Mrs. Williams failed to indicate the violation of any Federal statute, but when a photograph of Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, was displayed to her, she partially identified the picture of subject as being similar in many respects to the Weaver who she mentioned in her above complaint.

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A description of Rev. R. S. Weaver, as supplied by Mrs. H. C. Williams, is as follows:

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| Name           | REV. R. C. WEAVER                          |
| Age            | 45 to 50                                   |
| Height         | 5' 7"                                      |
| Weight         | 150  |
| Build          | slender                                    |
| Hair           | black, bald                                |
| Eyes           | gray                                       |
| Complexion     | medium dark                                |
| Race           | white                                      |
| Nationality    | English and German                         |
| Peculiarities  | heavy beard; habitual<br>cigarette smoker. |
| Occupation     | preacher                                   |
| Marital status | married, wife, Enid Weaver;                |

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Mrs. Williams further related that Mr. Edward R. Deddens, who is employed in the Credit Department of Famous-Barr Department Store, had been reported as a personal acquaintance of Rev. R. S. Weaver and he might, therefore, be in a position to furnish information concerning this individual.

Mr. Edward R. Deddens, Credit Department, Famous-Barr Department Store, examined the photograph of Dr. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, without being informed as to the purpose of the inquiries and stated that he had never been acquainted with an individual who resembled the likeness appearing on that photograph. He was then informed that it had been reported that Rev. R. S. Weaver was identical with the individual whose likeness appeared on the photograph which he had examined and Mr. Deddens, in turn, stated that he was certain that these two individuals were not identical. He advised that he had attended a group of lectures which Rev. Weaver conducted while in St. Louis, Missouri, but was not aware of Rev. Weaver's past life, but was certain that he had formerly resided in Washington, D. C.

In view of the above statements as made by Mr. Deddens and the fact that the descriptions of the subject and Rev. Weaver are not identical, a further investigation was deemed inadvisable.

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THE DETROIT NEWS  
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1935

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FILE NO. **31-1880**

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| TITLE 'changed' <b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases - Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, Rev. Dr. Courtenay Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey De Bougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brookville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Arthur Hetherington, Dr. C. Gouthey, Dr. C. Darling, Dr. Courtenay, Dr. C. Pierpont, Dr. Brutus Darling;</b>  |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim; MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE, Victim.</b>   |                                   |   |  |
| <p>Synopsis of Facts: Man believed to be Subject contacted Dr. A. E. A. Hudson, City Memorial Hospital, Hickory, N. C., 12/6/35, claiming to be bacteriologist interested in opening Church Hospital. Attempted to have Dr. Hudson cash \$50.00 check on Chicago or Waco bank. Hudson positively identified him as Subject Hetherington. Police Departments and State Highway Patrol of North Carolina and surrounding territory notified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> |                                   |   |  |
| <p>DETAILS: The title of this report is being changed to include the alias of Dr. Brutus Darling, which Subject used at High Point, North Carolina.</p>   |                                   |   |  |
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This investigation is predicated upon telephonic information received from E. W. Lentz, Chief of Police, Hickory, North Carolina, on the night of December 6, 1935, to the effect that about noon that day Subject appeared at the City Memorial Hospital at Hickory, North Carolina, and contacted Dr. A. E. A. Hudson, bacteriologist, and attempted to have Dr. Hudson cash a check for \$50.00.

- At Hickory, North Carolina -

Agent interviewed Dr. A. E. A. Hudson, bacteriologist at the City Memorial Hospital. Dr. Hudson advised that between twelve and one P. M., December 6, 1935, a man claiming to be Dr. Brutus Darling, approached Dr. Hudson as he was leaving the hospital and asked if that was the laboratory where the English bacteriologist worked; that upon being answered in the affirmative Darling stated that he was a bacteriologist, and medical missionary interested in opening a new hospital for some church or religious organization; and that he wished to look over Dr. Hudson's laboratory and get any valuable information which a trip through the laboratory might give him.

Dr. Hudson advised that Subject claimed to be a German, but in Dr. Hudson's opinion his accent indicated that he was of French extraction. Dr. Hudson stated further that Subject claimed to be a graduate of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, which Dr. Hudson advised Agent is merely an honorary body, which does not give regular courses in medicine. Subject claimed that he was going from Hickory to Asheville, North Carolina, to see some preacher who was to procure for him funds with which to set up a laboratory; he was to proceed thence to Miami, Florida, and contact some physician there and then accompany this physician to Cuba. Dr. Hudson advised that Subject had in his possession a letter with the return address of some physician in Miami, whose name Dr. Hudson did not remember.

Dr. Hudson who has resided in Florida considerably, according to his own statement, suggested that Subject is evidently quite well acquainted with Southern Florida, inasmuch as he discussed the Everglades, and also mentioned the Southern Cafe and Balzar Hotel at Miami. Subject claimed that his fiancée, a graduate nurse, is at present working in the Southern Cafe in Miami. He advised Dr. Hudson that in the event his proposed laboratory project did not materialize, he intended to get a position as a ship's physician, and mentioned the Pan-Pacific line as his probable choice.

According to Dr. Hudson, Subject claimed to know Amy Semple McPherson. He advised that he had been married, but that his wife died out in Texas.

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Subject claimed to Dr. Hudson that he had served in the French Foreign Legion; that he had had experience as an aviator, and that he had traveled considerably over the Old World continents.

Continuing, Dr. Hudson stated that after Subject had talked with him for a considerable period of time, he stated that he was embarrassed, and asked Dr. Hudson to cash a personal check for fifty dollars, exhibiting check books, which according to Dr. Hudson's recollection, were from the First National Bank of Chicago and some bank in Waco, Texas. Dr. Hudson refused to cash a check, but advised Subject that he would give Subject his personal check for five dollars if necessary. However, Dr. Hudson stated that he did not give Subject the check, due to Subject's later actions and hasty departure.

It should be mentioned that Dr. Hudson is apparently an experienced amateur criminologist. He exhibited to Agent a comparison microscope, several books on criminology, and considerable scientific apparatus for making tests and experiments in criminology work. He advised that Subject asked him what the comparison microscope was used for. Upon advising Subject that it was used for comparing bullets and things of that nature, Subject asked Dr. Hudson what he was doing with such an instrument, whereupon Dr. Hudson advised him that he was interested in criminology. Subject immediately asked Dr. Hudson if there were any Federal officers in the city. Dr. Hudson stated that he advised Subject that he knew of none nearer than Winston-Salem or Charlotte. He stated that at this juncture Subject advised that it was time for him to be going, and soon made his departure through the doorway. Dr. Hudson stated that as Subject approached his automobile on the outside he explained that his purpose for asking if there were any Federal men in the city was due to the fact that he had quite a few friends who were in the Federal service.

Continuing, Dr. Hudson stated that at this time he did not realize that Subject was probably a well known criminal, but that inasmuch as Subject had tried to get him to cash a check he reported the matter to the Chief of Police, for the reason that he thought perhaps Subject was some flim-flammer who made a practice of procuring small amounts of money from physicians. He stated that later that evening he began wondering just where he had seen Subject's familiar face. After considering the question at length, he decided that perhaps he had seen Subject's picture down at police headquarters, where he had had occasion to do some work. He stated that he immediately went down to police headquarters, and began searching the records there until he found the photograph and article concerning Subject Hetherington in the October issue of the Bureau's pamphlet

entitled "Fugitives Wanted by Police". Dr. Hudson was positive that the person who visited him was Subject Hetherington, although he admitted that the man's physical description was slightly different, perhaps, from that given in the above fugitive bulletin. Without consulting the description of Subject in the bulletin, Dr. Hudson gave Agent the following physical description of the person who visited him:

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| Name          | Dr. Brutus Darling   |
| Age           | 40 - 45 years  |
| Height        | 5 feet, 5 to 6 inches  |
| Build         | stubby   |
| Weight        | 140 pounds   |
| Hair          | dark, bald except tuft<br>in front; high forehead  |
| Eyes          | grey   |
| Complexion    | ruddy  |
| Eyeglasses    | wore dark horn-rimmed eyeglasses   |
| Teeth         | one upper front gold tooth   |
| Scars         | none noticeable except little<br>finger of right hand appeared<br>crooked  |
| Peculiarities | bit lip occasionally while<br>talking; wore silver<br>disk and chain on left wrist   |
| Dress         | wore a grey suit, dark grey<br>fedora hat, blue tie - rather<br>worn, collar frayed at edge -<br>looked somewhat seedy; had<br>dark top-coat in automobile |

Dr. Hudson advised that Subject was driving a grey or tan new Ford V-8 coupe, which, instead of license plates, carried a card with the statement, "License Applied For", printed upon it.

Dr. Hudson stated that Subject claimed to have been a medical missionary for many years; that he held a degree of Doctor of Divinity as well as Doctor of Medicine, and that for many years he had combined religion and medicine in his travels throughout the world.

On the morning of December 7, 1935, the information received from Chief of Police Lentz concerning the identification of Hetherington by Dr. Hudson and the information concerning the automobile which Hetherington was reported to be driving was telephonically communicated to the Police Departments in Asheville, Charlotte

and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, which issued an immediate bulletin to all of its officers. The Chiefs of Police in Asheville and North Wilkesboro advised that they would broadcast the information, and that they would supply the information to their Patrolmen, and would contact the local hospitals, and Chief of Police Everett, Asheville, North Carolina, stated that the information would be broadcast.

Likewise Special Agent W. A. Collier, Jr., was telephonically notified, and that Agent communicated with the Police Departments of Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro, North Carolina, as well as with the following hospitals:

Guilford General Hospital, High Point, North Carolina;  
Burrus Hospital, High Point, North Carolina;  
St. Leo Hospital, Greensboro, N. C.;  
Wesley Long Hospital, Greensboro, N. C.;  
City Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.;  
Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Agent Collier advised by memorandum dated December 7, 1935, that through the cooperation of the Chief of Police, Greensboro, the descriptions of Subject and his automobile were broadcast to all Patrolmen in the city and in Guilford County. This call was given once to each of the various shifts as they went on duty. Lieutenant Pickard of the Greensboro Police advised that he believes that he saw the automobile of Subject parked on the streets in Greensboro some day the previous week, as a "License Applied For" tag is unusual in North Carolina, and for this reason the car remained in his mind, but he took no action in that regard.

In Asheville, North Carolina, Special Agent R. H. Winton also furnished the description of Subject and pertinent information concerning him to the Chief of Police, hotels and hospitals.

The local hospitals in Charlotte, North Carolina, were given sufficient information for their use in the event Hetherington should appear, and were requested to immediately telephone the Charlotte Office. Special Agent N. H. McCabe in Columbia, South Carolina, was likewise given that information, and that Agent informed the State Highway Patrol, the local Police Department and local hospitals.



Special Agent P. S. Bailey, Jr., in accordance with telephonic instructions, advised the Police Departments of Spartanburg and Rock Hill, South Carolina, and the hospitals in Spartanburg. In all instances the information given was not complete, but only sufficient to permit anyone coming in contact with the Subject to identify him, in order that the Charlotte Bureau Office might be immediately notified, it being felt that in this way the desired result could be accomplished without the danger of local officials seizing on the opportunity of securing unwarranted publicity from any possible apprehension of the Subject.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will make necessary arrangements for the Police Department or other appropriate persons to keep a lookout for Subject at the Southern Cafe and Balzar Hotel. Will attempt to determine the name of Subject's alleged fiancée at the Southern Cafe, and discreetly interview her as to any information she might give concerning Subject.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

San Antonio

S.A. FILE NO. 31-1262

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAN GILLETTE, Victim</b> |   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

William Samuel Davies, Springview, Nebraska, is not identical with subject Hetherington, according to victim Clyde Alexander. P.

Reference: Letter from Omaha office dated Nov. 22, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

The photographs of William Samuel Davies, mentioned in letter of reference, were exhibited to Miss Clyde Alexander at the Bureau office at San Antonio, Texas, and after reviewing these photographs she advised that Davies is not identical with subject Hetherington.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS**

San Antonio office: At Houston, Texas, will interview Rev. Raymond Ritchie, Pastor of the Houston Temple, Houston, Texas, as to any information he might have concerning subject Hetherington, his activities and present whereabouts.

**DETAILS:**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend A. A. M. Young, Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pa., apparently not Subject. Born in England, deserted wife in London, re-married Ruth Bellmont, Wolcott, Vermont, 9/14/35; claims has been connected with the Salvation Army in eastern United States since entry during February, 1927. Filed declaration of intention, Goldsboro, N. C., 8/11/28. Has brother George Howard Young engaged in missionary work, who might be Subject.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter, October 24, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

MRS. HILDA OLIVER, 134 Johns Street, Mount Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, communicated with the Pittsburgh Bureau Office on December 2, 1935, advising that she had just read an account of Subject's activities in a local paper and that she believed one REVEREND ALBERT ANDREW MURRAY YOUNG, pastor of the Johnston Avenue Baptist Church at Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was identical with Subject.

Mrs. Oliver was subsequently interviewed by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and L. C. Taylor and informed that she is interested in the Mount Oliver Mission, 2636 South Eighteenth Street, Mount Oliver, and that during January, this year, a representative of the Salvation Army brought Reverend Young to the mission where she met and employed Reverend Young for a

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series of letters. She stated that Reverend Young lived in her home for approximately six months during which time his apparent dishonesty became known to her, resulting in his subsequent discharge by the mission.

Mrs. Oliver stated that she believed Reverend Young was identical with Subject, because of the fact Young had spoken of his home and wife in England on many occasions, had told her about missionary work in distant lands, spoke with a decidedly English accent, had blue eyes, and had recently re-married, although his wife in England was still alive. Mrs. Oliver, however, was unable to identify Subject's photograph and neither were the following persons who knew Reverend Young, able to identify the photographs of Subject:

Mrs. ELLA MCGOY  
120 Jacunda Street  
Mount Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

MRS. B. FAIRBANKS  
136 John Street,  
Mount Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

LLOYD GILLAN  
11 Marchmont Street  
Ingram, Pennsylvania

LEONARD OLIVER  
134 John Street  
Mount Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Through the Hazelwood Branch of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Post Office, it was ascertained that Reverend Young resides with his wife at the home of MRS. DARRA L. SHAFER, 5045 Electric Street, Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Reverend Young was requested to come to the Pittsburgh Bureau Office on December 3, 1935, where he voluntarily submitted to being fingerprinted and photographed. The fingerprints have been forwarded to the Bureau, and photographs of Reverend Young will be sent to the interested Field Offices as soon as they are developed.

Reverend Young stated that he was born at Ashton Under-Lyne, England, on January 1, 1897 and was reared and educated in England. He informed he took a general course in the University of North Wales, and that during the World War, he enlisted in the Royal Air Force, subsequently spending three and one half years in France. He stated he was honorably discharged as a corporal and that his army serial was #10967.

Reverend Young informed that he married in London, England, several years ago and deserted his wife, LILLIE YOUNG, whose last known address was Floriston, Grange Road, Norwood, Southeast London, in 1927 when he went to Canada. He stated he entered the United States at Buffalo, New York, on the Hamilton and Buffalo Railroad, February 2, 1927 and went to Goldsboro, North Carolina, where he became attached to the Salvation Army. While in Goldsboro, he further stated, he filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, #5839, on August 11, 1928.

Reverend Young informed he remained in Goldsboro approximately eighteen months and that he spent the latter part of 1928 in Ossining and New Rochelle, New York, where he was also connected with the Salvation Army. He stated he returned to England about Christmas time, 1928, where he remained six months, subsequently going to Peterboro, Ontario, Canada to visit his brother, GEORGE HOWARD YOUNG, 251 Murray Avenue, that place. He stated he remained in Peterboro approximately three or four months and then returned to the United States, walking across the bridge at Niagara Falls, some time during the fall of 1929, the exact date unknown. He stated he went to Buffalo, New York where he remained approximately fifteen months, engaging in Salvation Army work, and then came to Pittsburgh, where he has remained since.

Reverend Young admitted that he had never been ordained a minister of the gospel and that he has never divorced his wife in London, England, and that as far as he knows, she is still living. He further admitted that he married RUTH BELLMONT, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the home of her parents at Wolcott, Vermont, on September 14, 1935, representing to her that he was a widower. He stated he journeyed back to Pittsburgh from Wolcott, Vermont with his wife immediately after they were married, and by train, and that he has lived with her at 5045 Electric Street, Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, since that time.

Reverend Young emphatically denied that he had ever been west of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and stated that he had never been in Texas, Louisiana, or Alabama. He in no way resembles the photograph of the Subject and his physical description set forth below, does not tally with the physical description of Subject.

When first interviewed, Reverend Young was reluctant to give any information concerning his brother George Howard Young; he was re-interviewed on December 4, 1935, at which time he stated he had no knowledge of his brother's present whereabouts as he has not communicated with his brother in over two years, and that when he last had heard from his brother, the latter was still residing in Peterboro. He informed

that his brother was married and had no children. He stated that his brother was also connected with the Salvation Army and that Commissioner McIntyre, Salvation Army Headquarters, North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, probably could furnish a great deal of information concerning his brother.

Particular inquiry was made concerning Young's brother, as Mrs. Oliver had stated that Young on several occasions mentioned the fact that his brother had been in trouble. However, Young denied that he had ever made any such remarks and that so far as he knew, his brother had never been involved in any difficulties. He described his brother as follows:

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| Age         | 41 years (born Manchester, England)   |
| Height      | About 6 feet  |
| Weight      | About 200 pounds  |
| Build       | Heavy   |
| Hair        | Grayish black; recedes in front   |
| Eyes        | Dark blue   |
| Complexion  | Ruddy   |
| Teeth       | False, top and bottom   |
| Trench feet |   |
| Relatives   | Married to a Mrs. Hilda Foy, Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, several years ago. |

Reverend Young stated that his brother was a bombardier in the Royal Garrison Artillery and also spent several years in France during the World War. He further stated that his brother has been engaged in missionary work most of his life. It was noted that the description of George Howard Young furnished by Reverend Young does not meet with the description of Subject; however, in view of Reverend Young's reluctance to give information concerning his brother, and his previous statements to Mrs. Oliver as to his brother's having been in trouble, it is deemed advisable to ascertain further information concerning the identity and activities of the brother, having in mind that he might possibly be the Subject.

Reverend Young is described, from personal observation, as follows:

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| Name         | ALBERT ANDREW MURRAY YOUNG   |
| Born         | January 1, 1897, Ashton Under-Lyne, England  |
| Age          | 38 years   |
| Height       | 5 feet 9½ inches   |
| Weight       | 182 pounds   |
| Eyes         | Brown  |
| Hair         | Dark brown   |
| Build        | Heavy  |
| Complexion   | Medium ruddy   |
| Nationality  | British  |
| Teeth        | Uppers - false<br>Lowers - discolored  |
| Scars        | Small circular scar upper right forearm<br>Small cut scar lower right shin, both allegedly received during the World War   |
| Residence    | 5045 Electric Street, Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, Pa.   |
| Relatives    | Brother - George Howard Young, last known address<br>251 Murray Ave., Peterboro, Canada.<br>Wife - 5045 Electric St., Hazelwood, Pgh., Pa.<br>Mother-in-law; Mrs. Eugene Wheeler, Box 145,<br>Wolcott, Vermont |
| Army Service | Royal Air Corps, Serial #10967, Rank, Corporal,<br>service, 4½ years, London, England.   |
| Photograph   | Retained in Pittsburgh Bureau Office file.   |

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will interview Commander McIntyre, Salvation Army Headquarters, North State Street, concerning the identity, history, and activity of George Howard Young.

THE PITTSBURGH BUREAU OFFICE at PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, will re-interview Reverend Young and his present wife concerning the latter's transportation from Wolcott, Vermont, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during September, 1935 and will present the facts to the United States Attorney at Pittsburgh; will furnish the immigration authorities at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with the complete information concerning Reverend Young's activity since his entry into the United States. Will furnish the San Antonio, Birmingham, and Los Angeles Offices with photographs of Reverend Young as soon as they have been developed.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #1887,  
Charlotte, N. C.

December 13, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: - REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, was;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH, VICTIM;  
MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE, VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

With reference to the report of Special Agent L. V. Chesser, dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, December 12, 1935, please be advised that in addition to the information contained therein the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Raleigh, North Carolina, was communicated with telephonically on the morning of December 7, 1935, and requested to check their files to ascertain whether a license had been issued to, or requested by any party using the name of the subject, or any of his aliases, or whether an automobile had been registered in the state under any of those names.

I was informed by Mrs. Hatch, registration clerk in that bureau, that no information could be found in their files concerning any such names, and upon my request, she posted wanted notice against subject's name and all of his aliases.

The Motor Vehicle Division of South Carolina has no way of posting wanted notices against the names of individuals, or of ascertaining whether licenses have been issued to parties except by the use of motor numbers and license numbers and, therefore, no information could be secured from that bureau. Mr. D. F. Little, Chief Clerk of that bureau, however, has been requested to be on the alert for any attempt to register an automobile, or to secure licenses by the subject, or any one using the subject's aliases.

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Very truly yours,

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G. N. LOWDON,

Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Rev. Raymond Richey now in California, expected to return to Houston late this month. Rev. E. G. Gerhart states that Rev. Bob Reed and Mr. Harry B. Freeland were well acquainted with subject while he was in Houston. P.

Reference: Report of Special Agent John S. Lucas, Los Angeles, California, dated 11/20/35. Report of Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas, dated 12/11/35.

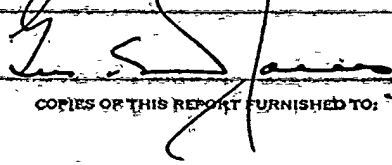
**DETAILS:**

At the Evangelistic Temple, 1301 West Capitol, Reverend E. M. Richey, father of Reverend Raymond T. Richey stated that Raymond Richey is at present in California, but is expected back in Houston the latter part of December. Rev. Richey stated that he has no knowledge of Dr. Hetherington other than reports concerning his marriage to and desertion of Mrs. Alleah Gillette. Rev. Richey advised that he is certain his son has no knowledge of Hetherington, as Dr. Gerhart was the only person connected with the Evangelistic Temple who came in direct contact with subject.

**DETAILS:**

Dr. E. G. Gerhart, Evangelistic Temple, stated that he recalled performing the marriage ceremony for subject and Mrs. Gillette, but that he knew nothing concerning the background or whereabouts of Hetherington. Dr. Gerhart advised that Rev. Bob Reed who was formerly with the Full Gospel Mission, 412 1/2 Louisiana Street, was associated with Hetherington during his stay in Houston and could probably give more information concerning him than anyone else known to Rev. Gerhart. A check of the marriage record of Reverend Gerhart revealed that one Harry B. Freeland was a witness to the marriage ceremony.

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Reverend Gerhart advised that the only contact Hetherington had ever made with the Evangelistic Temple in Houston was on the occasion when he called and requested Gerhart to perform the marriage ceremony. The Reverend stated that he is certain that Reverend Raymond Richey has no information concerning subject other than that which had already been obtained from Mrs. Gillette and from himself, Gerhart. Rev. Gerhart assured agent of his desire to cooperate in every way in the effort to apprehend Hetherington, stating that he and his associates in the Evangelistic Temple will furnish any information which comes to their attention to the office of the resident agent at Houston.

Inquiry at the Full Gospel Mission, 412 1/2 Louisiana Street, resulted in the information that both Bob Reed and Harry Freeland are now connected with the Beaumont Rescue Mission, Crockett Street, near the Southern Pacific Railway Station, Beaumont, Texas.

For the information of the Dallas office subject was preaching at the Full Gospel Mission in the early part of 1933, during which time he was associated with Reed and Freeland. Further information can be obtained from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin for October, 1935, which volume contains a summary of this case.

Mrs. Alleah Gillette called at the office of resident agent T. H. Sisk in Houston and stated that she is now residing at 841 Arlington Street, Houston, Texas. She stated that she could furnish no further information concerning subject. Her infant son by subject was scalded to death recently.

The following description of victim Gillette was obtained by observation and inquiry:

Name, Mrs. Alleah Gillette  
Age, 34 years  
Weight, 140 pounds  
Height, 5 feet 6 inches  
Build, medium  
Hair, dark brown  
Eyes, grey  
Complexion, fair  
Glasses, none  
Teeth, regular  
Nativity, Texas  
Criminal Record, none.

The following is description of victim Miss Clyde Alexander, San Antonio, Texas, obtained from personal observation by Agents J. C. White and F. J. Lackey:

Name, Miss Clyde Alexander  
Age, 22 years  
Height, 5 feet 6 inches  
Weight, 112 pounds  
Hair, blonde  
Eyes, blue  
Complexion, fair  
Build, slender  
Occupation, stenographer and clerk  
Home, 115 Peck Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, Kenwood 6207  
Relatives, Mrs. C. C. Woodyard, 115 Peck Avenue, San Antonio, Texas. (Aunt)  
Mrs. W. F. Watson, Box 365, Cisco, Texas (Aunt)

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS OFFICE at Beaumont, Texas will contact the Reverend Bob Reed and Mr. Harry B. Freeland at the Beaumont Rescue Mission, Crockett Street, near the Southern Pacific Railway Station, for any information they may have gained concerning subject during their association with him as Maurice Pierrepont at the Full Gospel Mission in Houston.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Report that subject located in Champaign, Illinois, proved erroneous upon investigation.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT URBANA, ILLINOIS.**

On December 14, 1935, the St. Louis Bureau Office, was forwarded a communication by F. E. Williamson, through Leo A. Smugai, Secret Service Division, St. Louis District, to the effect that a man, answering description of subject Hetherington was reported to be working in Champaign, Illinois, and requested that an investigation be conducted.

F. E. Williamson, Attorney at Law, 134 West Main Street, Urbana, Illinois, was interviewed concerning the contents of the aforementioned communication and advised that one of his clients, a Mrs. W. F. Handschin, had read a copy of the Champaign News-Gazette, Champaign, Illinois, issue of Dec. 11, 1935, that the Department of Justice was conducting an investigation in an effort to locate Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, and giving his description as being a middle-aged man, with fallen arches which caused a slight limp. Williamson stated that his client had advised that she knew of such a person and desired that he call it to the attention of the proper authorities, whereby Williamson communicated by letter with the Secret Service Division at St. Louis.

Mrs. W. F. Handschin, 1101 South Orchard Street, Urbana, Illinois, was interviewed concerning her statements that she knew of such a person as subject Hetherington. Mrs. Handschin advised that her daughter, Margaret Handschin, 23 years old, presently employed at the Champaign County

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Fern Bureau, had been associating intimately with a man, whom she knew as John Van Ameronogen, 807 S. First Street, Champaign, Illinois, employed by the G. R. Grubbs Engraving Company, 114 North Walnut Street, Champaign, Illinois. Mrs. Handschin stated that she disapproved of her daughter's companionship with this man, and after reading an article in the Champaign News-Gazette, relative to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's attempt to locate subject Hetherington, she became convinced that Van Ameronogen was in reality subject Hetherington.

Mrs. Handschin was questioned at length concerning the basis of her suspicions; however, she could give no other basis for her suspicions, other than that Van Ameronogen was a middle-aged man, who walked with a peculiar shuffle, and this in her opinion, definitely indicated that he was the party described in the Champaign News-Gazette, as being subject Hetherington. The following description of Van Ameronogen was offered by Mrs. Handschin:

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| Name          | John Van Ameronogen                    |
| Residence     | 807 S. 1st St., Champaign, Ill.        |
| Age           | 40                                     |
| Weight        | 150                                    |
| Height        | 5' 10 or 11"                           |
| Hair          | Blond                                  |
| Eyes          | Light Brown                            |
| Complexion    | Fair                                   |
| Peculiarities | Walks with dance motion; High forehead |
| Glasses       | None                                   |
| Build         | Slender                                |
| Nationality   | Dutch                                  |
| Occupation    | Engraver                               |

The photograph of subject Hetherington was exhibited to Mrs. Handschin, and she was unable to identify this photograph as being similar in any respect to the person whom she knew as John Van Ameronogen.

The photograph of subject Hetherington was exhibited to employees of the G. R. Grubbs Engraving Co., 114 North Walnut St., Champaign, Ill., all of whom failed to identify any similarity existing between John Van Ameronogen and subject Hetherington.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio**

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Facts in this case were presented to the Federal Grand Jury convening at San Antonio, Texas, on December 16, 1935, and a true bill of indictment was returned same date against subject for transporting in interstate commerce, in an automobile, from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn., [redacted] for immoral purposes. P.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent L. V. Chesser, Charlotte, N.C., dated 12/12/35.

**DETAILS:**

The facts in this case were presented to the Federal Grand Jury convening at San Antonio on December 16, 1935, and a true bill of indictment was returned on same date against subject charging him with on or about the 27th day of August, 1934, unlawfully, knowingly, willfully and feloniously transporting and causing to be transported in interstate commerce in an automobile from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn., [redacted] for immoral purposes.

A copy of this report is being furnished the following offices for their information as to the indictment being returned against subject in this district in order that he may be removed immediately to this district for prosecution: Atlanta, Washington Field, Birmingham, New Orleans, Jacksonville and Charlotte.

Mrs. Alleah Gillette, one of the victims in this case, advised this office that she is now residing at 1410 Edwards Street, Houston, Tex., and she could be reached at this address in case she is wanted as a witness in the event of prosecution.

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P. O. DRYER "W",  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

December 18, 1935.

Mr. Leo Smugai,  
Operative in Charge,  
U. S. Secret Service,  
U. S. Court House & Custom House,  
St. Louis, Mo.

In re: REV. COURTNEY KENNEDY, with  
aliases, et al.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
December 14, 1935, together with enclosures, relating to  
the above entitled case.

I wish to thank you for forwarding the informa-  
tion to this office. It will be given immediate investiga-  
tive attention.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VENTRELL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #1837,  
Charlotte, N. C.

December 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Re:-<sup>D</sup>REVEREND COURTNEY HERRINGTON, W.A.S.,  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the report of  
Special Agent L. V. Oesser, dated at Charlotte, North Caro-  
lina, December 12, 1935, a copy of which should have been  
designated for your office's information.

Very truly yours,

G. N. LONDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO: **31-2748**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>12-20-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>12-16 &amp; 17-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>E. M. HEAVRIN</b> <span style="float: right;">os</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                          |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Alva Smith, Kansas City, Kansas, unable to identify person named "Bush" as Subject in instant case.

R.U.C.

**DETAILS:**

On December 3, 1935, Mrs. Alva Smith, 30 South 25th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, addressed a letter to the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., asking for a personal description of Subject Hetherington. Under date of December 10, 1935, the Bureau addressed a letter to Mrs. Smith advising that her request for a description of the Subject had been referred to the Kansas City Bureau Office, and that an Agent of this office would contact her immediately for the purpose of furnishing her the description of Subject and obtaining any information which she might have relative to the Subject.

On December 16, 1935, the writer attempted to interview Mrs. Smith at her address in Kansas City, Kansas, but found her not at home. Later, on the same date, the writer telephonically communicated with Mrs. Smith and arranged for an interview at her home on December 17, 1935.

Mrs. Alva Smith, upon being interviewed, stated that her

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husband, who has been a cattle salesman for the Kansas City Live Stock Company for the past seventeen years, has had a distant relative living in Kansas City, Missouri, whose maiden name was Golda Miller, who had subsequently married an Arthur Curran and divorced, and who had recently married a man by the name of Bush. About a month ago, when Mrs. Smith was visiting some sick friends in Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Bush came by and she saw him for about ten minutes, and this is the only time she ever saw that person.

During the course of the conversation he remarked that he had studied to be a doctor but that he had never entered the profession because he did not like it. He also mentioned having been an aviator. Mrs. Smith described him as follows:

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| AGE            | 45   |
| HEIGHT         | 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "   |
| WEIGHT         | 180 lbs.   |
| BUILD          | Stout  |
| HAIR           | Dark   |
| PECULIARITIES  | Thick lips;<br>High forehead;<br>Has a peculiarity in walking which she was unable to explain. |
| EDUCATION      | Appears to be well educated.   |
| MARITAL STATUS | Supposed to have been a widower for several years and father of two children.                  |

Mrs. Smith recalls that he did not talk like an Englishman and that during the course of the ten minutes visit he used a great deal of profanity. She understands this person travels and that he is connected with some sort of advertising work and that within a day or so subsequent to her seeing him in Kansas City, Missouri he and his wife left Kansas City for an unknown destination. She explained that subsequent to this occurrence she read an article in the Kansas City Kansan, a Kansas City, Kansas newspaper, concerning Subject Hetherington which caused her to write the above mentioned letter to the Bureau asking for his description. Agent exhibited a photograph of Subject to Mrs. Smith whereupon she stated it did not appear to be the same man.

From Mrs. Smith's inability to identify photograph of Subject as being the party known to her by the name of "Bush", and from certain discrepancies in the description of the two, it appears there is no likelihood of the man named Bush being the Subject. It further appearing that there is no additional investigative activity required in the territory covered by this office at the present time, said case is being

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TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>12-24-35</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>12-18-35</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>F. J. SMITH</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MGR</b></span> |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY LETHBRINGTON with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim.<br/>MRS. ALBERT GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                               |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject unknown and unheard of at  
God's Bible School. Not listed on  
mailing list of "Revivalist".

R. U. G.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty,  
Buffalo, N.Y., 11-19-35.

**DETAILS:**

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Jeanette Purchase, Registrar, God's Bible School, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati, advised after a thorough search of the records in her office and after checking the mailing list of the "Revivalist" publication edited by God's Bible School that subject was unknown to her. She further stated that at no time had subject ever attended School at God's Bible School or ever communicated with God's Bible School under his correct name or any known aliases. Jeanette Purchase informed Agent that the "Revivalist" was a publication edited by students of God's Bible School and that it had a mailing subscription of over 4,000 and that subject's name or known aliases did not appear on the mailing list.

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H. E. SKINNER  
LAWYER  
MARION, ILLINOIS

December 23, 1935.

Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Re Rev. Courtney Hetherington, etc., etc. etc.,

In the dispatch of United Press of December 5, 1935, copy of which has been handed to me, I note the recent activities of the above named, alias many other titles and names, which corresponds to many of the names by which this or some similar romancer was known and masqueraded here some 3 years ago, passing himself as a surgeon, married the young daughter of a business man and deserted her in Houston, Texas a few days later.

Six of the names used by him in the despatch of December 5, were used by this one in his romancing here, with the additional name of Van Blarcom.

Representing this lady here and her family, we will appreciate any further information concerning him, and if apprehended, would like to be furnished with a photograph and other marks of identity.

Further and complete information concerning his activities here will be furnished on request.

Yours very truly,

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January 3, 1936.

Mr. H. E. Skinner,  
Marion, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

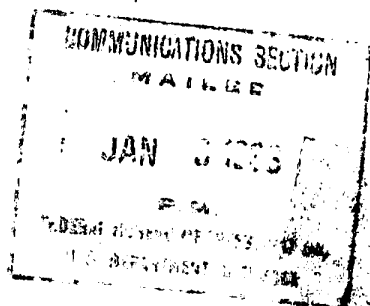
Your letter of December 23, 1935, addressed to the Department of Justice has been referred to this Bureau for reply. It is noted you state that some three years ago a person using several of the names by which Reverend Courtney Hetherington is known resided in Marion, and that this person posed as a surgeon, married a local girl, and subsequently deserted her in Houston, Texas.

I have referred copies of your letter to Mr. R. E. Vetterli, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 423 U. S. Court House and Custom House Building, St. Louis, Missouri, who will have an Agent call upon you in the near future for complete information relative to his activities in Marion, Illinois.

I wish to thank you for having forwarded this information to the Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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January 3, 1936.

88-12-155

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander -  
Victim; Hazel Irene Smith - Victim;  
Alless Gillette - Victim; WHITE SLAVE  
TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a communication addressed to the Department of Justice, dated December 23, 1935, from Mr. H. E. Skinner, lawyer of Marion, Illinois. For your information a copy of the Bureau's reply thereto is enclosed also.

It is requested that you have an Agent interview Mr. Skinner at a very early date for further information relative to the activities of the person to whom he refers in his letter.

For your assistance in conducting this investigation there is enclosed a photograph of Reverend Courtney Hetherington, subject in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #301763.

No copies of photograph retained in file.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - et al - VICTIMS.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Dorothy Fraser, Detroit, advises she received letter from Edith Ellison, General Delivery, Erie, Pennsylvania, informing her that she was acquainted with someone who is supposed to be a friend of Subject Hetherington and possibly knows where he might be located at the present time.

-RUC-

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent L. C. Rumsey, dated 11/30/35 at Detroit, Michigan.

**DETAILS:**

**AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

Mrs. Dorothy Fraser, 311 Marston Street, Detroit, Michigan was reinterviewed and she advised that she recently received a letter from a friend whom she had written to relative to Subject Hetherington, this friend being Edith Ellison, General Delivery, Erie, Pennsylvania, who informed her that she (Edith Ellison) knows another woman who may know where Subject is located; that this other woman is supposed to be a preacher and that Subject and this woman were supposed to be traveling together.

From past experience of the writer, it is believed that Mrs. Fraser is very unreliable and in view of the fact that there are no further leads outstanding in this district, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Mrs. Dorothy Fraser has the telephone number of the Detroit Office and has promised to notify this office in the event she obtains new and additional information.

For the information of the Pittsburgh Office in the event they have no file on this case, a modus operandi of Subject Hetherington was printed on page 15 in volume No. 4, #10 dated October 1, 1935 of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The PITTSBURGH OFFICE at Erie, Pennsylvania will endeavor to locate Edith Ellison through General Delivery and interrogate her relative to the woman of her acquaintance who is supposed to be a preacher and possibly traveling with Subject Hetherington at the present time. Efforts should be made in the event this woman has information concerning Subject's present whereabouts to cause his apprehension.

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim.<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim.<br/>MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE, Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b>                               |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Further investigation made of Rev. R. S. Weaver at insistence of Mrs. Edith Williams, stepmother of Bernyce Williams, whom she charges is the victim of Rev. Weaver in a White Slave Traffic Act violation. Investigation indicates that there has been no interstate transportation and that Rev. Weaver is not the subject in this case.

RUC.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, St. Louis, Missouri, 12-11-35.

**DETAILS:**

At St. Louis, Mo.

Further investigation was made in this case, which has been based upon that contained in reference report, inasmuch as Mrs. Edith Williams appeared at the St. Louis Bureau Office and stated that Mrs. Elva A. Braun, policewoman of the St. Louis Police Department, had information which indicated that Bernyce Williams had been transported interstate by Rev. R. S. Weaver.

Policewoman Elva A. Braun, St. Louis Police Department, upon interview gave an outline of investigation conducted by her to date, as follows:

Rev. R. S. Weaver came to St. Louis, Mo. in May, 1935 and stayed for six months, during which time he opened up a church at Carter and Obear Sts. for the religious society known as the A.M.O.M.A., the object of which society is for the purpose of healing and prophecy. While Rev. Weaver was

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in St. Louis he drove a black, 1935 Ford V-8 sedan, with Georgia license, and lived at 5963 Harney St, in St. Louis with his wife and four small children,

He employed Bernyce Williams as his secretary during this time. About November 15, 1935 Rev. Weaver announced his departure from St. Louis to his congregation, but Bernyce Williams continued to receive mail from him at the Post Office Box in the church's name - Drawer #29, St. Louis, Mo. These letters came from Washington, D. C. and the return address given by Rev. Weaver was 575-10 Franklin Station, Washington, D. C. On Friday, November 22, 1935, Weaver again came to St. Louis, driving his automobile, and stating he was on his way to Kansas City, Mo. Two days later Mrs. Parks, an elderly lady associated with the church and a frequent companion of Weaver, appeared at the home of Mrs. Paul Sleeth, 3139 St. Vincent Ave. in St. Louis, at which home Bernyce Williams was staying, and advised Mrs. Sleeth that Bernyce might not be home that evening because she could stay at her hotel. The suspicion that Bernyce Williams had been transported interstate for immoral purposes by Rev. Weaver was based upon rumors that she was having immoral relations with him prior to his departure from St. Louis and upon the fact he was known to have been in Washington, D.C. before he was last seen November 22, 1935, and further that he had a Georgia license registration indicating that that might be his home. Mrs. Braun stated that Bernyce Williams lived with her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, 3326a Vista Ave. prior to her residence with the Sleeth family and that her mother, Mrs. Charles Worsley, lives at 3514 N. Market Street.

Harold Williams, 3326 Vista Ave., brother of Bernyce Williams, was interviewed in the absence of Mrs. H. C. Williams and he stated that his sister formerly lived with her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, but was never able to get along with Mrs. Williams. She began working for Rev. Weaver about May, 1935 and shortly before Weaver left town there was a rumor among the congregation that she was having illicit relations with the Reverend. This was reported to the police and Bernyce Williams blamed her mother, Mrs. Charles Worsley, for being reported, as well as at the same time denying that she had ever had relations with the man. Bernyce Williams left Sunday, November 24, 1935, with Mrs. Parks, with whom Harold Williams had very little acquaintance but whom he supposed had promised to get Bernyce a job. Since her disappearance Harold Williams advised she has written letters and postcards on the average of once a week, all of which have been postmarked St. Louis, Mo., but she has refused to give her present address. The last letter was received about December 20, 1935, but Williams could only find two of her communications, one of which was a postcard addressed to Mrs. H. C. Williams postmarked December 3, 1935 at St. Louis and a letter to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams, postmarked December 5, 1935 at St. Louis, signed

"Bernyce" and in which she spoke of a quarrel with her mother and the misunderstanding and unfair charges made against her and Weaver by both the Worsley and Williams families. She stated in her letter that she intended to remain away from them and that she did not intend to give them her location because it was no longer her desire to see her family.

Mrs. Paul X. Sleeth, 3139 St. Vincent Ave., repeated the circumstances of Weaver's stay in St. Louis from May to November, 1935. She said that Bernyce was originally hired to take care of Weaver's children and at this time stated his residence as 5963 Barney St., where he and his family were living. While taking care of the children Bernyce learned stenography and became his secretary. Charges were made by her family and others that she was having improper relations with Weaver and the affair was finally reported to the police. A policewoman investigated and Bernyce blamed her mother for reporting such a thing about her daughter. Bernyce was ordered by the police to stay away from her mother, Mrs. Worsley, and while living with her father and stepmother had numerous quarrels with them. Two weeks before she disappeared she came to stay at the Sleeth home, stating that her stepmother, Mrs. Williams, had turned her out, which statement was later denied by Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Sleeth stated that Mrs. Parks, when she called for Bernyce Williams on November 24, 1935, said she was going to find something for Bernyce to do and that the best thing she could do to get away from the clouded reputation given her by her friends was to break away entirely from them. When she left Bernyce said she would probably stay with Mrs. Parks that night at her hotel and did not take anything with her. Since that time she has written two postcards to Mrs. Sleeth, both postmarked St. Louis, Mo., one of which was received about Thanksgiving and the other the first part of December, 1935. In these postcards she intimated that she now has a job and that on one of her days off she hoped to pay a visit to Mrs. Sleeth's [redacted] at her dancing lessons. Mrs. Sleeth stated that she does not know the first name of Mrs. Parks, but that she is an elderly lady with a [redacted]

[redacted] She has no official connection with the church of which Rev. Weaver was the preacher, but is reported to have had considerable money which she spent on this church as she was with Weaver on Friday, November 22, 1935, at which time he called on Bernyce and informed her he was on his way to Kansas City. The present location of Mrs. Parks is unknown.

Mrs. Sleeth said she had already viewed the picture of Rev. Courtney Hetherington, but while he resembles Rev. Weaver somewhat he appears to be a much older man. The description given by Mrs. Sleeth was practically the same as that given by Mrs. Williams, which does not correspond with that of subject and Mrs. Sleeth said she was unable to recall any scars or peculiarities which would identify him with subject Hetherington.

Repeated attempts were made to interview Mrs. Worsley, but she was not at home.

The description of Bernyce Williams, as obtained from police-woman Braun, is as follows:

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| Name           | BERNYCE WILLIAMS  |
| Age            | 17 (Born Feb., 1918)  |
| Height         | 5' 7"   |
| Weight         | 120   |
| Build          | Medium  |
| Complexion     | Light   |
| Hair           | Brown   |
| Eyes           | Gray blue   |
| Features       | Full face and straight nose.<br>Large lower lip   |
| Teeth          | Regular   |
| Marks & Scars  | Scar on right leg.  |
| Nationality    | American  |
| Race           | White   |
| Marital Status | Single  |
| Relatives      | Mother - Mrs. Chas. Worsley,<br>3514 N. Market St.,<br>St. Louis, Mo.<br>Father - H. C. Williams,<br>3326a Vista Ave.,<br>St. Louis, Mo.<br>Stepmother - Mrs. Edith Williams,<br>same address.<br>Brother - Harold and Lucille<br>and Williams,<br>Sister - Same address. |
| Photograph     | Contained in St. Louis Bureau<br>office file in this case.  |

Inasmuch as the investigation indicated that there has been no interstate transportation in this case, since it appears that Rev. Weaver is not identical with subject, and there being no leads outstanding in this district, this case is being Referred Upon Completion to Office of Origin.

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63-12-158

January 9, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander,  
et al, VICTIMS -  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

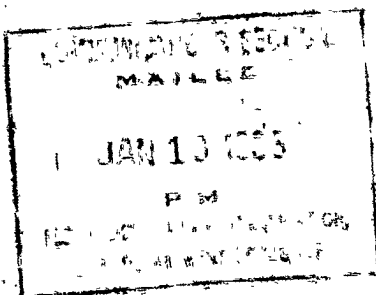
Enclosed herewith are copies of a communication dated December 4, 1935, addressed to the Department of Justice by Mrs. Irene Thorne, Rural Route No. 1, New Brighton, Minnesota. Your attention is called to the fact that she indicates the man she married in 1934 may possibly be Reverend Courtney Hetherington, the subject of this case.

It is requested that you have an Agent interview Mrs. Thorne immediately and secure all information in her possession, in order to determine if her husband and Reverend Courtney Hetherington are one and the same. For your assistance in this investigation, there is enclosed herewith a photograph of this subject.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure No. 1031292



*[Handwritten signature]*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas**

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| REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br>MRS. ALEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM. |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject not known to have conducted revival at Assemblies of God Church or Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, Shreveport, La. Photo of subject thought to resemble slightly a Rev. Jones, "Cowboy Preacher", who preached at the latter church probably a year ago, however no information received concerning Rev. Jones' history.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. O. White, San Antonio, 11/20/35.

**DETAILS:** AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA:

A search of the city directory revealed that the Pentecostal Assembly Church is located at 506 E. 69th Street. No other Pentecostal Churches or assemblies listed in this directory under "Churches". Inquiry in the neighborhood of this church, which showed the name painted across the front as the "Assemblies of God" church, revealed that Reverend E. S. Sims was the pastor of this church. On this investigation, reference was made to F B I Bulletin of October 1, 1935.

Mrs. Al. White, who resides across the street from the Assemblies of God Church, advised that she was a member of the church and was a regular attendant at the services held there. She viewed the photo of subject and advised that to the best of her knowledge he had never preached there or conducted a revival service. Subject was unknown to her under his true name or aliases.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. W. Magee</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">88 112 158</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">DEC 8 1935</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">JAN 14 1936</div> |  |
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Reverend E. S. Simms, pastor of the Assemblies of God Church, who resides on 77th St. off Fairfield, advised that subject had not held a revival at this church under his true name or aliases. After viewing the photo of subject he advised that subject was unknown to him by this photograph. He advised, however, that the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ was the Church that had numerous revival meetings and that the two churches were very often confused by people outside of these two churches; that Rev. S. E. Langford is also a mail carrier in Shreveport besides being pastor of this church.

Rev. S. E. Langford, pastor of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, after viewing the photo of subject, advised that he had not conducted a revival or preached at that church since he had been pastor for the past several years. He stated that numerous traveling evangelists had conducted revivals at the church, but none of them used any of the names used by subject and did not answer the description of subject. He informed that the photo of subject slightly resembled a Reverend Jones from Texas, who was known as the "Cowboy Preacher" who preached at the church probably a year ago, but that Rev. Jones did not answer the description of subject, inasmuch as Jones was larger in stature than subject. He could furnish no information concerning Jones other than that he had traveled through Shreveport and while he was there for a few days had conducted a revival service at his, Jones', request. Rev. Langford made a note of the names and aliases and the description of subject and the New Orleans Bureau office address, and advised that should he secure any information concerning subject in the future, he would notify the New Orleans office.

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languages, regu-  
larly, Cortez,  
has been admitted to the bar of  
Illinois. He belongs to a con-  
spicuous France fam-  
ily, which gave to its nation many  
prominent men. Among others,  
Henry Gratien, general  
under Napoleon and the most faith-  
ful to him especially during the  
time of exile being first in Egypt  
with him. At Austerlitz he was  
made the emperor's adjutant and  
created a count after the battle  
of Aspern, 1809 for his ability  
to establish bridges over the Dan-  
ube. He followed the Corsican to  
Elba first, then shared his banish-  
ment to St. Helena. After Napo-  
leon's death he returned to France,  
where the sentence of death had  
been pronounced upon him. Louis  
XVIII revoked it and restored him  
to his dignities. He was the man

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memories at St. Helena, and brought to France the ashes of the Emperor.

The great-grandfather of Mr. K. (Bernard E. K.), about the beginning of the French Revolution, with a certain baron Desumie', came to a lonesome town on the E Alps. The baron had there an estate which he had landmarked with monuments in 1780, many of them still intact, bearing on one side the above date and on the other side "B.D.M." (Baron Desumie' K.).

The baron left sometime afterward incognito and attempted to re-enter France, but fell into the hands of some "sans culotte" and was never heard of again.

Bernard E. K. built there a house, acquired a good deal of property, and afterward died from an accidental fall leaving a child of tender age, who when grown-up thought to place his fatherland.

The father who was for a long period, almost until his death, (1913), Mayor of his native town, in order to E. K. served, during the World War, in the army as an air pilot, was decorated with military medals and crosses.

He is a graduate of college and has a degree in law from the University of Chicago and is holding the degree of Doctor of Law, conferred on him by the University of Chicago. His Bar

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 1887,  
Charlotte, N. C.

January 2, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at Ninth St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1935, concerning Dr. A. E. A. Hudson, Director of Laboratories, City Memorial Hospital, Hickory, North Carolina. In reply to the Bureau's request, there are transmitted herewith two copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent L. V. Chesser who interviewed Dr. Hudson on December 7, 1935, in connection with investigation in the case entitled "Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, et al, White Slave Traffic Act".

If the Bureau desires any additional information concerning Dr. Hudson and his activities, or if it is desired that I personally interview him, I trust that I shall be so advised.

Very truly yours,

G. W. LONDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 30, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

On December 7, 1935, in connection with an investigation Agent was conducting in regard to Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, et al, White Slave Traffic Act, Agent interviewed Dr. Alfred E. A. Hudson, Director of Laboratories, City Memorial Hospital, Hickory, North Carolina. It will be noted in Agent's report in Charlotte file #31-1830, that Dr. Hudson advised Agent that he is an amateur criminologist, and has a laboratory in connection with his work.

Dr. Hudson advised that he is personally acquainted with Assistant Director Clyde Tolson, and volunteered the services of his laboratory in connection with any work wherein the Bureau might make use of it. Agent thanked him for his extended cooperation, and advised him that the Bureau maintains a laboratory in Washington, D. C., where practically all of its work of that nature is performed.

Agent noted that Dr. Hudson has in his crime laboratory a comparison microscope, fingerprint camera and equipment, plastic molding materials, and various other types of equipment used in an up to date criminologist's laboratory. His library contains several of the latest books on criminology and related topics.

Dr. Hudson advised Agent that he holds a degree of Doctor of Science, and exhibited to Agent a scrapbook containing excerpts from articles on criminal work which he has had published in the past. He also exhibited to Agent one or two small pamphlets concerning his ideas about various types of criminology work.

After interviewing Dr. Hudson, Agent subsequently talked with Lowell Newton, college student at Hickory, who is the assistant bacteriologist in Dr. Hudson's laboratory. Newton volunteered the information that this work was a wonderful opportunity for him to develop along scientific lines, but referred to Dr. Hudson as being "a typical Englishman", which statement in Agent's opinion may be taken at its face value.

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Dz. Hudson impressed Agent as being a rather highly educated Englishman of definite scientific tendencies. He appeared to be very earnest in his work, and advised that he is interested in criminology solely because of his love for it, and not for any pecuniary gains.

L. V. GIBSON,  
SPECIAL AGENT.

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88-12

December 31, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY KETHERINGTON, with  
aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER, VICTIM,  
HAZEL IRVING SMITH, VICTIM, MRS.  
ALLEAN GILLETTE, VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith to the San Antonio and Chicago Offices photostatic copies of two letters, one of which bears the date of July 2, 1935 and the other being undated, both addressed "Dear Madam" and signed "Henri Dubois", together with the envelopes in which they were received by Mrs. Lorraine R. Brown of Woodstock, Virginia, and a mutilated clipping apparently from a Chicago newspaper. These articles were forwarded to the Bureau by Mrs. Brown upon a possibility that the writer of the letters may be the subject of this case.

Since the Bureau file does not contain specimens of Ketherington's handwriting, it is requested that available specimens of his handwriting in possession of the San Antonio Office be forwarded to the Bureau so that copies thereof may be made for the Bureau file, and in order that comparisons of the handwriting in these specimens and in the copies of the letters enclosed may be made in the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau.

The Chicago Office should promptly conduct an investigation to ascertain the whereabouts and identity of Henri Dubois and determine if he is in fact subject Ketherington.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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(Enclosing photostatic copies above referred to.)

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J. B. Brown

Henri Dubois  
Post restante  
Chicago, Ill.



Mrs. Lorraine F. Brown  
Woodstock, Va.

(Personal)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
January 6, 1936.

Director,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with  
aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim,  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim, MRS.  
ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim,  
White Slave Traffic Act

*CW*  
Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of December 31, 1935,  
requesting that specimens of subject's handwriting be forwarded  
to the Bureau to be compared with letter received by Mrs. Lorraine  
R. Brown of Woodstock, Virginia, signed Henri Dubois.

You will find enclosed herewith a letter written by  
subject to L. C. Varble, 1701 West 9th Street, Owensboro, Kentucky,  
dated December 22, 1933. This letter was secured by Special Agent  
H. B. Dill of Indianapolis, Indiana, and is mentioned in his report  
of April 16, 1935.

This is the only specimen of subject's handwriting avail-  
able in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

*Gus T. Jones*  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enc. *(D)*

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*W. L. Blackman*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.,  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, HAZEL IRENE SMITH, MRS.  
AILEAH GILLETTE, VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Number: 88-12-161

Specimens:

- 88-12-161 A. Two sheets of the known handwriting of the subject Hetherington.  
" B. One photostat of front of envelope addressed to Mrs. Lorraine  
F. Brown, Woodstock, Va., postmarked, Berwyn, Ill. Jun 21, 1935,  
12:30 AM. Questioned.  
" C. Photostat of page beginning: "All the content of this letter--".  
Questioned.  
" D. Photostat of page beginning: "of Doctor of Laws, some years--".  
Questioned.

Examination requested by San Antonio

Date received: 1-11-36 jwp 11:00 AM

Examination requested: Doc:

Result of examination:

*Based on present specimens, do not  
believe that Hetherington wrote letters  
to Lorraine Brown*

Examination by: Major (1)

- 88-12-161 E. One photostat of front of envelope addressed to Mrs. Lorraine  
R. Brown, Woodstock, Va., postmarked, 8 Chicago, Ill. Jul. 2, 1935,  
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Questioned.  
" G. One photostat of page beginning: "If you are not, with this--".  
Questioned.

CC: Chicago.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 9729

Laboratory Report

Case: Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, Number: 88-12-161  
Clyde Alexander, Hazel Irene Smith, Mrs.  
Alleah Gillette, Victims,  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Specimens:

Requested that the signatures of finger print cards of Charles  
P. Blrchom FBI 596783, be compared with the known writing of  
Reverend C. Hetherington, to determine if same person and reply  
by memo.

Examination requested by: Supervisor Spears.

Date received: 5-16-38 (10:00 AM ft)

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: BlackburnAE

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Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

*Identical*

Examination by: Major #1

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.,  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, HAZEL IRENE SMITH, MRS.  
AILEAH GILLETTE, VICTIMS.  
WHITE-SLAVE-TRAFFIC ACT.

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Examination requested by: San Antonio

Date received: 1-11-36 jwp 11:00 AM

Examination requested: Doc:

Result of examination:

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CC: Chicago.

THE ABOVE PHOTOSTATS HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH ORIGINALS BEARING  
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Mrs. Lorraine F. Brown

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-5341**

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| TITLE: <b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>OLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLEAN GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                                     |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Paul Rader presently located Ft. Wayne, Ind., Ft. Wayne Gospel Tabernacle. Salvation Army Commissioner W.A. McIntyre states George Howard Young unknown to him and not an officer of the Salvation Army, but will make inquiries at Salvation Army Headquarters, Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, relative to Young.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated 12/13/35;  
Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, St. Paul, Minn., dated 10/29/35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:**

Agent telephonically contacted Miss Marya Blake, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, telephone - Lakeview 4800, who advised Agent that Paul Rader is now located at the Fort Wayne Gospel Tabernacle, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and can be reached for interview at that place.

Salvation Army Commissioner W. A. McIntyre, 717 North State Street, was interviewed and he stated that George Howard Young was unknown to him, and a check of the records of the Salvation Army at Chicago revealed no information relative to this party's connection with the Salvation Army. However, Commissioner McIntyre stated that the records are kept only of offi-

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cers of the Salvation Army, and that it might be possible that this man was employed with the Salvation Army but was not an officer. Commissioner McIntyre did not recall ever having seen or heard anything concerning this man, but in Agent's presence dictated a letter to Sergeant Major J. A. Peyton, of the Salvation Army Headquarters at Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, requesting him to ascertain, if possible, information relative to George Howard Young, whose only known address is 251 Murray Avenue, Peterboro, Ontario, Canada. Commissioner McIntyre requested that he be further contacted in about a week with reference to this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE:

At Fort Wayne, Indiana, will interview Paul Rader at the Fort Wayne Gospel Tabernacle to determine if Subject is known to him.

Will also question Paul Rader concerning the Reverend Courtney Gauthey to determine whether or not he is identical with the Subject, or for any information in his possession relative to the Subject.

For the information and assistance of the Indianapolis Office in covering this lead a copy of the report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 10/29/35 is being forwarded to that Office together with its copies of this report. For the further information of the Indianapolis Office, which it is believed has received no prior reports, it is stated that Subject married Cwendolyn Pittinger, an evangelist, at Santa Barbara, California, on May 8, 1934, deserting her after obtaining \$1,600.00 from an acquaintance. Subject later married Clyde Alexander at San Antonio, Texas, on August 27, 1934, and thereafter transported her in interstate commerce to Memphis, Tennessee, where he deserted her. He has married several other women, ordinarily courting them while conducting revival meetings throughout the country, later abandoning them. He claims to be an Evangelist and to have travelled widely throughout the world, shooting lions in Africa, etc. Attention is also called to the bulletin "Fugitives Wanted By Police" for October 1, 1935, Page 15, which contains further information relative to Subject's activities.

The CHICAGO OFFICE:

At Chicago, Illinois, on or about January 7, 1936,  
will contact Salvation Army Commissioner W. A. McIntyre at  
717 North State Street for information relative to George Howard  
Young of Peterboro, Ontario, Canada.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, was;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER (Victim);<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH (Victim);<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE (Victim)</b>   |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject known to Rev. Bob Reed and Mr. Harry B. Freeland as Maurice Pierrepont at Full Gospel Mission, Houston, Texas, for about four months in 1933. Subject told them conflicting stories about past history, but they came to believe that he was at one time disbarred from medical practice in Cincinnati, Ohio, after performing an illegal operation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report Special Agent D.R. Morley, San Antonio, Texas, dated 12-14-35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mr. Harry B. Freeland was interviewed at the Beaumont Rescue Mission in the 500 block on Crockett Street, in Beaumont, Texas, and Rev. Bob Reed was interviewed at his home at 4105 Chaison Street. Both these men readily identified the photo of Rev. Courtney Hetherington as the man known to them in 1933 at Houston, Texas as Maurice Pierrepont. Both Freeland and Reed claimed that Pierrepont during his three or four month stay in Houston came to be known as something of a "wind-bagger" and was constantly bragging of the places he had visited and the things he had done. However, after careful reflection neither Freeland nor Reed was able to recall anything that they considered would be of any assistance in identifying Pierrepont or in locating him at the present time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In view of their hazy conception of Pierrepont, Agent conducted with Freeland and Reed a general discussion of his activities while</p> |                                 |  |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br><i>F. G. Blevins</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE         | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES   |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>Bureau.....2<br>San Antonio..2<br>Cincinnati..2<br>Dallas.....2   |                                 | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>88-112-163</span> <span>JAN 10 1936</span> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>JAN 10 A.M.</b> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>LIT</span> <span>JAN 11 1936</span> </div> |  |

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in Houston, Texas in 1933 and was able to piece together that subject introduced himself at the Full Gospel Mission during the early part of 1933 and after a time announced that he had been saved and had obtained religion and had come to know God by reason of his visits to the mission.

Pierrepoint was accepted into the mission and was allowed to preach. Freeland then noticed that Pierrepoint had a very thorough knowledge of the Bible and mentioned that it was his belief that Pierrepoint was a "backslider" who had lost the Lord and who had recently come back into the fold. Whereupon, Pierrepoint alleged that he had at one time studied the Bible in order to preach against it. It was while in Houston, Texas, that Pierrepoint conducted his courtship of Mrs. Alleah Gillette; and during this time he at different times mentioned to Mr. Freeland that he was a lonesome man because his first wife had died in France and that he had a daughter in France. Shortly before his marriage to Mrs. Gillette he mentioned that he had just received word of his daughter's death in France.

Also, at one time Pierrepoint mentioned that he was born and was educated in France, and that his parents were deceased. Freeland was also able to recall that Pierrepoint mentioned that he was at one time a practicing physician (Freeland has no idea where this practice was carried on) and that he had lost his license to practice because he had performed an illegal operation. Freeland was able to state that he had occasion to notice that Pierrepoint was possessed of a technical medical knowledge; that he was an excellent typist; and that he wore a small moustache part of the time in Houston, Texas.

Both Freeland and Reed stated that Pierrepoint had a most dynamic personality. Freeland recalled that he was at the time stricken by the fact that Pierrepoint had a peculiar habit of furtively glancing about continuously, even while singing songs in the mission choir, and that when he went out onto the street he would sometimes wear a hat, other times he would wear a cap, and sometimes he would go about bareheaded.

Upon interview Rev. Bob Reed stated that he came not to place much credence in anything told by Pierrepoint, and that after Pierrepoint remained in Houston for a time, he (Reed) received the impression that the man's medical knowledge was in some way or another too limited for a man who had at one time been licensed to practice. In regard to Pierrepoint's medical practice, Reed stated that Pierrepoint alleged that he had at one time practiced

medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, and that because of the double-crossing actions of a few of his supposed friends, he had performed an illegal operation upon a girl and as a result had been disbarred from practice; that after his disbarment he left Cincinnati and became a wanderer; that he went to Seattle, Washington, where he lived for a time; and that from Seattle he went to Dallas, Texas, and from there to Houston, Texas, where he was saved through attendance at the Full Gospel Mission.

Discussion with Freeland and Reed failed to disclose anything further of value concerning the subject of this case that has not already been reported. Both Freeland and Reed were given the address of the Dallas Bureau Office and promised to immediately transmit any pertinent information coming to their attention.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Cincinnati, Ohio, will contact Medical Society representatives and determine if subject, under any of his aliases, was ever disbarred from medical practice in that vicinity.

Photo of subject is being forwarded to the Cincinnati Office with copies of this report. Said photo should be returned to the Dallas Office upon completion of requested investigation, as it is anticipated that further investigation may be required of that office.

Further information concerning the Rev. Courtney Hetherington may be obtained from the report of Special Agent J.S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Ala., dated 7-3-35, one copy of which was forwarded to all field offices.

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Mrs. Irene Thorne,  
R. R. No. 1,  
New Brighton, Minnesota.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of December 4, 1935, addressed to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., has been referred to this Bureau.

It is noted that you believe a Mr. Thorne, whom you married in 1934, may possibly be identical with Reverend Courtney Hetherington, whose apprehension is desired by this Bureau.

I have referred the information supplied by you to Mr. H. E. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 212 Uptown Station and Federal Courts Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, who will have an Agent call upon you for further information relative to this matter.

I wish to thank you for having referred this matter to the Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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New Brighton, Minn., R.R. 1  
Dec. 4, 1935.

Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Yours sincerely,

/s/

Mrs. Irene Thorne,  
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P.S. Would like a photo if possible.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander,  
Hazel Irene Smith, Mrs. Aileah  
Gillette, Victims; White Slave  
Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau January 11, 1936.

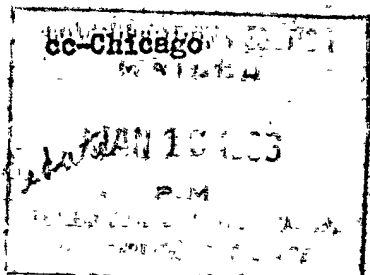
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J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
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Laboratory Report

January 16, 1936.

Case: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases, Number: 88-12-161  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, HAZEL IRENE SMITH, LRS  
ARLEAN GILLETTE, VICTIMS,  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Specimens: A. Two sheets of the known handwriting of the subject Hetherington.  
B. One photostat of front of envelope addressed to Mrs. Lorraine F. Brown, Woodstock, Va., postmarked "Borwyn, Illinois, June 21, 1935, 12:30 A. M.", questioned.  
C. Photostat of page beginning "All the content of this letter\*\*\*", questioned. D. Photostat of page beginning "of Doctor of Laws, some years\*\*\*", questioned. E. One photostat of front of envelope addressed to Mrs. Lorraine R. Brown, Woodstock, Va., postmarked "3, Chicago, Illinois, July 2, 1935, 12 P. M.", questioned. F. One photostat of page beginning "Perhaps my letter was\*\*\*", questioned. G. One photostat of page beginning "If you are not, with this\*\*\*", questioned.  
Examination requested by: San Antonio Bureau Office.

Date received: January 11, 1936.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination: Examination by: Major (1)

Based on a comparison of the submitted handwriting specimens of Reverend Courtney Hetherington with the handwriting on the letters addressed to Mrs. Lorraine R. Brown of Woodstock, Virginia, signed Henry DuBois, the examiner does not believe that Reverend Hetherington is the writer of these letters to Mrs. Brown.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY BETHENINGTON, with aliases.<br/>HAZEL IRONE SMITH, et al - Victims.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend J. D. Lewen preached at Trenton, N.J., on 10-27-35 to 11-10-35. Pastor of Trenton church states photograph of subject in October issue F.B.I. Law-enforcement Bulletin is somewhat similar to Lewen. No other information obtained indicating these individuals identical.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent B. M. Hirsh, Cleveland, Ohio, 10-28-35.

**DETAILS:**

It was noted in reference report, a copy of which was designated for the Trenton Office, that Reverend and Mrs. J. D. Lewen were to preach at Trenton, N.J., at the Pentecostal Church located at 631 Princeton Avenue, on October 27th to November 10th, 1935.

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Reverend E. T. Quanabush, Pastor of the Pentecostal Church in Trenton, who resides at 204 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, stated that Reverend Lewen stayed at his home from October 27th to November 10th, 1935, and during this time he gave 10 sermons at the Pentecostal Church. Most of these sermons, according to Reverend Quanabush, were devoted to his personal history and exploits. Mrs. Lewen accompanied Reverend Lewen to Trenton, and stayed with him at Reverend Quanabush's residence, but left her husband approximately 3 or 4 days before he had finished his speaking engagements. This departure was explained by the fact that Reverend Lewen's daughter, married name not given, who resides at 6803 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois, was about to give birth to a baby, and for that reason Mrs. Lewen wanted to be in Chicago.

Reverend Lewen stated to Reverend Quanabush that he was a minister of the Four Square Gospel Church, and had preached through various sections of the country. He claimed to be a former monk in the Catholic Priesthood, but later departed from the Catholic Church and became an associate of hoodlums in Chicago, and thereafter took up preaching.

The description of Hetherington was gone over in detail with Reverend Quanabush and he agreed that it was practically the same as Reverend Lewen, especially as to age, height, weight, hair and complexion. He did not recall that an upper tooth was discolored, or that there was a hair line scar on Reverend Lewen's chin. The only questionable act on the part of Reverend Lewen occurred two nights after Mrs. Lewen had left for Chicago, when Reverend Lewen had promised Reverend Quanabush that he would appear at the latter's residence for supper at 7:00 P.M., whereas he failed to appear and did not return until about 2:30 A.M. the following day, explaining his absence by the fact that he was out taking a ride.

Reverend Quanabush studied carefully the photograph of Subject Hetherington as appears in the F. B. I. Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1st, 1935, and declared that such photograph is similar to Reverend Lewen. He would not say that it definitely was or was not Reverend Lewen.

Reverend Quanabush stated that Reverend Lewen was scheduled to preach at Altoona, Pennsylvania, during the latter part of November or first part of December 1935, and could be reached in care of Reverend Hummell on East Logan Avenue in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He also stated that he is fairly certain that Reverend Lewen will preach at the Kensington Pentecostal Church in Philadelphia, of which the pastor is Reverend Samuel Benson, 1931 North Howard Street, Philadelphia, during January or February of 1936.

Reverend Quanabush stated that Reverend Lewen and his wife came to Trenton in a 1929 Pontiac Sedan, bearing Ohio license plates, the numbers of which he does not know.

He recalls distinctly that Reverend Lewen had two thin vertical scars, 3 or 4 inches in length, appearing on either side of his nose, extending downward toward his chin, approximately in the general location of the facial crease in an individual's face, extending obliquely from the nose. These scars are noticeable on close observation and according to Reverend Lewen are the result of an operation performed by a surgeon who endeavored to correct a facial misformity.

For the information of offices receiving copies of this report, who have not been previously advised, it is to be noted that some question has arisen as to whether Reverend Lewen, who is making extensive tours throughout the eastern section of the United States, preaching at Pentecostal and other churches, is in fact Courtney Hetherington with aliases. Persons previously interviewed who have seen

Reverend Lewen are inclined to believe that he is not identical with the subject, however, it is believed worth while that Reverend Lewen be actually observed by an Agent of this Bureau to determine definitely whether he is or is not Hetherington.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

will contact Reverend Samuel Benson, 1931 North Howard Street, who is Pastor of the Pentecostal Church in Philadelphia, and arrange to observe Reverend Lewen, who is scheduled to preach at that church during January or February, 1936.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEANE GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

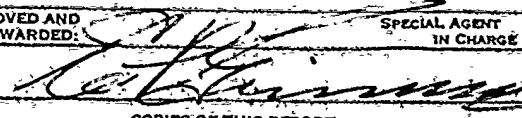
Article in Birmingham, Ala. newspaper, dated 1/14/36, advises that one Price Johnson, 40 year old missionary, was convicted of polygamy at Kingman, Arizona and sentenced to serve from 18 months to 2 years in state prison. Johnson presently confined in Mohave County Jail, Kingman, in default of \$1500. bond, and pending appeal to Superior Court of Arizona. Lead set out for purpose of determining whether Johnson is identical with subject.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.**

This investigation is based upon information received from Hazel Irene Smith, 2604 42nd. Avenue, N., one of the victims in this case, who advised that she had read an article in the Birmingham Post, as of January 14, 1936, to the effect that Price Johnson, a 40 year old missionary, together with one I. C. Spencer, a 50 year old rancher, 2 convicted polygamists, were confined in the Mohave County Jail, Kingman, Arizona, unable to post bail in the amount of \$1500. each, pending their appeal to the Superior Court of Arizona. Descriptions of these persons were not given. This article, as displayed to agent, went on to say that these men were sentenced the preceding Friday by Superior Court Judge Faulkner to serve from 18 months to two years in the state prison. The defense at the trial of this case attempted to show that living in polygamy was part of the religious belief of the defendants and that their fore-fathers had practiced plural marriages.

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Miss Smith stated that due to the fact that the party Price Johnson, a polygamist, was a missionary and about the same age as subject Heatherington, she believed it possible that Johnson and subject might be identical.

For the information of the Phoenix Office in conducting appropriate investigation at Kingman, Arizona, there is being transmitted herewith a copy of the summary report of Special Agent J. S. Kavanaugh, dated 7/10/35 at Birmingham, Ala., together with a photograph of Heatherington. It is requested that this summary report and photograph be returned to the Birmingham Office after the same have used their purposes. It should also be stated that the office of origin in this matter has been changed from Birmingham, Ala. to San Antonio, Texas, in accordance with Bureau letter, dated July 27, 1935.

A description of subject Heatherington is as follows:

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| Name:       | Rev. Cortney Hetherington, alias Dr. Hetherington |
| Age:        | 45 years  |
| Height:     | 5' 3"   |
| Weight:     | 160 lbs.  |
| Hair:       | Black   |
| Eyes:       | Hazel   |
| Teeth:      | One upper tooth discolored                        |
| Complexion: | Olive.  |

UNDEVELOPED LEAD.

THE PHOENIX OFFICE at KINGMAN, ARIZONA, will interview Price Johnson, confined in the Mohave County Jail, for the purpose of determining whether he is identical with subject Heatherington.

THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE will ascertain if Non Est return has been made on warrant.

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| TITLE <b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLMAN GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC<br/>ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No indication Subject now in territory of Charlotte Office.

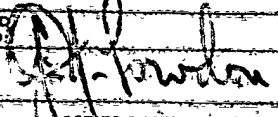
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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent L. V. Chesser,  
Charlotte, N. C., December 12, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

On January 16, 1936, while the writer was talking with E. W. Lentz, Chief of Police, Hickory, N. C., on other matters, it was learned that Chief Lentz has been keeping a sharp lookout for the Subject near Hickory, N. C., and has been in contact with the other agencies informed of Subject's visit to Hickory, N. C., on December 6, 1935, as set out in report of reference, and that to date, no information whatsoever has come to his attention or to the attention of the Charlotte Office, indicating that the Subject is now in the territory of the Charlotte Office. Chief Lentz

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stated that he had recently talked with Dr. A. E. A. Hudson, whom the Subject attempted to victimize on his previous visit to Hickory, N. C., and that Dr. Hudson had received no information that Subject was in the vicinity of Hickory, N. C., and had not seen or heard of him personally since December 6, 1935.

In view of the fact that Subject has apparently left the territory of the Charlotte Office, and since there are no pending leads to be covered in this case, is being referred upon completion to the office of origin, subject to being re-opened if Hetherington re-appears.

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| TITLE:<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER; ET AL - Victims</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Irene Thorne, R.R. 1, New Brighton, Minnesota, advised that James Cecil Thorne married her on July 23, 1934 at New Brighton; that her husband died December 28, 1935 at Samaritan Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota; that this party resided with her continuously between those periods. Description fits that of subject. Advised her he had spent many years as missionary in Salvation Army in Havana, Cuba, returning about 1933. Photos and handwriting specimen obtained for possible identification by San Antonio Office.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter dated January 9, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

Enclosed with Bureau letter of reference is copy of a letter dated December 4, 1935 to the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., which reads as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"I read an item in the newspaper about a Rev. Courtney Hetherington. I would like a personal description of this party as I was married to a party in 1934 and I didn't know anything

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of his past life and there was so many things that Mr. Thorne told me that correspondes with what was in the papers about Rev. Hetherington, and would appreciate very much if you would give me some information.

" Yours sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Irene Thorne,  
New Brighton, Minn., R.R. 1 "

"P.S. Would like a photo if possible."

New Brighton, Minnesota.

Mrs. Irene Thorne, Rural Route No. 1, was interviewed in her home, which is a one-story, two room, poorly built house located about four miles Northeast of New Brighton. Regarding her letter to the Bureau she stated that she had noted a clipping in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in November furnishing a description of subject's activities, which had made her wonder regarding her deceased husband because of the fact that certain irregularities had occurred since his death.

She stated that about January 1934, according to information she received at the mission camp where she attended church, nearby her home, that James Cecil Thorne had made his appearance, but that she did not meet this man until March 1934, and that they were married at the mission on July 23, 1934. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Thorne was Mrs. Irene Clonkey. She stated that from the time of their first meeting her husband was around New Brighton and resided with her continuously except at different periods when he was in the hospital in St. Paul, up to the time he died, December 28, 1935 at the Samaritan Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota. He had told her that he had never been married prior to meeting her. Regarding his past life he told her that he had been born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, though he stated he could not recall the street he lived on but it was on the South Side of Minneapolis; that when he was around twenty-one years of age he joined the Salvation Army and went as a missionary to Havana, Cuba, where he did missionary work up until about 1933; that during this time he accumulated large property holdings in Cuba, but that while he was there he became a Secret Service spy with the Revolutionists and that he left Cuba when the Government discovered this and found afterwards that all of his property there had been confiscated. He also told

her that he had a \$25,000.00 paid up endowment policy with the New York Life Insurance Company, but that subsequent to his death she had ascertained that the New York Life Insurance Company had been unable to locate this policy. She had never seen the policy herself and when her husband became sick she asked him to get it for her so they could borrow on it to pay for his sickness, but that he had stated he did not want to touch this policy as he wanted to leave all the money to her.

She advised he also told her that he had a safety deposit box in Los Angeles, California, and that she should write to H. W. Powers, a lawyer in Los Angeles, regarding this deposit box, which was in the Bank of America in that city. He turned over the key to this deposit box, which was number V245618. Subsequent to his death she had written to H. W. Powers, Attorney, Los Angeles, California, but the letter had been returned unclaimed. She then corresponded with the Bank of America and was advised that their books showed the names of James C. Thorne but that the deposit number furnished by Mrs. Thorne did not correspond, and as a result she stated she forwarded Mr. Thorne's signature and also the keys to this box, which have not as yet been returned to her nor has she since heard from the bank.

The following description of JAMES CECIL THORNE was furnished by Mrs. Irene Thorne:

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| Age:             | 46 years (Born 4-7-1890)<br>Appears younger  |
| Height:          | 5' 5"  |
| Weight:          | 150 to 155 pounds  |
| Build:           | Medium   |
| Hair:            | Black, receding at forehead, straight  |
| Eyes:            | Brown  |
| Complexion:      | Fair   |
| Teeth:           | Upper teeth out  |
| Occupation:      | Missionary; believed also to be a doctor   |
| Beard:           | Heavy<br>Wore size 7½ shoes  |
| Photograph:      | Two photos obtained from Mrs. Thorne   |
| Education:       | Spoke 9 or 10 languages, including<br>French, Spanish, German, Cuban, and Hindu.<br>Also spoke very good English without accent. |
| Marks and scars: | Scar on back running along spine above<br>kidneys.   |

Mrs. Thorne was questioned regarding the scar on the upper forearm, the hairline scar under the chin, and also the small indentation on the top of the forehead, and stated she did not recall noticing any of these. She was presented with a photograph of subject and asked as to whether the man appearing thereon was the same as her husband. She studied it very closely for several minutes and finally stated she could not say that it was not nor could she say that it was; that there were resemblances in the photograph to her husband, though her husband had a straight angular nose.

Mrs. Thorne was interviewed in the presence of [redacted] by a former marriage, named [redacted] age about [redacted] who was also presented with the photograph, and he stated that he too was unable to definitely say one way or another as to whether the man thereon was JAMES CECIL THORNE; that there were certain resemblances but that the nose did not look like his. They both stated that the photograph of which a negative was presented to Agent, on which Thorne appears with two women, looked a great deal more like him than the photograph showing him dressed as a cook.

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The photograph and the negative, together with a specimen of handwriting of James Cecil Thorne in the form of a poem addressed to his wife written on a ledger sheet of the Stone Electric Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, were furnished to Agent for the temporary use of the Bureau, and Mrs. Thorne requested that when they had served their purpose that they be returned to her.

Regarding her husband's education, Mrs. Thorne stated that he was very familiar with nine or ten different languages, speaking French and Spanish fluently, and that he knew several different dialects of the Hindu; that in addition to this she had always believed that he must have been a doctor prior to his having gone into missionary work as he used medical terms fluently which were unknown to her vocabulary, and that when any of them got sick that he always knew the proper medicine to get for them, which was invariably a cure.

Mrs. Thorne advised that during the time she knew him he was continuously sick; that in January 1935 he had had pneumonia and was in the Ancker Hospital; that he was sick again for a week in August and again in September for three weeks, during both of which times he was again at the Ancker Hospital; that he had a continuous cough and had been kept under observation for Tuberculosis, and that on September 6, 1935 she took him to Dr. Drechsler in the Metropolitan Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and that this doctor operated on him.

on September 13, 1935; that thereafter her husband was sick continuously and confined at the Samaritan Hospital in St. Paul until he died on December 28, 1935.

Regarding additional travel by Mr. Thorne, Mrs. Thorne stated that he had told her of going to school in San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Thorne stated that when she first met her husband she advised him she was living on five acres of land which she now resides on, and that she was still paying for it, and that before marrying him her husband knew she had no other property, and that the home she had was not as yet paid for, so that he could not have been marrying her for any wealth. She had noticed that one of his suits had a London trademark therein, but did not recall what company it was, and she did not have the clothes in her possession at the present time. She stated that about the only thing her husband had when she met him outside of the clothes he had on were two books, which she showed to Agent. In each of these books the first page inside the cover had been torn off, and the second page bore the signature "J. C. Thorne". The first book was entitled "Intestinal Ills" by Alcinous B. Jamison, M.D., published in 1914. The inside page showed the book to take up "Chronic Constipation and Auto-intoxication due to Proctitis and Colitis". The second book was entitled "The Prevention of Disease in the Individual" by Winslow, Second Edition, and was dated as 1926. In one of these books there was found a self-addressed postcard to W. B. Saunders Company, West Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which was an advertisement for three volumes on Bacteriology and Pathology for nurses. This postcard will be retained in the files of the St. Paul Office in case the photograph of Thorne is identified when presented by the San Antonio Office, and should it be thought necessary to check this company regarding their mailing list.

Dr. H. A. Drachsler, Metropolitan Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, was interviewed by Agent regarding James Cecil Thorne, and the photograph of subject, together with that of Thorne appearing in a cook's uniform, was presented to him. He identified the photograph of Thorne dressed as a cook, but stated that he did not believe the photograph of subject was identical to the same man, though he stated that it was possible that it could be as there were certain resemblances therein to him.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

The San Antonio Bureau Office

Will present the enclosed photographs of JAMES CECIL THORNE to the victim of subject's activities in that district and will ascertain whether THORNE is identical with subject, and will return the enclosed photographs to the St. Paul Office after investigative work has been completed thereon, in order that same may be returned to Mrs. Thorne.

Will compare the handwriting of JAMES CECIL THORNE with that of subject to see if it is identical, and will return this specimen to the St. Paul Office in order that it may be returned to Mrs. Thorne.

The St. Paul Bureau Office

Will return the photograph of THORNE dressed as a cook, together with the negative furnished to Agent, when investigative work has been completed.

PENDING



in Erie, Pennsylvania: -

C. N. ELLISON, 2627 German Street;  
C. Ellison, 2814 Liberty Street;  
Evelyn N. Ellison, 910 East 31st Street.

All of the above parties were personally contacted and they all stated that they did not know anyone by the name of Edith Ellison.

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

Assistant United States Attorney Jay I. Spiegel acquainted with admissions made by ALBERT ANDREW MURRAY YOUNG, stated that should investigation develop that all admissions made by Young were found to be true and correct he would not recommend prosecution of Young, and particularly in the absence of evidence adduced of a commercial phase. Further, that in his opinion, Young had evidently violated the Bigamy Statutes of the State of Vermont when he married RUTH BELLMONT, at Wolcott, Vermont, September 14, 1935.

The Bureau by wire and letter dated December 6, 1935 advised that the files of the Identification Division failed to disclose any data concerning previous criminal record of Albert Andrew Murray Young.

In view of Young's not being identified as subject, photograph of Young is not being attached to copies of this report.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **31-2600**

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| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - Victims</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Edith Ellison not known to Postal authorities at Erie, Pa. Further investigation at Erie, Pa. unproductive of Edith Ellison's identity or whereabouts. Ass't. U. S. Attorney Jay I. Spiegel declines recommendation of prosecution of Albert Andrew Murray Young.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. E. Roberts, Detroit, Michigan, December 27, 1935.  
Report of Special Agent L. G. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.**

F. W. WILSON and W. A. SHELDON, General Delivery Clerks, Post Office, were both interviewed concerning the identity and possible location of EDITH ELLISON, but neither could recall anything concerning her. They both stated that they had been general delivery clerks in the Erie Post Office for the past three and four years, respectively, and that they had never received any mail for anyone by the name of Edith Ellison. They both stated that they would be on the look out for any trace of her and would notify the Pittsburgh Bureau Office in the event they received any mail for this party.

A search of the Telephone Directory and City Directory for the City of Erie, Pennsylvania, did not disclose the name of Edith Ellison. The following are all of the Ellisons that are listed or known

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, et al, Victims</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend J.D. Lewen believed not to be identical with Subject Hetherington.

RUC:

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J.A. Murphy, Trenton, N.J., 1-14-36.

**DETAILS:** AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

This is a joint report of Special Agent G.C. Callan and the writer who, on January 28, 1936, attended a Revival Meeting conducted by Reverend J.D. Lewen at the Pentecostal Church located at 3455 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia.

Reverend Lewen was observed for approximately one hour, during which time it was determined that Lewen resembled subject in height and build. However, Lewen's hair is brown and it appears that he has more hair than that reflected in Hetherington's picture. It is the opinion of Agent Callan and this agent that Lewen is not identical with the photograph of Reverend Courtney Hetherington appearing in the F.B.I. Bulletin.

It was noticed that Lewen has a peculiar accent, which might possibly be mistaken for an English accent.

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P. O. Box 64  
Buffalo, New York

January 31, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
San Antonio, Texas

Re: Reverend Courtney Motherington, wa  
Olyco Alexander - Victim  
Harold Irwin Smith - Victim  
Mrs. Alice Gillette - Victim  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. J. Schortz  
of this office dated November 10, 1934 which sets out a lead for  
development by the Cincinnati Bureau Office.

In the absence of any further leads for investigation in  
the Buffalo district, this matter is being considered referred upon  
completion to office of origin by this letter.

Very truly yours,

E. L. Sargent  
Special Agent in Charge

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## Acc G-Men on Trail of Man Who Probably Has More Aliases Than Any Fugitive in Nation

Washington, Nov. 29.—(UP) The justice department today set its corps of ace G-men to the task of catching the man who has probably invented more and snootier aliases than any other fugitive in the land.

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After obtaining the young woman's money, according to the charges, Hetherington moves on, forgetfully neglecting to leave any forwarding address and without bothering to return the money.

Before launching his matrimonial career Hetherington was a man of many arts. He was, agents said, at various times a jui-jitsu artist, a mimic, an itinerant evangelist, a physician, a diplomat.

### Real Teller of Tales.

As a teller of tales, it would appear Hetherington had few peers.

Sometimes he asserts his arches were broken by natives who clubbed him during a career as a missionary in Africa. On other occasions he blames his lameness on a bullet wound received when he fought in the World war.

Flashes from the Hetherington biography as reported to the justice department by his victims:

He claims he is a licensed physician and that he served on the staff of the French embassy at Mexico City. He is an eloquent speaker, can sway an audience with humor or pathos, speaks and writes French and Spanish and claims to speak fourteen more languages.

He excels at holding revivals and lecturing on his travels. He advertises himself as "of London and Paris, world-wide traveler, missionary and evangelist" and promises to "tell of his experiences with foreign legion, cannibals, China, Africa, etc."

### Posed as a Doctor.

In the fall of 1933, Hetherington married the daughter of a respect-

able family in Birmingham, Ala. He posed as a former London doctor who was converted by being cured of paralysis by religious faith and was holding revivals.

He continued preaching until March, 1934, when he told his father-in-law he wanted to return to the practice of medicine and borrowed \$1,000 to start a laboratory for germ culture and analysis. Claiming the south had no adequate facilities for his work, Hetherington entrained for Chicago with his young wife. He deserted the girl there.

As Dr. Courtney Darling he appeared in Santa Barbara, Cal., in April, 1934, and held Bible services. After a breathtaking courtship he married the pastor.

Hetherington, or Darling, found frequent chances to refer to his rich English relatives and the fact that if he had \$2,000 he could go over and return with \$15,000 to improve the church. An impressionable woman parishioner invested \$16,600 and he left, without his wife.

### Leaves His Wife.

While conducting services at a church at Corpus Christi, Tex., he met a young woman at San Antonio and lived on her relatives for a short time and traveled to Memphis, Tenn. Police grew suspicious and he departed leaving his wife and baggage.

Early in 1933, calling himself Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Manrice Pierrepont, he found a bride in Houston, Tex. At that time he asserted he was of a noble French family and had been a colonel in

the French army. He was heading forth at a gospel mission.

He took his wife to Westlake, Pa., to a post at a new church. A number of the congregation contributed funds for him to go to Mexico, sell a large piece of land belonging to him, and return with the proceeds to construct a new church.

According to the official description of the fugitive, he "is popular with women," refers to children as "tot's," does not drink intoxicants, but enjoys a glass of beer, asserts he learned to fly in the French army, is of English nobility and has preached in the Crystal Palace, Los Angeles, and at Angulus Temple, just above the ankles.

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| TITLE <b>CHANGED: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases: Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Rev. Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom.</b>   |                                 |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                                   |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>CLYDE ALEXANDER-VICTIM; HAZEL IRENE SMITH-VICTIM; ALLEAH GILLETTE-VICTIM; VIRGINIA DUNSTON-VICTIM</b>   |                                 |  |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Victim Dunston met subject 12-9-31 on bus between St. Louis and Marion, Ill. Subject posed as Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom stating he had to be in Memphis, Tenn. next day to perform an operation. Employed victim to take him from her home in Marion, Ill. to Memphis, Tenn. later employing her to take him from Memphis to New Orleans and married victim Dunston enroute to New Orleans at Aliceville, Ala. 12-11-31. From New Orleans went to Houston, Tex. where subject claims to have left for Dallas by plane instructing victim to meet him at the best hotel in Dallas. Victim followed in her car but was unable to find subject in Dallas and returned to her home, Marion, Ill. later obtaining a divorce from subject and \$100.00 a month alimony which she would like to collect. Victim Dunston has not heard from subject since deserted by him in Houston, Tex. in Dec. 1931.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. U. C.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from the Bureau dated 1-3-36 with enclosure #301763.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The title of this case is changed to include an additional alias of subject and to include the name of Virginia Dunston as another victim in this case.</p> |                                 |  |  |
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AT MARION, ILLINOIS

With reference letter were enclosed copies of a communication addressed to the Department of Justice dated December 23, 1935 from H. E. Skinner, lawyer of Marion, Illinois in which Mr. Skinner advised that he noted in the dispatch of the United Press of December 5, 1935 an account of activities of subject under many other titles and names which corresponded to that of a romancer who passed himself as a surgeon and married the young daughter of a business man in Marion, Illinois, later deserting her in Houston, Texas, and requesting that inasmuch as he, Skinner, represented this woman and her family, he would appreciate any information concerning subject and would like to be furnished with a photograph and other marks of identification in order to determine if the party concerned in the article appearing in the United Press of December 5, 1935 was in fact the same party who married victim Virginia Dunston of Marion, Illinois in December, 1931 and later deserted her at Houston, Texas.

Interview was had with Attorney H. E. Skinner who stated that he would call victim Virginia Dunston to his office for interview with agent. At the request of Attorney Skinner, Miss Dunston appeared at his office and in the presence of agent and her attorney Mr. Skinner, related that she was in St. Louis, Missouri on December 9, 1931 on business and that on the return trip from St. Louis to her home in Marion, Illinois during the afternoon of December 9, 1931 subject was also a passenger on the same bus; that there were very few passengers on said Greyhound Bus and inasmuch as she was sitting directly opposite subject, a conversation was entered into between subject and herself; that subject possessed a very pleasing personality, was a very interesting conversationalist and appeared to be well educated; that subject stated that he was a physician and employed by a medical firm in New York City to go about the country performing operations for said firm; that he had been compelled to leave his Oldsmobile automobile at St. Louis, Missouri due to the fact that it needed repairs which could not be obtained for several days and that he was compelled to take the bus to Memphis, Tennessee that day because it was mandatory that he be in that city the next day, December 10, 1931 in order to perform an operation in one of the leading hospitals in Memphis, Tennessee; that subject stated his name was Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom and that he had served in the World War; that during the course of this conversation, he stated that when he arrived at Marion, Illinois, he intended to try to hire an automobile and driver to take him on to Memphis, Tennessee; that upon learning that she, Virginia Dunston, owned an automobile, made a proposition to her to employ her to take him to

Memphis in her automobile; that she told him that it would be necessary for her to obtain the permission of her mother and that upon arrival at Marion, she took subject to her home where they had dinner that evening and that subject mentioned to her mother that he would like to employ her to take him in her automobile to Memphis, Tennessee; that her mother after conversing with subject, was very favorably impressed with him and told her that she saw nothing wrong in her driving subject to Memphis, Tennessee as she was not employed and the \$25.00 offered her for making such a trip would come in handy; that they left her home on the late evening of December 9, 1931 in her automobile going directly to Memphis, Tennessee where they stopped at the Claridge Hotel; that subject was very attentative to her, but did not suggest anything out of the way; that upon arrival at the Claridge Hotel subject registered for himself as Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom and obtained a room for her in a separate room on another floor of the hotel; that he told her that she could sleep as late as she desired the next morning as he would be busy at a hospital performing an operation in Memphis, Tennessee and that when he had finished this operation, he had been notified that he was next to go to New Orleans, Louisiana where the next operation was to be performed; on the morning of December 10 subject proposed that she drive him in her automobile to New Orleans, Louisiana and that he would pay her \$20.00 per day and expenses; that they left Memphis about noon December 10, 1931 in her automobile and started towards New Orleans, Louisiana; that at this time subject pretended to be especially fond of her and proposed marriage and that after considerable thought, she accepted his proposition and they were married while enroute to New Orleans, Louisiana at the Jung Hotel, Aliceville, Alabama December 11, 1931 and after marriage drove to Hattisburg, Mississippi where they spent the night as man and wife which is the first time they engaged in sexual relations; that on the early morning of December 12, 1931 they drove on to New Orleans, Louisiana and subject claimed he performed an operation on some individual at a hospital in that city and left that same day for Houston, Texas where they spent the night at the Rice Hotel; that on the next day, subject arose before she did, paid the hotel bill and left \$20.00 in an envelope addressed to her on the dresser in her bedroom stating that he had been directed to proceed to Dallas, Texas by airplane and for her to follow him in her automobile and she would find him at the best hotel in Dallas, Texas; that upon finding the above referred to note containing \$20.00 in cash, she proceeded by way of her own automobile alone to Dallas, Texas and inquired for subject at all of the principal hotels of Dallas, Texas without success in locating him after which it dawned on her that she had been deceived and she wired to her mother for funds upon which to return home and returned home about two days later; that she has never seen



or heard of subject since that time and within a short time after arrival at home, she made known the above facts to Attorney H. E. Skinner who filed a bill for divorce for her at Marion, Illinois which was obtained during the September, 1932 term of the State Court at Marion, Illinois and was also granted \$100.00 per month alimony including \$300.00 attorney's fees; that subject appeared to have plenty of money and she personally knows that at the time of their marriage at Aliceville, Alabama he had \$900.00 in his possession and she estimates that while with him subject spent at least \$150.00 for expenses and entertainment; that subject stated that his charges for operations were very high but that the amount paid by the patients upon whom he operated was sent direct to the firm for which he was working in New York City.

Victim Dunston and Mr. Skinner stated that what they were principally interested in at this time was to locate subject thinking that it might be possible they could collect some of the alimony which is due Miss Dunston and the attorney's fees of Mr. Skinner for obtaining her divorce and that other than this they have no further interest in this case as she does not consider that subject is guilty of a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act inasmuch as she furnished the means of transportation and married him in good faith before indulging in sexual relations.

The photograph of subject, which is contained in the St. Louis file was exhibited to victim and she readily identified same as being the party she married. The following description of victim Dunston was obtained by agent from personal observation and interrogation:

|                 |   |
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| Name            | Virginia Dunston                          |
| Age             | 27 on May 5, 1935                         |
| Height          | 5 feet 2 3/4                              |
| Weight          | 119                                       |
| Build           | Medium                                    |
| Complexion      | Fair                                      |
| Eyes            | Blue                                      |
| Hair            | Light brown                               |
| Marital status  | Married but divorced                      |
| Education       | High school and business college graduate |
| Occupation      | Stenographer                              |
| Criminal record | None                                      |
| Father          | Charles Dunston, Marion, Illinois         |
| Mother          | Ollie Dunston, Marion, Illinois.          |

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## G-MEN PURSUE MAN WITH MANY NAMES, BRIDES

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## Ace G-Men on Trail of Man Who Probably Has More Aliases Than Any Fugitive in Nation

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Interest of federal agents in Hetherington was aroused by his absent-minded matrimonial technique. He has, agents assert, travelled about the country for the last three years. At frequent intervals, they say, he gets married, usually picking a young and unsophisticated girl.

After obtaining the young woman's money, according to the charges, Hetherington moves on, forgetfully neglecting to leave any forwarding address and without bothering to return the money.

Before launching his matrimonial career Hetherington was a man of many arts. He was, agents said, at various times a jui-jitsu artist, a mimic, an itinerant evangelist, a physician, a diplomat.

### Real Teller of Tales.

As a teller of tales, it would appear Hetherington had few peers.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

FILE NO. 31-17

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2/15/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>1/30/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>LEE F. MALONE      LK</b>      |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY BETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim<br/>MRS. ELLMAN GILLETTE - Victim</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Anonymous letter received as to a Rev. E. J. Smith, Akron, Ohio, whose description was similar to that of subject. Investigation discloses Rev. Smith is a Catholic Priest and Father A. W. Scully advises he does not resemble photograph of subject.

- RUC -

**DETAILS:**

This investigation is based on an anonymous letter, dated December 14, 1935, received by the Cleveland office, which is set out below:

"Would you please investigate a man known as Rev. E. J. Smith, 77 Broad St., Akron, O. He seems to have a lot of work at night in Cleveland and Detroit, sometimes staying a week at a time.

"This man left Akron after the slaying of two racketeers the past summer and returned about a week later. He drives a ford V-8 coupe license A352D and is about 5' 6" tall, weighing about 160 lbs., dark hair and eyes, round face, could be jew or irish decent.

"I wont sign my name as I am afraid of the newspapers, will answer any questions through personal

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notice colum Cleve. Press. Very sorry if I am mistaken.

(signed) "Suspicious"

At the Akron Police Department it was ascertained that 77 Broad Street was a Catholic Church under the direction of Father Richard A. Dowd who had the best of reputations and could be trusted in any inquiry. It was also ascertained that Ohio license plates A 352 D were listed to Reverend Ernest J. Smith at that address.

At 77 Broad Street, Akron, Ohio, the writer contacted Father A. W. Scully, in the absence of Father Richard A. Dowd. Father Scully advised that Reverend Smith was out of town, but that he was a priest connected with Father Dowd's church and that he traveled quite a bit. Subject's picture was exhibited to Father Scully, and he advised that Reverend Smith did not in the least resemble subject.

No further investigation was conducted in this matter and as there are no other leads outstanding in this district, this case is being considered.

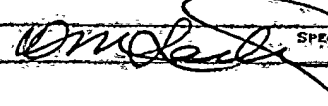
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-3241**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Chicago, Illinois</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2/26/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2/11, 20/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>H. R. DUFFEY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>HRD/ehc</b></span> |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b>  |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>                                |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">George Howard Young now residing Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, engaged in Salvation Army work; formerly employed by Peterboro Woollens Combine as treasurer and bears good reputation at that place. Henri Dubois has received no mail care of General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois, and present whereabouts unknown.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 31, 1935; Report of Special Agent H. R. Duffey, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 7, 1936; Report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated December 13, 1935; Bureau letter dated January 16, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On February 11, 1936, Agent contacted Mr. C. L. Wilbur, Chief Clerk, Post Office Department, 433 West Van Buren Street, who after a check of the records of the Post Office Department advised Agent that there is no record of Henri Dubois ever receiving any mail in care of General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois, and that if this individual had so received mail a record would be shown.</p> |                                  |   |   |
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Agent consulted the City Directory for 1929, Chicago, Illinois, which is the last issue, and telephone directories in the possession of the Chicago Office, but no record of this individual could be located.

In view of the fact that under date of January 16, 1936, a Laboratory report of the Bureau was received in the Chicago Office advising that the known handwriting of Subject is not identical with the handwriting of Henry Dubois, no further investigation will be conducted at Berwyn, Illinois, where one of the letters addressed to Mrs. Lorraine R. Brown of Woodstock, Virginia, was postmarked.

On February 20, 1936, at the office of Commissioner W. A. McIntyre, Salvation Army, 719 North State Street, in the absence of Commissioner McIntyre, who is presently out of the city, his secretary exhibited to Agent a letter dated January 2, 1936, received from Herbert Payton, Adjutant, Salvation Army, Peterboro, Ontario, advising that George Howard Young had been employed from 1927 to 1930 by the Peterboro Woollens Combine at that place in the capacity of treasurer, which position he held until the company was forced to discontinue his services due to the depression; that since this time he has been engaged in the work of solicitor for the Salvation Army at that place and enjoys a very good reputation.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by the Chicago Office concerning this individual.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

FILE NO.

31-2436

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-27-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-24-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. E. THORNTON MGR</b>          |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>Clyde Alexander - Victim.<br/>Hazel Irene Smith - Victim.<br/>Mrs. Alleah Gillette - Victim.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject unknown at Academy of Medicine and Better Business Bureau, Cincinnati, Ohio. Records checked at the State Medical Board, Columbus, Ohio, indicate subject has never been admitted to the practice of medicine under any of his known aliases in Ohio.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. C. Mertz, Dallas, Texas, dated 1-7-36.

**DETAILS:**

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. J. Smith:

R. A. Swink, 1719 Central Trust Building, Executive Secretary of the Academy of Medicine, advised after reviewing subject's picture, photo and history as set out on page fifteen of the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1, 1935, that his office did not have any information or records of subject's ever having practiced in Cincinnati. Mr. Swink advised that Dr. H. M. Platter, Secretary of the State Medical Society, Columbus, Ohio, would have information concerning subject if he was ever disbarred from the practice of medicine in Ohio.

Karl T. Finn, General Manager, Cincinnati Better Business Bureau, 719 Chamber of Commerce Building, advised that his

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office investigated cases which came to their knowledge concerning "quack" doctors and those doctors who performed illegal operations. He further advised after a review of subject's picture, aliases and history that this case was unfamiliar to his office.

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

The following investigation was conducted by the  
Reporting Agent:

Miss A. Ryan, Clerk in the office of the State Medical Board, 9th floor, Wyandotte Building, 21 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, aided Agent in searching the files under all of the known aliases of the subject. These files reflect that the subject has never been admitted to the practice of medicine in the State of Ohio.

Agent contacted Dr. H. M. Platter, Secretary of the State Medical Board at his office at 185 E. State Street, and was advised that he had held this position for the past 18 years and he was unable to recall the subject, either by his name or known aliases or by his photo which was exhibited to him. Agent discussed the case generally with Dr. Platter and he expressed great interest and requested a copy of October, 1935, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin with the article concerning the subject, which has been furnished him. In reply to the information set forth in the reference report Dr. Platter stated that he was unable to connect this information with anyone who had been in Cincinnati and had lost his license by revocation.

Photograph of subject is being returned to the Dallas office with copy of this report, as requested.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-5**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3/7/36</b>  | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3/6/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>Arthur C. Rutzen KB</b>        |     |   |       |       |        |           |        |     |            |      |      |       |      |       |           |       |          |        |           |   |       |  |
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| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Price Johnson, presently confined Arizona State Prison, Florence, Arizona, on a conviction of open and notorious cohabitation, not identical with Subject in this case.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent F. T. McIntyre, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama, 1/19/36.</b></p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><b>Mr. A. G. Walker, Superintendent of the Arizona State Prison, located at Florence, Arizona, made available the records of said prison to agent and they disclosed that Price Johnson was committed to the Arizona State Prison from Mohave County, Arizona, upon conviction of the crime of open and notorious cohabitation and that he was sentenced to one and one-half to two years beginning January 7, 1936. The records further disclosed that Price Johnson had the following description:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">Age</td> <td>49 yrs, 11 months, 1/2/36, born in State of Arizona</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Color</td> <td>White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Height</td> <td>5' 7 1/2"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weight</td> <td>152</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Complexion</td> <td>Dark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hair</td> <td>Black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eyes</td> <td>Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Head size</td> <td>7 1/2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Forehead</td> <td>Medium</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foot size</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scars</td> <td>Vaccination left arm, small scar back lower left arm, vaccination right arm,</td> </tr> </table> |  |  |   | Age | 49 yrs, 11 months, 1/2/36, born in State of Arizona | Color | White | Height | 5' 7 1/2" | Weight | 152 | Complexion | Dark | Hair | Black | Eyes | Brown | Head size | 7 1/2 | Forehead | Medium | Foot size | 7 | Scars | Vaccination left arm, small scar back lower left arm, vaccination right arm, |
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| Eyes  | Brown  |  |   |     |   |       |       |        |           |        |     |            |      |      |       |      |       |           |       |          |        |           |   |       |  |
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Occupation  
Relatives

small scar upper right arm, back,  
small scar right temple, small scar  
left shoulder blade, small scars  
left buttox  
Sawmill worker  
Wife - Esther H. Johnson, Moccasin, Ariz;  
Wife - Helen Johnson, Short Creek, Ariz.

Johnson was interviewed by agent and he stated that his full name is Price William Johnson; that he is a "Mormon" and has been living in Arizona most of his life; that he was sentenced to the State Penitentiary because he had married two women; that he is fifty years of age, having been born on February 2, 1886, at Lee's Ferry, Arizona, and has been in Arizona nearly all of his life except for a period of nine years spent in Wyoming and two years West Virginia, at which time he was doing missionary work for the "Mormon" church.

Johnson stated further that it was during the year 1909 that he was in West Virginia.

From personal observation and interview the following further description of Johnson was obtained:

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| Shoe size | 7½   |
| Hair      | Black, partially bald  |
| Eyes      | Brown  |
| Scars     | Very small scar center forehead at hair-line, no scars on chin |
| Height    | 5' 7½"   |

It is agent's opinion that there is no similarity between Johnson and Subject Hetherington because, first, there is no similarity between Johnson and the photograph of Hetherington, second, Johnson is fifty years of age while Hetherington is 45 or 46 years of age, third, Johnson is five feet, seven and one-half inches tall while Hetherington is five feet, three inches tall; Johnson's eyes are brown while Hetherington's eyes are hazel, Johnson's teeth are good while Hetherington is supposed to have one upper tooth discolored; Johnson has no indentation on top of forehead, he has a small scar in the middle of his forehead at the hairline; Johnson has no chin scars.

The summary report of J. S. Kavanaugh, Birmingham, Alabama, 7/10/35, and the picture of Hetherington, is being returned to the Birmingham Office as requested in reference report. A copy of this report is being furnished the Birmingham Office for their information.

There being no outstanding leads in the territory covered by the Phoenix Office, this case is hereby

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

San Antonio, Texas

Jax FILE NO. 31-2067

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Jacksonville, Fla.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3/16/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2/24-3/10/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>L. A. Newsom</b>               |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALIMAN GILLETTE - Victim</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No trace of subject having been at Alcazar Hotel or around Southern Cafeteria and Restaurant, Miami, Florida. No woman has been employed at the Southern who was a trained nurse.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent L. V. Chesser, Charlotte, North Carolina, December 12, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. Joe Levine, owner and operator of the Southern Cafeteria and Restaurant, 356 E. Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, stated that he did not know of any of his women employees being a trained nurse. He generally requires that application for employment be made on a printed form furnished by him, but he stated that through the Winter season during the rush he had employed some women without this application. None of these women are being employed by him now. He viewed the photograph of subject, but stated that he had never seen him around the restaurant.

Mr. W. V. Varney, Assistant Manager of the restaurant, could give no additional information. He viewed the photograph of subject and stated that he had not seen him around the restaurant.

Miss Mazie Davis, Bookkeeper for the above restaurant, stated that she received the applications for employment and maintains a file on them for about 6 months. This file was reviewed by Miss Davis and Agent. The printed form of application requires a statement of education and past experience. None of the applications reflected that any applicant had received training as a nurse or had done any nursing. Miss Davis viewed the photograph of subject and stated that she had not seen him around the restaurant.

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Miss Charlotte Hopkins, Miss Mae Everitt and Miss Eva Levine, all hostesses at the above restaurant, stated that they knew some of the men that the girls went with, but were not acquainted with all of them. That none of them had ever seen subject around the restaurant.

All of the above advised that if they received any information relative to subject they would communicate with the Jacksonville Bureau Office.

Detective Ed. Melchen, Miami Police Department, was advised of the possibilities of subject being around the restaurant and the Alcazar Hotel. He advised that he would have his men be on the watch for him.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent R. M. Austin at Miami, Florida:

The report of reference requests that an investigation be conducted at the Belzar Hotel, Miami, Florida. The City and Telephone Directories of Miami do not list any hotel by that name. It is believed by Agent that informant in reference report was probably referring to the Alcazar Hotel.

Mr. Powell, Assistant Manager of the Alcazar Hotel, upon interview, reviewed his records and advised Agent that they had no one registered in the hotel under subject's name or any of his aliases at the present time, nor at any time within the past two years. Photograph of subject was displayed to Mr. Powell, which in turn was shown to various clerks on duty, but no identification was made.

Mr. Powell advised Agent that he would instruct his clerks to be on the alert for an individual answering subject's description; that in the event any information of value came to his attention he would immediately contact the Jacksonville Office.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Irene Thorne of New Brighton, Minn. married James Cecil Thorne, on July 23, 1934, and lived with him continuously from that date until the time of his death. It would have been impossible for him to have been subject as subject married victim Alexander on Aug. 27, 1934; also that subject is known to have been in Hickory, N. C. on Dec. 6, 1935. P.

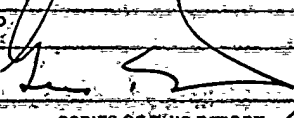

Reference: Reports Special Agents H. A. Laughran, St. Paul, Minn. January 27, 1936; L. V. Chesser, Charlotte, N. C. Dec. 12, 1935, and F. J. Lackey, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 24, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

It is noted in reference report of Special Agent Laughran, St. Paul, Minn. that Mrs. Irene Thorne, Rural Route #1, New Brighton, Minn. had married one James Cecil Thorne on July 23, 1934, at New Brighton, Minn. and that her husband died on Dec. 23, 1935, and that she had lived with him continuously from the date of their marriage.

It is noted from the reference report of Special Agent F. J. Lackey that victim Clyde Alexander married subject in San Antonio, Texas, on August 27, 1934, and that later after transporting her to Memphis, Tenn. he abandoned her there.

It will be noted in the reference report of Special Agent L. V.

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Chesser, Charlotte, N. C. that subject was positively identified by Dr. A. E. A. Hudson as being in Hickory, N. C. on Dec. 6, 1935, and that James Cecil Thorne was confined in the Samaritan Hospital at St. Paul, Minn. on Sept. 13, 1935 until the time of his death on Dec. 28, 1935. It is therefore apparent that James Cecil Thorne is not the subject of this case.

Photographs and specimens of handwriting of James Cecil Thorne are being herewith returned to the St. Paul office to be returned to Mrs. Irene Thorne as per her request.

Pending.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                  |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Paul Rader, evangelist, Fort Wayne Gospel Temple, now on vacation in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Kathryn Hawthorne, his sister, states Paul Rader never met Reverend Gouthey; that Rev. Gouthey was scheduled to speak in Detroit, Mich., last September but had to cancel his engagement because of illness, although Gouthey may now be in Detroit, c/o E.J. Rollings, pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, and that Mrs. Hawthorne first met Gouthey at the Lake Harbor Camp Grounds, Lake Harbor, Mich., about 1930. Evangelistic publication obtained with reference to above cancellation of Gouthey's speaking engagement. Ralph Rader, brother of Paul Rader, states that above Rev. "Ike" Gouthey is not subject; that Ralph Rader knows of subject because he was questioned by Chicago detectives about 1933 concerning the Rev. Courtney Hetherington charged with passing bad checks and possibly obtaining money on false pretense of nobility. Little known of Rev. "Ike" Gouthey, a recluse, but indications are he is not subject. Leads set out to interview Rev. Gouthey to eliminate him as subject and to obtain any information he has concerning subject.

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**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, St. Paul, Minn., dated 10-29-35; and report of Special Agent H.R. Duffey, Chicago, Ill., dated 1-7-36.

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Details;

AT FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

At the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple, Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the intersection of Calhoun and Rudisill Streets, agent interviewed Mrs. Kathryn Hawthorne, sister of Paul Rader, a nationally known evangelist, who informed that Paul Rader was on his vacation in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Hawthorne declined to give Paul Rader's address because he was recuperating from a nervous condition and general weakness. Mrs. Hawthorne stated that she felt certain that Paul Rader had never met Reverend Gouthey; that Reverend Dr. Gouthey was scheduled to speak in Detroit, Michigan, last September but was compelled to cancel his engagement because of illness, although Gouthey may be in Detroit now, c/o E. J. Rollings, pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle. Mrs. Hawthorne stated that she first met Dr. Gouthey about the summer of 1930 at Lake Harbor Camp Grounds, Lake Harbor, Michigan. Dr. Gouthey conducted services there for about two weeks, probably under an arrangement with Ralph Rader, brother of Paul.

Mrs. Hawthorne recalled Gouthey as a reclusive and unsociable individual who stayed in his room most of the time. She once asked Dr. Gouthey where he disappeared to in the summers and he replied that he often took a pack and went hunting in Ranier Park, Washington. Mrs. Hawthorne believes that she recently heard Dr. Rollings say that Dr. Gouthey's wife died last year; that Gouthey's married daughter, name unknown, lived in Seattle, Washington, which city Mrs. Hawthorne believes Gouthey always considered his home. Mrs. Hawthorne stated that she never heard that Gouthey hunted out of the United States or that he hunted any particular game.

When Dr. Rollings was recently in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he stated that Gouthey had had a nervous breakdown and consequently was unable to fill his engagements. Mrs. Hawthorne stated that her brother, Ralph Rader, would probably know more of Dr. Gouthey than anyone in Fort Wayne and that Dr. Rollings would probably know where Dr. Gouthey now is. A lead is set out for the Detroit Bureau office to interview Dr. Rollings and to assist in that investigation there is attached hereto for their benefit an evangelistic weekly dated September 6, 1935, containing an account of the cancellation of Dr. Gouthey's speaking engagement. It is noted that this article uses the name - Dr. A. P. Gouthey, which is not listed under subject's aliases.

In addition to Dr. E. J. Rollings, Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Hawthorne was able to suggest only the following who may have heard of subject or whom subject may contact:

The Defenders - Wichita, Kans. - Dr. G.B. Winrod,  
2515 E. 1st Street  
Luke Rader, River Lake Tabernacle, Minneapolis,  
Minn. (Luke is brother of Mrs. Hawthorne,  
Paul and Ralph Rader)

Ralph Rader, 357 Rudisill Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, informed agent that he first met Dr. A. P. Gouthey, diminutive "Ike", about 1930 at the Gospel Tabernacle, Chicago, Illinois; that Gouthey spoke there through an arrangement with Reverend Dan Pagenta, manager of the Tabernacle. Rader stated that Gouthey was a man about 45 years of age at that time, with black hair; that he was a well known evangelist, a writer, recluse, scholar and a French Canadian. It is noted that the above referred to evangelistic weekly refers to Gouthey as the "Firebrand of the Pacific Coast" - "Who is in Canada". Rader further stated that Gouthey once showed him a photograph of his wife supposedly taken at Seattle, Washington. Rader met Gouthey's daughter, now married in Seattle, name and address unknown, about the summer of 1934 in Chicago. Rader is positive that Dr. A. P. Gouthey is not the subject because in about 1933 while Rader was at the Chicago Tabernacle, Chicago detectives came to the Tabernacle and asked Rader whether he knew Rev. Courtney Hetherington who was wanted for passing bad checks and possibly obtaining money under false pretenses as being of the nobility. Rader was vague about the latter charge and appeared to have some confusion in his mind because he was once approached by a "Department of Justice" man in Chicago about some case, although he believes it was not concerning subject. Rader states that the detectives showed him a photograph of Hetherington which in no way resembled Dr. "Ike" Gouthey. Rader spoke of assisting the well known evangelist, "Billy" Sunday several times in Chicago.

While the above information indicates that Dr. A. P. Gouthey is not subject, he should be located and eliminated and any information obtained from him with regard to subject.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DETROIT OFFICE -

At Detroit, Michigan

Will, through Dr. E. J. Rollings, pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, locate Dr. A. P. Gouthey who may be staying with Dr. Rollings and eliminate or identify Dr. Gouthey as subject. If Dr. Gouthey proves to be bona fide, as indicated, will obtain any information from him and Dr. Rollings which may assist in the location and apprehension of subject. A weekly containing an article concerning Dr. A. P. Gouthey and the second report of reference are attached for the use of the Detroit office. It is requested that these be returned when no longer needed.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE -

At Wichita, Kans.

Will obtain any information concerning subject that may be known to Dr. G. B. Winrod, 2515 East 1st Street, and for the benefit of the Kansas City office which may have no previous reports, copy of the first reference report is attached, the return of which is requested when no longer needed.

ST. PAUL OFFICE -  
At River Lake Tabernacle -  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Will likewise interview Luke Rader obtaining information as to  
Dr. A. P. Gouthey and with a view to apprehension of subject.

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March 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander,  
et al - Victims; WHITE SLAVE  
TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-1397**

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| TITLE: <b>REVEREND COURTNEY HEMMERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Reverend and Mrs. Luke Rader, Minneapolis, unable to identify subject. A.P. "Ike" Gouthey not identified as subject. Rev. Herman Walters, Four Square Mission, Minneapolis, states subject not affiliated with Four Square Missions throughout United States. Rev. Ben Hardin of Washington, D.C., recalls Wilbur Taylor as Evangelist with Pentecostal Missions from about 1913 to 1925, who married Ruth Carruthers, now teaching at Braddock, Pa. Taylor did missionary work and big game hunting in Africa.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, Indianapolis, Indiana, 3-19-36.

**DETAILS:**

**At Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**DETAILS:** Mrs. Luke Rader, 3533 - 42nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, was interviewed and advised that Dr. A. P. Gouthey, also known as Dr. Ike Gouthey, was a very dear friend of her family and had visited there last about three years ago. She described him as being about 45 years old; 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches tall; jet black hair and eyes; having numerous mustard gas burns on his face. She stated that at the present time he was with Clinton Churchill in Buffalo, New York, and that he was leaving there shortly for Detroit, Michigan. She was presented with a photograph of subject and stated positively that he in no way resembled Dr. Gouthey.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>L. W. Lister</i>   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | <b>88-12-181</b>   | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>MAR 31 1936</b>     |
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Regarding any activities of subject around Detroit, Michigan, she stated that Phil Kerr, associated with E. J. Rollings of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan, would be able to furnish more information than anyone else, as he contacted more people than did Mr. Rollings. Mrs. Rader was interviewed prior to her husband due to the difficulty Agent had in attempting to see the Reverend Luke Rader,

Reverend Luke Rader, past of River-Lake Gospel Tabernacle, 4610 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, was interviewed and questioned regarding subject, stating that the photograph of subject in no way fit any person he had ever met, and that he knew of no Evangelist who was as short in stature as 5 feet, 3 inches, the height of subject. He showed Agent the photograph of Dr. A. P. Gouthey, which Agent inspected and found to in no way resemble the subject in this case.

Reverend Herman Walters, Four Square Tabernacle, 27th and Blaisdell Avenue South, Minneapolis, was interviewed and presented with the photograph and description of subject. He advised that he knew of no one fitting this description, and checked the most recent directory of the various ministers employed by the Four Square Temple, which is a National organization operated by Mrs. Amy Semple MacPherson out of Los Angeles, California. He was unable to find subject's name or aliases listed in this directory, and suggested to Agent that Reverend F. J. Lindquist of the Gospel Tabernacle be interviewed, as his organization was not in any way connected with the Four Square Tabernacle.

Reverend F. J. Lindquist, Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle, 3015 13th Avenue South, was interviewed and introduced Agent to Reverend Ben Hardin, who was a minister of the same organization from Washington, D. C. He advised that his organization is known as the Pentacostal Missions and that the headquarters of this group are in charge of Reverend J. R. Flower, 336 West Pacific, Springfield, Missouri.

Reverend Ben Hardin was interviewed, and when questioned regarding subject advised that he knew of no one by the name of Reverend COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, but that the name of WILBUR TAYLOR, given to him as an alias of subject's, was very familiar to him; that WILBUR

TAYLOR had become associated with the Pentacostal Mission about 1913 and that he was sent out as a missionary by a church in Cleveland, located at East 55th Street and Lexington Avenue; that TAYLOR was born at Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, and that he married a Ruth Carruthers, who has been teaching at Braddock, Pennsylvania, under the name of Mrs. Ruth Taylor since she divorced WILBUR TAYLOR many years ago; that the divorce was brought about subsequent to TAYLOR'S return from missionary work in Africa, where he had also engaged in considerable big game hunting. When he returned from Africa he brought along a woman and child with him, and that Mrs. Taylor ascertained that the child belonged to her husband. Subsequent to the granting of the divorce, WILBUR TAYLOR was legally married to the woman by whom he had this child, whose name the Reverend Hardin was unable to recall, but stated it would be in the records at Springfield, Missouri. The Pentacostal Missions, as a result of the above moral turpitude of TAYLOR, banned him from the Missions, and it was thought that he had subsequently gone into some private business. Reverend Hardin had no idea as to his present whereabouts.

As the file in this case in the St. Paul Office is very incomplete and it is not known whether the history of WILBUR TAYLOR has been checked, such information is being forwarded to the office of origin for whatever value it may have.

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April 29, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander,  
et al - Victims; WHITE SLAVE  
TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

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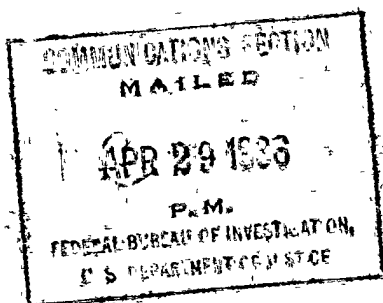
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
April 23, 1936

Harry W. Hunt, Constable  
Cjai Township  
Cjai, California

Dear Constable Hunt:

Re: DR. J. ~~W. H. HAYER~~ or ~~W. H. HAYER~~  
INFORMATION - L.A. File 47-1009

You will recall that you reported the above entitled case to this office sometime ago, and that recently Special Agent W. D. Voshell of this office was in Cjai conducting an investigation in connection therewith.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith a photograph of an individual known as REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, who has used a good many aliases, and who at this time is the subject of an investigation by this Bureau concerning a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Hetherington's description is as follows:

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| Age          | 45-46 years   | FILE                            |
| Height       | 5' 3"   |                                 |
| Weight       | 150   |                                 |
| Build        | Stout   |                                 |
| Hair         | Black   |                                 |
| Eyes         | Hazel   |                                 |
| Teeth        | One upper tooth discolored  | MAY 4 1936                      |
| Complexion   | Olive   |                                 |
| Scars        | Small indentation on top of forehead;<br>small scar on one upper forearm; hair-<br>line scar under chin |                                 |
| Regularities | Has heavy beard requiring frequent shav-<br>ing; wears number 8 shoes                                   |                                 |
| Education    | Well educated, intelligent and shrewd   |                                 |
| Appearance   | Well-mannered, courteous, uses excellent<br>language in conversation                                    |                                 |

It might be mentioned that Hetherington is somewhat of the same type of individual as Hayer, and since the description that Agent Voshell obtained of Hayer is somewhat the same as Hetherington's, and especially because of the method of operation of both of these in-

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division, I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith the above mentioned photograph of Hetherington. I am wondering if you saw Weyer sufficiently well to determine if he and Hetherington are identical, judging, of course, only from the attached photograph. If you did not see Weyer that well, would you be so kind as to show this photograph to Mrs. Anna Satonen, or any other person in Ojai who is acquainted with Weyer, to determine if Weyer and Hetherington are possibly the same individual?

For your convenience in replying, there is enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage. I wish to assure you that your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. F. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC L.A. File 51-2918  
Rev. Courtney Hetherington, w.s.  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
et al - Victims.  
White Slave Traffic Act.  
L. A. File 31-2918.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 29,  
1936 (8912).

Investigation in this case has been delayed by reason  
of work on the Brekid, Hanap, and Weynap cases. A report will  
be submitted to the Bureau at a very early date.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MAY 19, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRVING SMITH - VICTIM;  
MRS. ALLEN GILLETTE - VICTIM;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent H. O. Scott,  
dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 5-19-36.

As set out in reference report, Dr. C. B. Winrod, 603  
West Douglas Street, Wichita, Kansas, an evangelist with  
an organization known as "The Defender" advised that  
should the Bureau desire to forward him about a half dozen  
photographs of Subject he would see that these were printed  
in different pamphlets which were distributed to a number  
of the ministers and evangelists and other followers of  
"The Defender" throughout the United States.

It is, therefore, requested that the Birmingham Office  
forward to this office six additional copies of the snap-  
shot photograph of Subject which was forwarded to each  
field office with copies of report of Special Agent R. G.  
Dood, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, May 9, 1935.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. SMITH, JR., CHIEF OF BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 21, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY LATHERINGTON,  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
EMEL IRINE SMITH, MRS. ALICE  
GILLITER - VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your letter dated May 19, 1936, please find  
attached hereto six photographs of Reverend Courtney Latherington,  
with aliases.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau ✓  
San Antonio.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

K. C. FILE NO. **31-2748**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Kansas City, Mo.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5-19-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5-11-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>N. O. SCOTT</b>                |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. C. B. Winrod, 603 West Douglas Street, Wichita, Kansas, advises he has never heard of Subject, nor was he able to recognize photograph. Names of numerous individuals given by Dr. Winrod to interview are set out.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 3-19-36, and report of Special Agent J. H. Mathis, Chicago, Illinois, dated 3-8-35.

**DETAILS:**

At Wichita, Kansas.

Agent interviewed Dr. C. B. Winrod, located at 603 West Douglas Street, who advised that he is an evangelist and minister in what is known in gospel circles as "The Defender."

He further advised that he was probably acquainted with as many evangelists and ministers as any man in the United States; that he was very interested in the above case and would do anything in his power to help locate the Subject. He searched all his files for any information concerning Subject and advised that he was unable to discover anything at all. In all of his travels he had never heard of Subject. He also advised that he did not recognize the photograph of Subject, but that should the Bureau desire to forward him about a half dozen photographs of the Subject he would see that these were printed in different pamphlets which would be distributed to a great many ministers and evangelists, as well as followers of The Defender, throughout the United States.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *W. A. Smith* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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With reference to Dr. A. P. (Ike) Gouthey, mentioned in reference report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson as being somewhat familiar with Subject, Dr. Winrod advised that he is very well acquainted with Dr. Gouthey and that he is very positive he is not Subject, but that Subject has been using his name as Dr. Gouthey is very well thought of and well known in evangelistic work.

Dr. Winrod stated that the following people should be interviewed regarding the possible location of Subject as they were all very well connected in evangelistic work and that it might be a possibility that Subject would try to contact them if he was ever in their community.

Reverend Raymond T. Richey, Evangelistic Temple, Houston, Texas.  
Reverend Harry Hodge, Sabine Tabernacle, Beaumont, Texas.  
Reverend Clarence Erickson, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle,  
825 Barry Street, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mr. O. H. Richards, 4532 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mr. Dan McNally, Calvary Tabernacle, 20th and Hawthorne,  
Portland, Oregon.  
Mr. P. J. Lumati, 1778 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.  
Reverend Jonathan Perkins, 632 North Cornado Terrace,  
Los Angeles, California.  
Reverend Oswald J. Smith, 100 Bloor East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
Reverend Dawson McCullough, Pastor of Independent Tabernacle,  
Detroit, Michigan.

With reference to Reverend Dawson McCullough, Dr. Winrod advised that he was an ex-convict, having served time in Leavenworth Penitentiary, and to be very careful in interviewing him as it might be possible that he would harbor Subject.

Inasmuch as the Kansas City file does not reflect the entire investigation in this case, leads are being directed to various field offices to conduct appropriate investigation with each of the individuals referred to by Dr. Winrod. Any of these leads which may have been previously covered should be disregarded.

It is noted that a copy of snapshot photograph of Subject was forwarded to each field office with copies of report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, 5-9-35. The Birmingham Office is being requested by letter to furnish the Kansas City Office six additional copies of this photograph, which will be forwarded to Dr. Winrod.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

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The SAN ANTONIO OFFICE will forward to the Dallas, Los Angeles, and Buffalo Offices reports of instant case furnishing all the desired information in order that they may conduct the proper investigations.

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The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE will also forward to the Dallas, Los Angeles, and Buffalo Offices reports furnishing all the desired information in order that they may conduct proper investigations, it being noted that the Birmingham Office was formerly the office of origin in this case.

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The CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, will interview Reverend Clarence Erickson, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, 825 Barry Street, and Mr. O. H. Richards, 4532 North Ashland Avenue, for any information they may have regarding the whereabouts of Subject.

The DALLAS OFFICE at Houston, Texas, will interview Reverend Raymond T. Richey, Evangelistic Temple, as to any information he may have regarding Subject.

At Beaumont, Texas, will interview Reverend Harry Hodge, Sabino Tabernacle, as to any information he may have regarding Subject.

The PORTLAND OFFICE at Portland, Oregon, will interview Mr. Dan McNally, Calvary Tabernacle, 20th and Hawthorne, as to any information he may have regarding Subject.

The NASHVILLE OFFICE at Memphis, Tennessee, will interview Mr. P. J. Lunati, 1778 Jackson Avenue, as to any information he may have regarding Subject.

The LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, will interview Reverend Jonathan Perkins, 632 North Cornado Terrace, as to any information he may have regarding Subject.

The BUFFALO OFFICE at Toronto, Ontario, will interview Reverend Oswald J. Smith, 100 Bloor East, as to any information he may have regarding Subject.

The DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan, will interview Reverend Dawson McCullough, Independent Tabernacle, as to any information he may have regarding Subject, keeping in mind the fact that this individual may possibly harbor Subject.

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The KANSAS CITY OFFICE, after receipt of the additional photographs of Subject, will forward same to Dr. C. B. Winrod, 603 West Douglas Street, Wichita, Kansas, for use by him as set out herein.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio**

**S.A. FILE NO. 31-1262**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>May 21 '36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5/21/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. C. White</b>                    |
| REVEREND COURTNEY BETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;<br>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim. |                                     |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Complete resume of case, including description and photograph of subject, set out in FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Volume 4, Number 10, dated October 1, 1935. Since date of that Bulletin subject indicted in San Antonio, Texas, December 16, 1935, for transporting victim Clyde Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn., for immoral purposes. Leads set out in reference report for this office have been investigated. P.

Reference: Report of Special Agent N. O. Scott, Kansas City, Mo., dated 5/19/36.

**DETAILS:**

however, does not include the indictment since returned against subject at San Antonio, Texas, by a Federal Grand Jury on December 16, 1935, charging subject with having on or about the 27th day of August, 1934.

The undeveloped lead set out in reference report for the Dallas office at Houston, Texas, to interview Rev. Raymond T. Richey, Evangelistic Temple of that city, has been investigated as set out in the report of Special Agent D. R. Morley, San Antonio, Texas, dated December 14, 1935. However, Rev. Raymond T. Richey himself was not interviewed, but his father Rev. E. M. Richey, who is closely associated with his son in Evangelistic work and is practically acquainted with all Evangelists.

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and others doing Evangelistic work, advised that he does not know subject and is positive that his son does not know subject.

Dr. E. G. Gerhart of the Evangelistic Temple, who is an associate of the Reverends Richey and who performed the marriage ceremony for subject and Mrs. Gillette, has not seen or heard from subject performing the marriage ceremony, and no doubt Rev. Gerhart and the Richeys have discussed subject on numerous occasions and if either of these parties could or hear of subject they would report the matter to this office immediately.

The offices who have been requested to make an investigation in reference report will refer to the Bulletin above mentioned in order to secure all available data on this case.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases; Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey; Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtenay Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont; Maurice Pierrepont; Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington; Arthur Hetherington; Dr. C. Gouthey; Dr. C. Darling; Dr. Courtenay; Dr. Pierpont; Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussy du Bugginsdale Hetherington; Dr. C. P. VanBlarcom; Dr. Brutus Darling; Clyde Alexander; Hazel Irene Smith; Alleah Gillette; [redacted] Victims.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Charles P. Van Blarcom, with aliases, #FDI-596783, has been found to be probably identical with Reverend Courtney Hetherington, subject in the above captioned case. The Technical Laboratory has advised, after a comparison of the known handwriting of Hetherington with the handwriting appearing on the fingerprint cards of Charles P. Van Blarcom, above named, that the writing appears to have been made by the same person. At the present time, the appropriate field offices are being requested to make investigation to definitely determine whether Charles P. Van Blarcom, #FDI-596783, is identical with the subject in the instant case.

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Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

You are instructed to place an appropriate Wanted-Notice against the record of Charles P. Van Blarcom, #FDI-596783, in order that Mr. Spear, the supervisor of White Slave Traffic Act cases may be immediately notified upon receipt of any information relative to the whereabouts of Charles P. Van Blarcom, prior to the completion of the above mentioned investigation by the field offices. San Antonio is the office of origin and prosecution in the instant case.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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May 21, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases: Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey; Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtney Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont; Maurice Pierrepont; Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington; Arthur Hetherington; Dr. C. Gouthey; Dr. C. Darling; Dr. Courteney; Dr. Pierpont; Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussey du Bugginsdale Hetherington; Dr. C. P. VanBlarcom; Dr. Brutus Darling; Clyde Alexander; Hazel Irene Smith; Allison Gillette; [redacted] Victims.  
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Transmitted herewith to each of the offices receiving copies of this letter is a copy of the criminal record of one Charles P. Van Blarcom, with aliases, #731-595763, and a photograph of Van Blarcom taken by the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department, at the time of this individual's arrest there on November 18, 1927, under #77200.

The handwriting of the above named Charles P. Van Blarcom as appearing on fingerprint cards in his criminal record at the Bureau has been compared by the Bureau's Technical Laboratory with the known handwriting of Reverend Courtney Hetherington and it is the opinion of the Technical Laboratory that these two groups of handwriting were made by the same person. Accordingly, it would appear that Charles P. Van Blarcom, whose criminal record is being furnished herewith, is identical with Reverend Courtney Hetherington, the subject in the above captioned case. It is further noted that a comparison of the photograph of Van Blarcom, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department #77300, with a photograph of Hetherington, alleged to have been taken in September, 1931, further indicates that the criminal record attached is that of the subject in this case.

The Boston Office is instructed to make appropriate investigation at Fall River, Massachusetts, for all possible information relative to

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Charles A. Demers, alias Charles P. Van Marcon, who, according to the Bureau's records, is wanted at that point for desertion of wife and minor children.

The Philadelphia Bureau Office is instructed to make appropriate investigation relative to Van Marcon's arrest by the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Police Department November 18, 1927.

The New York Office should make appropriate investigation of the receipt of this individual on August 20, 1917, at the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Governors Island, New York, as Charles A. Dawson, with alias, #4146, to serve six months on a charge of desertion.

The offices mentioned above should make a thorough investigation to obtain all possible information relative to this individual's personal history, his former operations, and his present whereabouts. Descriptive information and the modus operandi of Reverend Courtney Hetherington were set out in the P. B. I. Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1, 1935, this Bulletin including a photograph of Hetherington.

The San Antonio Office, which is the office of origin, should ascertain from the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court at San Antonio, Texas, the status of the copies which undoubtedly was issued as a result of the indictment of Hetherington at San Antonio on December 16, 1935, on a charge of violating the White Slave Traffic Act, in connection with the interstate transportation for immoral purposes on or about August 27, 1934, of victim Clyde Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee.

For the information of those field offices which have not received the same prior hereto, the latest information concerning the whereabouts of subject Hetherington is that he appeared at Hickory, North Carolina, on December 6, 1935, at which time he called upon Dr. A. E. A. Hudson, bacteriologist at the City Memorial Hospital there, advising Dr. Hudson that he was a bacteriologist himself, as well as a medical missionary, interested in opening a new hospital for some church or religious organization, and accordingly desired to examine Dr. Hudson's laboratory for ideas. At that time, the subject was driving a gray or tan new Ford V-8 coupe which, instead of license plates, carried a card with the printing thereon "License Applied For".

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The Bureau desires that the above requested investigation be given early attention by the appropriate field offices.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure 1134435

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Philadelphia } enclosing copy  
New York } original record and  
San Antonio } photograph of Van  
Blarcom.

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## Federal Bureau of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 16, 1936.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number **PR-596763**.

*J. E. Hoover*

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS  | NAME AND NUMBER   | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE               | DISPOSITION |
|------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| USDB, Governors Island, N.Y. | Charles A. Dawson, alias Charles Arthur Demers, #116  | 8-20-17              | desertion            | 6 mos.      |
| FD, Phila., Pa.              | Charles F. Van Blarcom, alias Charles A. Demers, #77300   | 11-18-27             | suspicious character |             |
|                              | NOTED: As Charles A. Demers, alias Charles F. Van Blarcom, deserted wife and minor children, in Fall River, Mass. Notify St. Bu., Boston, Mass., for St. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Fall River, District, (inf. rec. 10-21-32).                                     |                      |                      |             |
|                              | The following is the description of this subject as appearing on print #77300:  |                      |                      |             |
|                              | Color, white; sex, male; age, 29 years; height, 5 feet, 1 1/2 inches; weight, 133 pounds; build, medium slender; complexion, medium dark; eyes, greenish blue; hair, dark brown; nationality, U.S.; place of birth, San Francisco, Calif.; residence, 373 Chestnut St., Harrisburg, Pa. |                      |                      |             |

\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 19, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
with aliases; Clyde Alexander;  
Hazel Irene Smith, Mrs. Aileah  
Gillette - Victims; White Slave  
Traffic Act.

As requested by Supervisor Spears, the  
signatures "Charles P. Van Blarcom" and "Charles  
A. Dawson" on fingerprints cards, #FBI-596783,  
were compared with the handwriting of Reverend  
C. Hetherington on a letter written by him to  
his brother and sister Varble.

The examiner reports that he believes  
the signatures "Charles P. Van Blarcom" and "Charles  
A. Dawson" on the fingerprint cards to have been  
written by the same person who wrote the letter to  
Brother and Sister Varble which is signed "Reverend  
Doctor and Mrs. Courtney Hetherington".

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

FILE NO. 31-3241

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Chicago, Illinois</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>5/28/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>5/21, 22, 23/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. C. WHEELER</b><br><span style="float: right;">JCW:mwc</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                                  |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Rev. Clarence Erickson advises that photograph of Subject appears to be familiar but he does not know when or where he saw Subject. Mr. C. H. Richards advised that Subject's photograph reminded him of someone but he did not know whether he had ever seen Subject or not. Effort made to locate Forrest Wentworth at Morrison Hotel, Chicago. No records concerning Subject at Chicago Police Department.

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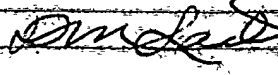
**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent N. O. Scott, Kansas City, Missouri, dated May 19, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

Agent contacted Reverend Clarence Erickson, Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, 825 Barry Street, Chicago, Illinois, and exhibited to him the photograph of Subject. Reverend Erickson advised that the photograph of Subject appeared to be familiar to him but he was unable to ascertain whether this photograph reminded him of one of his friends or someone he had seen on a previous occasion who closely resembled Subject. Reverend Erickson did not know Subject by his true name or any of his aliases. He advised, however, that if he happened to come across Subject in the future he would notify the Chicago Office immediately.

Mr. C. H. Richards, 4532 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, advised upon examining the photograph of Subject that he had seen Subject

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at an earlier date but he was unable to determine where or when he had seen Subject. Mr. Richards advised that Reverend Phillip Sidersky, who is presently out of the city of Chicago but who should be at Mr. Richards' address at 4532 North Ashland Avenue within the next few weeks, is a person who should be contacted and who might know Subject.

Mr. Richards also advised Agent to see Mr. E. G. Zorn, Christian Businessmen's Association, at 64 West Randolph Street, Chicago.

Agent contacted Mr. Zorn, exhibiting photograph of Subject. Mr. Zorn had never heard of or seen Subject.

It was noted in the report of Special Agent V. H. Clary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated September 13, 1935 that Dr. E. M. Dill had advised that she believed Subject to be connected with a religious organization by the name of "Omnisephorus". In contacting Reverend Erickson and Messrs. Richards and Zorn, Agent made inquiry concerning such organization in Chicago but was unable to obtain any information of value.

Inquiry was made at the Chicago Police Department concerning any criminal record of Subject under his true name or aliases on file at that Department, and at the Bureau of Identification and Detective Bureau no record concerning Subject was found.

Mr. Ed. Purdy, Chief Detective of the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted for the purpose of determining if any person by the name of Forrest Wentworth had been a guest at the Morrison Hotel within the past four years. Mr. Purdy advised that it was quite difficult to search the records of guests at the Morrison Hotel inasmuch as no alphabetical index is maintained, but after searching through the available records, Agent was advised that no one by the name of Forrest Wentworth had been a guest at the Morrison Hotel within the past four years.

Effort was made at 1848 Berenice Avenue at the Mission Rest Home to contact Miss Effie Spencer for any further information

she might have concerning Subject. At the time of Agent's visit, Miss Spencer was not at home.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, will contact Mr. C. H. Richards before the 15th of June for the purpose of getting in touch with Reverend Phillip Sidersky.

Will also endeavor to contact Miss Effie Spencer, 1848 Berenice Avenue, Chicago.

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Photo of subject attached to prints.

May 23, 1936.



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Please refer to file #FDI-596733.

My dear Sir:

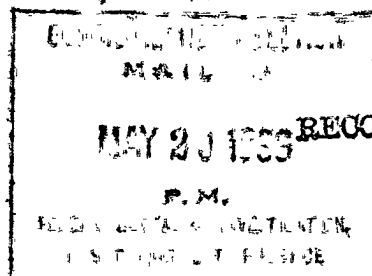
With reference to the international exchange of fingerprints between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your organization, I am forwarding a copy of the fingerprints, record and descriptive data of Charles P. VanBlarcom, and respectfully request that you kindly inform me whether any information relative thereto is available in your files.

The following aliases, believed to have been used by this subject in connection with his criminal activities in this country are listed below, as it is hoped that they may facilitate the investigation in your country:

Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases;  
Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey;  
Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtney  
O'Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeBussey  
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du Dugginsdale Hetherington; Dr. C. P. VanBlarcom;  
Dr. Brutus Darling.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and assuring you of my desire to reciprocate as the occasion may permit, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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Notify Mr. Spear, FBI of result of search.

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Please refer to file #FBI-596733.

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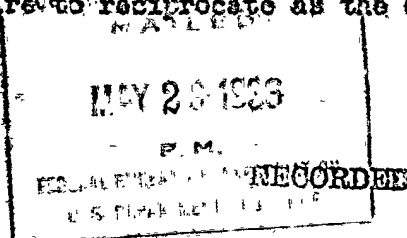
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Dr. Courtney Metherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey;  
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Dr. Brutus Darling.

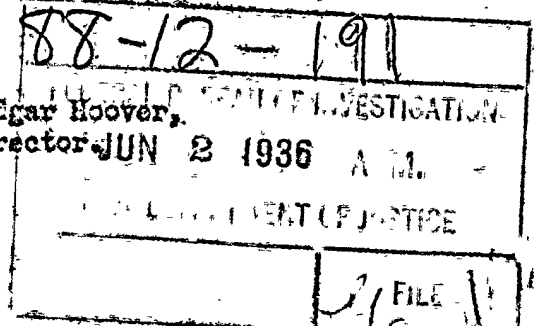
Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and assuring you of my desire to reciprocate as the occasion may permit, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover,

Director



Inclosure #1132192.

Notify Mr. Spear, FBI of result of search.

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Photo of subject attached to prints

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May 27, 1936



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Please refer to file #101-54803.

My dear Sir:

With reference to the international exchange of fingerprints between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your organization, I am forwarding a copy of the fingerprints, record and descriptive data of Charles P. Van Helden, and respectfully request that you kindly inform me whether any information relative thereto is available in your files.

The following aliases, believed to have been used by this subject in connection with his criminal activities in this country are listed below, as it is hoped that they may facilitate the investigation in your country:

Reverend Courtney Ketherington, with aliases;  
Dr. Courtney Ketherington; Reverend Courtney Courtney;  
Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtney  
Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Ralph DeBussey  
DeLongville; Charles Vincent Maurice Pierpont;  
Maurice Pierpont; Arthur DeBussey DeLongville; Charles  
Maurice Vincent Pierpont Courtney Ketherington; Arthur  
Ketherington; Dr. G. Courtney; Dr. G. Darling;  
Dr. Courtney; Dr. Pierpont; Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussey  
Dr. Eugene Ketherington; Dr. G. P. Van Helden;  
Dr. Bruce Darling.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and assuring you of my desire to reciprocate on this occasion may permit, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

RECORDED

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1132173.

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Attention: Finger Print Section.

Please refer to File #FBI-596763.

My dear Sir:

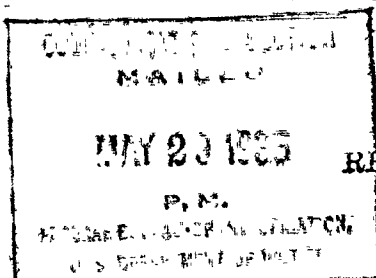
With reference to the international exchange of fingerprints between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your organization, I am forwarding a copy of the fingerprints, record and descriptive data of Charles P. VanBlarcom, and respectfully request that you kindly inform me whether any information relative thereto is available in your files.

The following aliases, believed to have been used by this subject in connection with his criminal activities in this country are listed below, as it is hoped that they may facilitate the investigation in your country:

Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases;  
Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey;  
Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtenay  
Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeBussey  
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Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and assuring you of my desire to reciprocate as the occasion may permit, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,



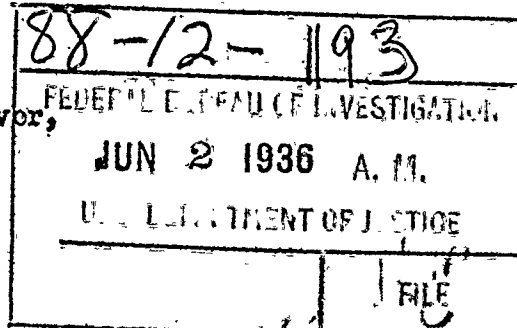
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Director.

Inclosure #1145896.

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Photo of subject attached to prints.

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Please refer to file #FBI-596733.

My dear Sir:

With reference to the international exchange of fingerprints between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your organization, I am forwarding a copy of the fingerprints, record and descriptive data of Charles P. VanBlarcom, and respectfully request that you kindly inform me whether any information relative thereto is available in your files.

The following aliases, believed to have been used by this subject in connection with his criminal activities in this country are listed below, as it is hoped that they may facilitate the investigation in your country:

Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases;  
Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey;  
Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtney  
Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeDussey;  
DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierpont;  
Maurice Pierpont; Arthur DeDussey Brockville Charles  
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Dr. Courtenay; Dr. Pierpont; Dr. Charles Arthur DeDussey  
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Dr. Brutus Darling.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and assuring you of my desire to reciprocate as the occasion may permit, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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Photo of subject attached to prints.

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Please refer to file #FBI-576783.

Ky dear Sir:

With reference to the international exchange of fingerprints between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your organization, I am forwarding a copy of the fingerprints, record and descriptive data of Charles P. Van Haren, and respectfully request that you kindly inform me whether any information relative thereto is available in your files.

The following aliases, believed to have been used by this subject in connection with his criminal activities in this country are listed below, as it is hoped that they may facilitate the investigation in your country:

Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases;  
Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey;  
Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtenay  
Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeBussy  
DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont;  
Maurice Pierrepont; Arthur DeBussy Brockville Charles  
Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington; Arthur  
Hetherington; Dr. C. C. Gouthey; Dr. C. D. Darling;  
Dr. Courtenay; Dr. Pierpont; Dr. Charles A. DeBussy  
du Rugginsdale Hetherington; Dr. C. P. Van Haren;  
Dr. Brutus Darling.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and assuring you of my desire to reciprocate as the occasion may permit, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
May 23, 1936.

SPG:TS  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:      Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HEWERTINGTON,  
with aliases: CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
HAZEL IRMA SMITH; LEO. ALLEAH  
GILLETTE-VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent N. O. Scott, Kansas City, Missouri, dated May 19, 1936, in the above captioned case, requesting this office to furnish the Dallas, Los Angeles and Buffalo offices reports in this case.

In view of the fact that all necessary information is set out in FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Volume 4, Number 10, dated October 1, 1935, as pointed out in the report of Special Agent J. C. White, San Antonio, Texas dated May 21, 1936, and further in view of the fact that the Office of Origin will furnish specific information to these offices if investigation is desired, the lead is being ignored.

This case is therefore considered Referred Upon Completion.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Bureau  
Dallas  
Buffalo  
Los Angeles  
San Antonio

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Please refer to file #XII-556723.

My Dear Sir:

With reference to the international exchange of fingerprints between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and your organization, I am forwarding a copy of the fingerprints, record and descriptive data of Charles P. Van Harsen, and respectfully request that you kindly inform me whether any information relative thereto is available in your files.

The following aliases, believed to have been used by this subject in connection with his criminal activities in this country are listed below, as it is hoped that they may facilitate the investigation in your country:

Reverend Courtney Catherington, with aliases;  
Er. Courtney Catherington; Reverend Courtney Cuthbert;  
Er. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor Courtney  
Darling; J. William O'Keefe; Arthur Adolph DeLussey  
DeLongville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierpont;  
Maurice Pierpont; Arthur DeLussey Brockville Charles  
Maurice Vincent Pleasant Courtney Catherington; Arthur  
Catherington; Er. C. Cuthbert; Er. C. Darling;  
Er. C. Pierpont; Er. Charles Arthur DeLussey  
Er. Pugginsdale Catherington; Er. C. P. VanHarsen;  
Er. Britas Darling.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter and assuring you of my desire to reciprocate as the occasion may permit, believe me to be

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director

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Notify Mr. Spear, FBI of result of search.

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FROM DIVISION #1 & DIVISION #2.

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TO

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have prepared in  
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M. C. SPEAR

*Mos.* SUPERVISOR

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JUN 1, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

RE: EDY. NORMAN ~~EDWARDS~~ with aliases,  
CLYDE ~~EDWARDS~~ - VICTIM  
MARTIN ~~EDWARDS~~ - VICTIM  
JES. ALVIN ~~EDWARDS~~ - VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

In accordance with lead set out in the report of  
Special Agent H. C. Scott, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 5-12-36,  
the six photographs which were forwarded to this office from  
the Birmingham Office by letter dated May 21, 1936, were de-  
livered by Special Agent H. C. Scott to the office of Dr. C. H.  
Winrod, 603 West Douglas Street, Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Winrod  
was out of the city at the time but his father stated he would  
turn them over to Dr. Winrod.

There appearing no further investigation necessary  
in this district this case is being considered as referred upon  
completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau

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REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases:  
Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney  
Gouthey; Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor  
Courtney Darling; J. Eilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph  
DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice  
Pierpont; Maurice Pierpont; Arthur DeBussey  
Drockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney  
Hetherington; Arthur Hetherington; Dr. C. Gouthey;  
Dr. C. Darling; Dr. Courtenay; Dr. Pierpont; Dr.  
Charles Arthur DeBussey; du Duggan Dale Hetherington;  
Dr. G. P. VanBlarcom; Dr. Brutus Darling

CLYDE ALEXANDER; HAZEL L. LANE SMITH; ALBERT GILLETTE;  
[redacted] - Victims.

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The activities of the above named subject were first brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 15, 1934, when the Chief of Police, Birmingham, Alabama, notified the Bureau's Birmingham Office of the receipt of a complaint that this man had possibly violated the White Slave Traffic Act.

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Available descriptive data relative to Hetherington, together with his modus operandi, will be found in a memorandum prepared by Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, former supervisor, attached to a memorandum for Mr. Tamm, dated August 31, 1935, the same being indicated as Serial 111X in the Bureau's case file. The information in Abbaticchio's memorandum, together with Hetherington's photograph was published in the F. B. I. Law Enforcement Bulletin, Volume 4, Number 10, dated October 1, 1935, found on pages 14 and 15. This article was called to the attention of the field offices in Bureau letter dated October 24, 1935, (serial 126 in the file). An original copy of this photograph of Hetherington, suitable for reproduction, will be found in an envelope next to serial 2 in the Bureau case file.

The data reported hereinafter are being set up in chronological order, as of the date of preparation on May 16, 1936, in an endeavor to reflect the operations of Hetherington, so far as the same are presently known to the Bureau.

On December 7, 1931, Miss [redacted] as [redacted] was returning by bus from St. Louis, Missouri, to her home in Marion, Illinois, and

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during this trip a conversation was entered into between the passenger directly across from her and herself, this passenger being the subject. Subject told her he was a physician employed by a medical firm in New York City to go about the country performing operations for said firm; that he had been compelled to leave his Oldsmobile automobile at St. Louis, Missouri, for repairs, proceeding on by bus as he had to be in Memphis, Tennessee, December 10, 1931, in order to perform an operation in one of the leading hospitals in Memphis. Subject advised his name was Dr. C. P. VanElarson. During the conversation, subject indicated that he intended to hire an automobile at Marion, Illinois, for the remainder of the trip to Memphis, Tennessee, and upon learning that Miss Dunston had a car, he offered to employ her to drive him to Memphis for \$25.00. After introducing the subject to her mother at Marion, Illinois, [redacted] mother, being favorably impressed with subject, permitted her daughter to accept subject's proposition. [redacted] and subject proceeded from Marion, Illinois, to Memphis, Tennessee, in her car, on December 9, 1931, at which latter place they stopped at the Claridge Hotel, occupying separate rooms on separate floors, during which time the subject's conduct was very good. On December 10, 1931, subject told [redacted] that he had been notified to proceed to New Orleans, Louisiana, to perform an operation there and offered her \$20.00 per day and expenses to drive him in her car to New Orleans. She accepted his proposition and they left Memphis for New Orleans in her car about noon on December 10, 1931. At this time subject pretended to be especially fond of [redacted] and proposed marriage, which she accepted. En route to New Orleans, subject and [redacted] were married at the Jung Hotel, Aliceville, Alabama, December 11, 1931, spending that night as man and wife at Hattisburg, Mississippi, where they engaged in marital relations, driving on to New Orleans the next morning, December 12, 1931. After subject claimed he performed an operation at a hospital in New Orleans, the subject and his bride continued on December 12, 1931, to Houston, Texas, spending the night there at the Rice Hotel. The next morning, December 13, 1931, subject arose before his bride, paid their hotel bill and left her \$20.00 with a note telling her to meet him in Dallas, where he had been instructed to proceed by airplane. She went to Dallas in her car but could not locate the subject at any of the principal hotels. She returned to her home in Marion, Illinois, and in September 1932 secured a divorce from subject at Marion, Illinois, being granted \$100.00 per month alimony and \$300.00 attorney's fee. This woman has not seen subject since he deserted her in Houston.

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Sometime during the early spring of 1933, subject, using the name Maurice Piermont, was conducting religious meetings at the Full Gospel Mission, Houston, Texas, and while there became friendly with Miss Alleah Gillette, age 33, who attended these meetings. She became ill and subject frequently visited her during such illness. After her illness, they were married at Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1933. In the

latter part of May, 1933, she and the subject went to East Lake, Louisiana, to conduct a religious meeting, where subject posed as a Pentecost minister. Subject and the above named woman lived as Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Merrepoint with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon A. Atkinson while at East Lake, Louisiana, subject obtaining a loan of \$250.00 from Mr. Atkinson for the alleged purpose of going to Mexico to recover \$50,000.00 worth of surgical instruments, which he claimed he had buried in Mexico, giving Mr. Atkinson a promissory note for \$500.00 in consideration of this loan, never repaying the same however. After about five weeks at the Atkinson's home, subject and this victim went to Beaumont, Texas, for about a week, thence returning to Houston, Texas, where in July 1933 he deserted this victim having been married to her a little over three months. Subject had told this victim he had been born in Paris, France, his mother having been a courtesan; also that his French wife had died in Mexico while he was with the French Embassy. Victim advised Bureau Agents subject spoke French fluently, used the Spanish language some and claimed to be versed in fourteen different languages. On February 13, 1934, this victim gave birth to a son, David Maurice Merrepoint, naming subject as the father. When interviewed in July, 1935, the victim stated she was seeking an annulment of her marriage to subject.

For one week during the late summer of 1933, subject, as Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Hinson Pierpont Courtney Nottingham conducted revival meetings at the Pentecostal Church in Toledo, Ohio. From Toledo subject went to Detroit, Michigan, where he continued to conduct revival meetings at the Pentecostal Church there.

Either at Toledo or Detroit, subject met Miss Dorcas St. Maulin, a young evangelist. He is alleged to have asked her to marry him and to have spent a night with her in a hotel at Detroit; however, such allegations are not verified in the reports submitted in this case. Subject did not transport this woman interstate and she did not marry him. When subject departed from Detroit, he allegedly stole some clothes and hymnals from Miss St. Maulin. She located subject in Des Moines, Iowa, and had him arrested by the police there on or about August 9, 1933; however, he was not fingerprinted or formally charged there but was released after he had returned her books.

About September 15, 1933, subject arrived in Chicago, Illinois, where he endeavored to secure some preaching engagements, but met with little success, and left Chicago about September 17, 1933. During this time he used the name of Dr. Courtney Nottingham and claimed to be of English heritage from near London, England.

About October, 1933, subject, as Reverend Courtney Nottingham, spent approximately ten days in Owensboro, Kentucky, where he, reached at the mission. He spent considerable time at the home of one Mrs.

Harriet Wallace, who was separated from her husband, and who with some others raised sufficient money by contribution to send subject on his way, purportedly to Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Hazel Irene Smith, age 21, Birmingham, Alabama, stated that she became acquainted with subject as Dr. Courtney Motterington, during August, 1933, while she was singing at the Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle while subject was preaching there. Subject married this victim at Birmingham, Alabama, on December 7, 1933, and they lived with her parents, during which time he continued to hold revival meetings at Birmingham and vicinity. In March, 1934, subject stated that as his wife was pregnant he did not want her to be moving about the country, and hence he was going to give up preaching for her sake and return to his medical profession and open up a laboratory for germ culture and analysis. He borrowed \$1,000.00 from this victim's parents, purportedly to buy necessary laboratory equipment. Subject and victim proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, registering on March 7, 1934, at the La Salle Hotel. On March 11, 1934, subject left victim, telling her he was going to Waukegan, Illinois, to purchase some laboratory fixtures and also to preach there. He did not return and this victim never saw him again. On September 22, 1934, this victim gave birth to a girl, Mildred Bonita Motterington, subject being named as the father by the victim.

Sometime during the Spring of 1934, the subject, as Dr. Courtney Gouthroy, was through Springfield, Missouri, where he visited the headquarters office of the General Council of the Assembly of God, which organization publishes the "Pentecostal Evangel".

During April 1934, subject appeared in Salt Lake City, Utah, for a short period, at which time he was flaunting considerable money. Subject was said to have formerly been in Salt Lake City for about six months, two or three years previously.

During the first part of April, 1934, subject, as Dr. Courtney Darling, appeared at Santa Barbara, California, to hold little services at the Four Square Gospel Church. Subject made appeal here to Miss Geraldine Pittinger, the pastor of that church, marrying her on May 3, 1934. Subject announced to the congregation of this church that his relatives in England were wealthy and if he could secure \$2,000 with which to return to England, he would bring back \$15,000 for the church. In response to this appeal, Helen Marriage, a member of the church, who was the sister of the Santa Barbara Fire Chief, gave subject \$1,600 with which to go to England. On July 10, 1934, subject, as Courtney Darling, procured fourteen American Express Travelers' Checks in denomination of \$100, a total of \$1,400. On July 11, 1934, subject left Santa Barbara, purportedly for Chicago, en route to London. Miss Pittinger did not see subject after his departure from Santa Barbara.

The first two of these travelers' checks were cashed on July 10 and 12, 1934, respectively at Los Angeles, California.

On July 14, 1934, subject, as Dr. C. Darling registered at the Plaza Hotel, Lansing, Michigan. On July 16, 1934, he cashed seven of these travelers' checks at the Peoples Savings Bank, Lansing, Michigan, and on the same date he purchased a new 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, Motor No. F32137, from the Lansing, Michigan Oldsmobile Company, paying cash and requesting the car be registered under the name, Courtney Gauthrey, although his name was C. Darling, as he had had some trouble with his wife and did not want her to trace the car. Further information relative to this car is set out hereinafter. Subject cashed out of his hotel on July 16, 1934, cashing one of the travelers' checks at this hotel.

On July 17, 1934, one of the travelers' checks was cashed at Chicago, Illinois, bearing the endorsement of the C. and N. L. Railroad.

On July 23, 1934, the last three of these travelers' checks were cashed by subject, as Courtney Darling, at the Chicopee Savings Bank, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

On July 30, 1934, subject registered at the Hotel Leland, Taunton, Massachusetts, as Dr. C. Gauthrey.

After being in Corpus Christi, Texas, for about three weeks conducting services at the Seventh Day Adventist or "Holy Roller" Church, he left there with Miss Clyde Alexander, aged 1, of Corpus Christi, marrying her at San Antonio, Texas, on August 17, 1934, under the name of Reverend Courtney Gauthrey. Subject and this victim proceeded from San Antonio to San Angelo, Texas; Cisco, Texas; Wichita Falls, Texas; and thence to Memphis, Tennessee, where they lived at a private home as husband and wife from September 22 to 26, 1934, when subject hurriedly departed alone from this home in his automobile, after he had seen a telegram from Birmingham indicating that a Reverend Montgomery was wanted by the Birmingham Police. He had explained at this home that he would be back soon. However, he sold his Oldsmobile coupe on that date, September 26, 1934, to the Automobile Wholesalers, Inc., at Memphis, Tennessee, for \$413.00, informing the salesman he was a gambler and having lost all of his money playing poker, had to sell his car. Subject abandoned the victim at Memphis and she has not seen him since such abandonment.

During the afternoon of November 18, 1934, a note was found by the mother of Victim Smith in her backyard at Birmingham, Alabama, indicating the writer had dropped in by late and that he would come soon for "you and the tot" and we will go to England", signed, "C. H.". As a plane was noticed circling around the Smith home, this victim

believes the subject dropped this note for her, and indicated that the subject was probably referring to their child, as he had a known habit of calling small children "tots".

Sometime during November or December, 1934, subject, as Dr. Gouthey, called at the home of Reverend Sibley, pastor of the North Hollywood Four Square Gospel Church, Los Angeles, California, and requested this pastor to get in touch with Gwendolyn Fritinger (one of subject's wives) and tell her that he, subject, must see her alone; the subject leaving in an Oldsmobile automobile and promising to return later in the evening which he did not do.

One Irene Rogers, a resident of Los Angeles, California, claimed she saw a man in an automobile in Los Angeles in June 1935, whom she was quite positive was the subject.

On December 6, 1935, subject, as Dr. Brutus Darling, approached Dr. A. E. J. Hudson, bacteriologist, City Memorial Hospital, Hickory, North Carolina, claiming to be a bacteriologist and medical missionary interested in opening a new hospital for some church or religious organization, and stating that he wished to look over Dr. Hudson's laboratory to obtain valuable ideas. After talking to Dr. Hudson for a while relative to his accomplishments, subject asked Dr. Hudson to cash a personal check for \$50.00 for him, the check apparently being on a Chicago, Illinois, or Waco, Texas, bank. Dr. Hudson refused to cash subject's personal check but offered to give him a check for \$5.00, which subject did not accept, and thereafter subject hurriedly departed.

AUTOMOBILES USED BY SUBJECT

1931 Ford Roadster, Motor No. 4676122, was loaned to Subject, as Maurice Pierrepont, on June 27, 1933, at Houston, Texas, by the owner, L. A. Parton, 618 Courtland Street, Houston, Texas, but was never returned by Subject. The car was found abandoned at Shreveport, Louisiana, date not given.

1930 Dodge Sedan, Motor No. DD28578, serial No. 3500886. This car was purchased by Subject, as Reverend Dr. Courtenay Darling, from the Beard Motor Company, Santa Barbara, California, the investigative reports not setting out the date of purchase, but reflecting the purchase contract was paid up June 1, 1935. Subject, under the above name, was issued California operator's license No. D83397 on June 27, 1934. Subject left this car with Gwendolyn Pettinger (note spelling of her surname), when he abandoned her on July 11, 1934. She continued making payments on the car to the finance company, and on January 29, 1935, 1935 California license plates No. 7B1682 were issued to Reverend Dr. Courtenay Darling and Gwendolyn Darling, 1415 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, on this Dodge car.

1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F382376, Serial No. C85366. This car was purchased by Subject, as Dr. C. Darling, on July 16, 1934, from the Lansing Oldsmobile Company, Lansing, Michigan, for cash. Michigan title No. 0415660 was issued to Subject, as Courtney Gouthey, on July 16, 1934, and 1934 Michigan license plates No. F 18-686 were issued to him the same date under this name. Under this same name, Courtney Gouthey, Subject sold this car on September 26, 1934, at Memphis, Tennessee, for \$410 cash to the Automobile Wholesalers Inc., 933 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

A new Ford V-8 Coupe, grey or tan color, no license plates, but bearing card with printing "License Applied For," was in Subject's possession when he was last seen, which was on December 6, 1935, at Hickory, North Carolina.

PROSECUTION AUTHORIZED

Serial 63 indicates the United States Attorney at Birmingham, Alabama, in June, 1935, would be unable to authorize prosecution of Subject, with reference to the violation involving Victim Smith, until a prior marriage without divorce could be proven for Subject. This has now been accomplished in view of the prior violation involving Victim Gillette. The facts have not again been discussed with the above mentioned United States Attorney.

Serial 78 reflects that an Assistant United States Attorney at Houston, Texas, on or about July 6, 1935, advised prosecution of Subject would be had there regarding the case involving Victim Gillette, if prosecution elsewhere was unsuccessful.

Serial 152 reflects that on December 16, 1935, a Federal indictment was returned against Subject at San Antonio, Texas, charging him with violating the White Slave Traffic Act in connection with the transportation of Victim Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee, on or about August 27, 1934, for immoral purposes. The status of the capias presumably issued on this indictment will be checked immediately by the San Antonio Office. Serial 80 is a summary report submitted by the Birmingham Office July 10, 1935, covering this violation regarding Victim Alexander.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
June 5, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
w.a. Fugitive;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim  
MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim,  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that an Identification Order be issued on Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, Fugitive, violation White Slave Traffic Act.

His correct name and aliases are:

Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases: Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Reverend Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, Rev. Doctor Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont, Courtney Hetherington, Arthur Hetherington, Dr. C. Gouthey, Dr. C. Darling, Dr. Courtenea, Dr. Pierpont, Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussey Du Bugginsdale Hetherington, Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom, Dr. Brutus Darling, Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles A. Dawson, Charles Arthur Demers, Charles A. Demers.

Fingerprints: On file with the Bureau at Washington, D.C. under FBI File #596783.

Photographs: One taken in 1927 by Philadelphia, Penna. Police Department their #77300, and kodak photograph taken in 1934 are herewith attached and it is requested that same be returned to this office when they have served their purpose. Specimen of subject's handwriting on file with the Bureau under FBI file 88-12.

Subject's description from personal observation by victims in this case and the records of the Philadelphia, Penna. Police Department:

RECORDED & INDEXED  
Age, 38 years (1936)  
Born (date unknown), San Francisco, Calif. (Statement of subject)  
Height, 5 feet 1 1/2 inches  
Weight, 133 pounds (may be heavier now)  
Build, medium stocky  
Complexion, medium dark  
Eyes, orange & blue

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Hair, dark brown  
Teeth, one upper tooth discolored  
Legs, bowed just above ankles  
Residence in 1927: 373 Chestnut St., Harrisburg, Penna.  
Dresses neatly, wears number 5 shoe, has fallen arches which give him trouble.  
Marital status, married, deserted wife and minor children Fall River, Mass.  
Occupation, Itinerant Evangelist and also poses as Doctor of Medicine.  
Scars & Marks: Small indentation on forehead, hair line scar on chin, small scar on one upper forearm, believed to have round scar on abdomen,--allegedly bullet wound received during War.

- Nationality, probably English or Canadian as has pronounced English accent.  
Eloquent speaker, with excellent command of the English language, can sway an audience with humor or pathos.  
Smokes cigarettes only occasionally; is excellent mimic; refers to children as "Tots".  
Criminal record as furnished by the Bureau:

USDB, Governor's Island, N.Y., as Charles A. Dawson alias Charles Arthur Demers, #4146, received 8-20-17, charge desertion; sentence 6 months.

PD, Phila., Pa., as Charles P. Van Blarcom alias Charles A. Demers, #77300, arrested 11-18-27, charge suspicious character.

Notation on fingerprint card:

WANTED: As Charles A. Demers alias Charles P. Van Blarcom desertion wife and minor children in Fall River, Mass. Notify State Bureau, Boston, Mass., for State Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Fall River District.

Subject was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at San Antonio, Texas, on December 16, 1935, charging that on or about August 27, 1934, he did unlawfully, knowingly, willfully and feloniously transport and cause to be transported in interstate commerce in an automobile from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee, a female for immoral purposes.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge

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**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio**

S. A. FILE NO. **31-1262**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>June 5 '36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/2/36</b>  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. C. White</b>                |
| TITLE CHANGED:<br>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases; DR. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, REVEREND COURTNEY GOUTHEY, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, REV. DOCTOR COURTNEY DARLING, J. WILBUR TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DEBUSSEY DEBOUCAINVILLE, CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT, MAURICE PIERREPONT,   |                                     |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br>ARTHUR DEBUSSEY BROCKVILLE, CHARLES MAURICE VINSON PIERPONT, COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, ARTHUR HETHERINGTON, DR. C. GOUTHEY, DR. C. DARLING, DR. COURTNEA, DR. PIERPONT, DR. CHARLES ARTHUR DEBUSSEY DU BUGGINS DALE HETHERINGTON, DR. C. P. VANBLARCOM, DR. BRUTUS DARLING, CHARLES P. VANBLARCOM, CHARLES A. DAWSON, CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, CHARLES A. DEMERS -- FUGITIVE<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;<br>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim. |                                     |   |   |
| Victim Miss Clyde Alexander, San Antonio, Texas, positively identified photograph of Charles P. Van Blarcom as subject. Non est return made on warrant issued for subject's arrest by the U. S. Marshal at San Antonio, Texas, on March 7, 1936. P.  |                                     |   |   |
| Reference: Bureau letter addressed to the Boston office dated May 21, 1936.  |                                     |   |   |
| DETAILS:<br>The title of this case is changed to add the aliases of Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles A. Dawson, Charles Arthur Demers and Charles A. Demers for subject.  |                                     |   |   |
| Agent interviewed Miss Clyde Alexander at the Bureau office. She stated that she still resides at 115 Peck Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, telephone Kenwood 6207. Miss Alexander viewed the photograph of Charles P. Van Blarcom,   |                                     |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE             | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES            |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>Bureau-2<br>San Antonio-2<br>U.S. Atty. San Antonio-1<br>U.S. Atty. Houston-1<br>Boston-2<br>New York-2<br>Philadelphia-2 Chicago-1   |                                     | 88 1 2 198<br>JUN 8 1936<br>JUN 17 1936 |   |
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Philadelphia Police Department #77300 and she stated positively that the photograph was that of the subject of this file whom she knew as Rev. Courtney Hetherington. However, the last time that she saw subject he appeared to be heavier than he appears in the Philadelphia Police Department photograph; that the photograph of subject without the hat looks much more like subject than the one with the hat on; that during the time she was associated with him he never wore a hat.

It was ascertained at the U. S. Marshal's office, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, Texas, that a non est return had been made on the warrant issued for subject on March 7, 1936.

The Bureau is being requested by letter to issue an Identification Order on this subject.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Boston, New York & Philadelphia Offices: Will please expedite the investigations requested in the Bureau letter of reference in order that the Bureau may promptly receive any additional information as to subject's true identity so that same may be used in an Identification Order.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Chicago, Ill.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>6/10/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/3,4/36</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. C. WHEELER</b><br><span style="float: right;">JCW:LM</span> |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases-FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b>   |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>                             |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><br><div style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</div> <p>Rev. Philip Sidesky advised that he is not acquainted with Subject. Elder Lucy Smith, pastor of colored Pentecostal Church, advised that she believes Subject attended her church within the past three months.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. C. Wheeler, Chicago, Illinois, dated 5/28/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:</u></p> <p>On June 3, 1936 Reverend Philip Sidesky, itinerant Evangelist, called at the Chicago Office and after photographs of Subject were exhibited to him advised Agent that in his travels and preaching as a minister he had not come in contact with Subject. Dr. Sidesky suggested that all churches connected with the Foursquare Gospel Church, in which Subject is reputed to have preached, should be contacted for any information they might have.</p> <p>Agent contacted Elder Lucy Smith, 3733 Vincennes Avenue. Mrs. Smith, a colored minister, advised after observing photograph of Subject, that she thought Subject had been present in her church within the past three months, at which time Subject had made a short talk and "had been very happy." Mrs. Smith was quite certain that this party, whom she had in mind, was the Subject in instant case. She observed, however, that she had not</p> |                                  |  |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Don Ladd</i>  |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |   |
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seen this party since that time, but informed Agent that she would notify the Chicago Office if he appeared at her church at a later date. Mrs. Smith further requested that Agent furnish her with a photograph of Subject so that she might exhibit same to the members of her congregation and to visiting ministers.

A photograph of Subject, together with Subject's description, have been forwarded to Mrs. Lucy Smith.

In view of the completion of all investigative leads in this district this case is

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

June 15, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The following criminal record of Subject Hetherington under the aliases of Charles Van Blarcom, Charles Pierrepont, and Charles Dawson, as obtained from the Philadelphia Police Department, their number 77300, should be posted against the record of this individual as contained in the files of the Identification Unit, FBI #596783:

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Very truly yours,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUN 16 1936 A.M.

R. E. VETTERLI,

Special Agent in Charge

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Lieutenant Clark, who is in charge of the Homicide Squad of the Philadelphia Police Department, after viewing the photograph of Subject taken at the time of his arrest in Philadelphia, stated he vaguely remembered him, and that Subject had been arrested as a suspicious character in a restaurant at 312 North 8th Street, which was frequented by hoodlums and underworld characters. Lieutenant Clark stated that it was his opinion that Subject was not from Philadelphia; that he had not spent a great deal of time here; that he recalls being in the above restaurant on the night Subject was arrested, and that after overhearing Subject talking of "knocking over" a place, he (Clark) placed Subject under arrest for suspicion.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

N. Y. FILE NO. 31-2910 LS

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>NEW YORK CITY</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>6-17-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>6-9-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>H. A. MARTIN</b>                |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - Victims.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject received at the U. S. Detention Barracks, August 20, 1917, from Fort Hamilton, charged with desertion; served one-half year. Released therefrom January 15, 1918. No record of relatives or correspondence.

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**REFERENCE:**

Copy of Bureau letter to Boston Office, dated May 21, 1936, and report of Special Agent J. C. White, dated at San Antonio, Tex., 6-5-36.

**DETAILS:**

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Agent contacted Col. E. P. PIERSON, Adjutant of the United States Detention Barracks, Governors Island, N. Y., who, after consulting the records, stated that one CHARLES A. DAWSON, their number 4146, was received at their institution on August 20, 1917, from Fort Hamilton, N. Y., having been convicted there under Court Martial Order #840, Eastern Department, on August 16, 1917, on a charge of desertion. The sentence imposed was for one-half year. Subject was released on January 15, 1918, and the records further disclosed that he was dishonorably discharged on August 18, 1917.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                                   | 88-12-202  | RECORDED AND INDEXED:<br><b>JUN 18 1936</b> |
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31-2910.

The following description of subject was included in the files of this institution:

Name: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases;  
Age: (26 in 1917)  
Born at Fond-du-Lac, Wis.  
Height: 5' 11"  
Eyes: Brown.  
Hair: Black  
Complexion: Dark  
Color: White.  
Occupation: Clerk.  
Residence: 334 Summit Street, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Marital Status: Single; no children.

The following individual was listed as being a friend of the subject:

JAMES J. BARRY, 334 Summit Street, Schenectady, New York.

No relatives or other friends were listed.

The subject's conduct, while in confinement, was noted as excellent. There was no record of the subject's army serial number, or any record of correspondence with any persons.

In view of the fact that the complete file is not available in this office, no leads are being set forth on the basis of the above information.

The only handwriting specimen appearing in the file was subject's signature appearing on the fingerprint record.

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31-3910.

The following description of subject was included in the files of this institution;

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| Name:           | REVEREND COURTNEY RUTHERINGTON,<br>with aliases; |
| Age:            | (26 in 1917)<br>Born at Fond-du-lac, Wis.        |
| Height:         | 5' 11"   |
| Eyes:           | Brown.   |
| Hair:           | Black  |
| Complexion:     | Dark   |
| Color:          | White.   |
| Occupation:     | Clerk.   |
| Residence:      | 334 Summit Street, Schenectady, N.Y.             |
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June 23, 1936

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Clyde Alexander, et al - Victims;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

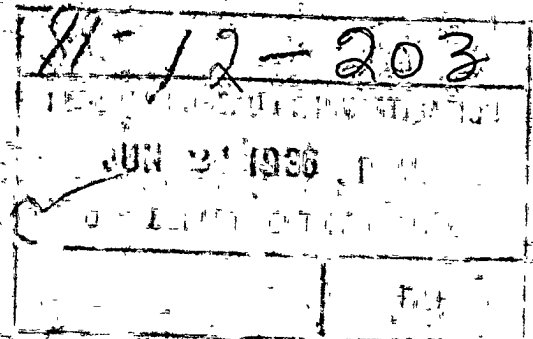
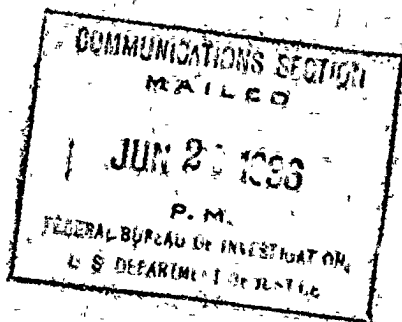
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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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June 30, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

RE:  
REVEREND COURTNEY HETTINGTON,  
with aliases - fugitive;  
Clyde Alexander, et al - Victims;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

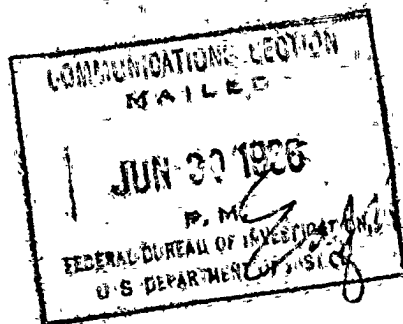
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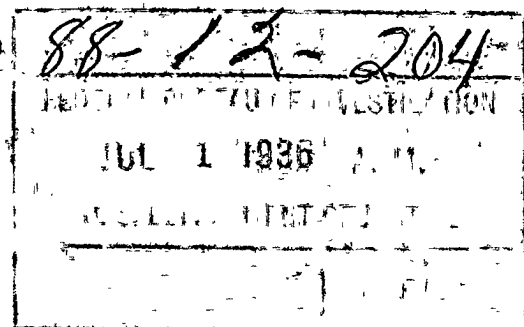
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John Edgar Hoover,  
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June 30, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

RECEIVED COUNTESS HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases - Fugitive;  
Clyde Alexander, et al - Victims;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 25, 1936.

## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

Reference is made to Fugitive Index #6721, Bureau File #88-12, submitted by Unit One in the case of Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, our #FBI-596783. There are transmitted herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of this subject, as disclosed by the files of the Identification Division.

The information listed below appears on the wanted circular received October 24, 1932, from the State Bureau, Boston, Massachusetts:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Date of birth  | September 30, 1898   |
| Place of birth | Fall River, Massachusetts  |
| Eyes           | Hazel  |
| Height         | 5' 2"  |
| Hair           | Brown  |
| Weight         | 135  |
| Marital Status | Married, has 3 minor children  |
| Remarks        | Sometimes wears moustache, has lived in New York State, Rhode Island, Iowa, Georgia & Tennessee. |

The following information appears on the fingerprint card received from the Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1927: Residence: 323 Chestnut St., Harrisburg, Pa.; Place of birth: San Francisco, California; Nationality: U. S.; Age: 29 (1927); Height: 5' 1 1/2"; Weight: 133; Build: Medium Slender; Complexion: Medium Dark; Hair: Dark Brown; Eyes: Orange & Blue.

The fingerprint card received September 10, 1917, from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Governors Island, New York, contains the following: Age: 26 (1917); Apparent Age: 28; Hair: Black; Eyes: Brown; Complexion: Dark.

Information appears in Hetherington's record to the effect that this is a Special Treatment case, copies of his fingerprints having been sent to the following foreign countries: England, France, Canada, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Southern Rhodesia, and the Union of South Africa. A reply has been received from Canada to the effect that this person has no record in that country.

This individual's fingerprint classification is as follows:

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Memorandum for Mr. Edwards

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June 25, 1936.

There are transmitted herewith two copies of Hetherington's photograph, taken by the Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in connection with his arrest by that Department on November 18, 1927.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. C. Schilder".

L. C. Schilder.

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 23, 1936.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number FBI-596783.

J. E. Hoover

J. E. Hoover, Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS   | NAME AND NUMBER  | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE                  | DISPOSITION             |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| USDB, Governors Island, N. Y. | Charles A. Dawson,<br>alias Charles<br>Arthur Demers,<br>#41146      | 8-20-17              | desertion               | 6 mos.                  |
| PD, Phila., Pa.               | Charles P. Van<br>Blaroom, #77300                                    | 11-18-27             | suspicious<br>character | discharged<br>11-21-27. |
| *                             | 2-6-15, Fall River, Mass., attempted breaking and entering.          |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | 5-8-15, New York City, N. Y., under names of Van Blaroom, Charles    |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Pierrepont and Charles Dawson, charge burglary; 5 yrs. Elmira        |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Reformatory (N-25569); reconsidered 5-21-15; paroled 9-1916;         |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | delinquent 4-1917.   |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | 11-18-24, Fall River, Mass., assault and battery; sentenced 6-22-25, |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | disposition not known.   |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | 6-19-25, Fall River, Mass.; larceny - neglect of family - desertion; |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | discharged on larceny charge; 30 days on other charge in H. of C.    |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | 5-12-26, Fall River, Mass., neglect of family; probation 12-8-26.    |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | WANTED: As Charles A. Demers, alias Charles P. Van Blaroom; deserted |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | wife and minor children in Fall River, Mass. Notify St. Bu., Boston, |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Mass., for State Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children,      |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Fall River District. (Inf. rec. 10-24-32).                           |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | WANTED BY BUREAU: As Charles P. Van Blaroom, believed identical with |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Reverend Courtney Hetherington, aliases, Dr. Courtney Hetherington;  |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Reverend Courtney Gouthey; Dr. Courtney Darling; Reverend Doctor     |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Courtenay Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur Adolph DeBussey          |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont; Maurice           |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Pierrepont; Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson        |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Pierpont Courtney Hetherington; Arthur Hetherington; Dr. C. Gouthey; |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Dr. C. Darling; Dr. Courteneas; Dr. Pierpont; Dr. Charles Arthur     |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | DeBussy du Bugginsdale Hetherington; Dr. C. P. Van Blaroom; Dr.      |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Brutus Darling, vic. White Slave Traffic Act. Notify Director,       |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Attention White Slave Supervisor. (Inf. rec. Bu. memo 5-21-36)       |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | (Believed identical because of description and handwriting).         |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | WANTED BY BUREAU: As Reverend Courtney Hetherington, aliases,        |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Dr. Courtney Hetherington; Reverend Courtney Gouthey; Dr. Courtney   |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Darling; Rev. Doctor Courtney Darling; J. Wilbur Taylor; Arthur      |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville; Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont;  |                      |                         |                         |
| *                             | Maurice Pierrepont; Arthur DeBussey Brockville; Charles Maurice      |                      |                         |                         |

\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints in FBI files.



| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER   | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE | DISPOSITION |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|--------|-------------|
|                             | Vinson Pierpont; Courtney Hetherington; Arthur Hetherington; Dr. C. Gouthey; Dr. C. Darling; Dr. Courtenea; Dr. Pierpont; Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussey DuBugginsdale Hetherington; Dr. C. P. Van Elarcom; Dr. Brutus Darling; Charles P. Van Elarcom; Charles A. Dawson; Charles Arthur Demers; Charles A. Demers, Fugitive Index #6721, Bureau file #38-12, O.O. San Antonio, Texas. (Inf. rec. 6-15-36). |                      |        |             |

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

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July 2, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al -  
Victims;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

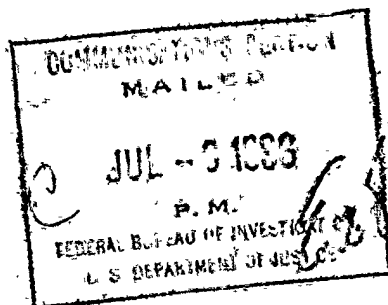
Dear Sir:

For your information, there are transmitted herewith two copies of a memorandum prepared in the Identification Division of the Bureau dated June 25, 1936, along with a copy of the criminal record and two copies of the photograph of the fugitive Hetherington.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1050071.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-93 ELH**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Nashville, Tennessee</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7-6-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6-24-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>Louis De Nette</b>              |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH -<br/>Victim; MRS. ALLEAN GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. Peter J. Lunati, evangelical preacher, Memphis, Tenn., advises he never heard of Hetherington, by name or alias, and could give no information that may aid in locating him.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent N. O. Scott, Kansas City, dated 5-19-36.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

Dr. Peter J. Lunati, 1778 Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, former pastor of the Christian Assembly Church, but now engaged in evangelical work, advised agent he had never heard of Hetherington, either by name or alias, never knew any evangelist in Memphis resembling Hetherington, and could give no information that might result in locating him; neither, said he, did he know of any person in Memphis who might have known or met Hetherington.

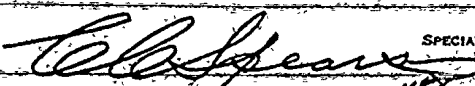
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT San Antonio, Tex.

File No. 31-2728

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br>Portland, Oregon   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br>7-7-36 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br>7-6-36                 | REPORT MADE BY:<br>Chas Petrovitsky           |
| TITLE: Reverend Courtney Retherington, with aliases; Clyde Alexander - Victim; Hazel Irene Smith - Victim; Mrs. Alleah Gillette - Victim  |                           |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br>White Slave Traffic Act |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Reverend Dan McNally, Calvary Tabernacle, 20th and Hawthorne, Portland, Oregon has no information concerning the subject herein.   |                           |  |   |
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| REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. O. Scott, Kansas City, Mo. dated 5-19-36.   |                           |  |   |
| DETAILS: Reverend Dan McNally, is an evangelist connected with the Calvary Tabernacle at 20th and Hawthorne Avenue, in Portland, Oregon, and travels extensively in this district. He stated that he had never heard of subject herein, and after taking notes of the description of the subject, stated that he would be on the lookout, and should he receive any information, he would advise the Portland Office. |                           |  |   |
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
July 9, 1936

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - Victims.  
White Slave Traffic Act.  
L. A. File 31-2918.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 30,  
1936 (88-12).

Please be advised that this case has been placed in  
line for immediate investigative attention, and a report will  
be submitted to the Bureau in accordance with the request in  
the letter of reference.

Very truly yours,

*J. H. Hanson*

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**

FILE NO. 31-1730 AM

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7-13-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7-2, 6, 8, 9-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. D. REYNOLDS.</b>            |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - VICTIMS.</b>   |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><p>Detective Hugh McCann and Gabriel Lederhandler, Phila., unable to furnish further information concerning subject. Subject unknown Harrisburg Police or Pennsylvania State Police. Hiram Schultz, constable, Hyde Speese, former Chief of Detectives, Joe Demma, all Harrisburg, stated photograph of subject (Phila. #7730) similar. Subject not believed to have lived at Harrisburg for any length of time. 322 Chestnut St., Harrisburg address given by subject when arrested at Phila., occupied by Jack Brekel (deceased) in 1927, who ran questionable rooming house. Lena Dumaro, Hagerstown, Md., Paul Chille, and Tony Testa (Baltimore, Md.) formerly frequented this address.</p> <p>F.</p> |                                  |   |   |
| REFERENCE:<br><p>Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 6-15-36. Bureau letter to Boston Office dated 5-21-36.</p>   |                                  |   |   |
| DETAILS:<br><p>Sidney Friedman, United States Commissioner, Harrisburg, Pa., advised Agent while discussing other matters, that the best source of information in Harrisburg was Hyde Speese, former Chief of Detectives at Harrisburg, and Joe Demma, an Italian who is well acquainted with all the criminals, prostitutes, and under-world characters in the Third Ward, having formerly been a police officer at Harrisburg and also engaged in politics for a number of years.</p> <p>Mr. Friedman stated that Speese is presently unfriendly with the present officials at Harrisburg Police Department and therefore should not be contacted openly; also, that</p>   |                                  |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE          | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                    |   |
| R.C. Vittoria  |                                  | 88-12-1210                                      |   |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT  |                                  | JUL 16 1936                                     |   |
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| 2 - WASHINGTON FIELD   |                                  |   |   |
| 2 - PHILA.   |                                  |   |   |

Joe Demma endeavored to remain friendly with the individuals living in the Third Ward, where most of the underworld characters reside, in order to obtain their votes; that although Demma would very gladly co-operate with the Bureau he should not be contacted openly.

Hyde M. Speese, 2325 Penn Street, upon interview, stated that the photograph of subject, taken when arrested by the Philadelphia Police in 1927, was similar to him although he was unable to associate the subject with any particular address or incident; that after subject had resided at 322 Chestnut Street, he might have been known to F. F. Brown, then manager of the Bethesda Mission, now located on Riley, near Sixth Street, but which was formerly located at 107 S. Second Street, in the vicinity of 322 Chestnut Street. Speese also referred Agent to Joe Demma, as the best source of information in Harrisburg.

F. F. Brown, Bethesda Mission, upon viewing the photograph of the subject, taken at the time of his arrest in Philadelphia, stated that the photograph was similar to him although he was unable to recall any information pertaining to the subject; that possibly the subject had frequented the vicinity of the Mission when it was formerly located on South Second Street.

Joe Demma, 111 Chestnut Street, was contacted telephonically and later at his residence in accordance with arrangements and stated that the photograph of subject, taken in 1927, was similar although he was unable to state where he had seen the subject; that Jack Buckels, who formerly lived at 322 Chestnut Street, on the second floor, where he maintained a hang-out for hoodlums and prostitutes, was killed several years ago but that Lena Dumaro, alias Lena Testa, presently operating a house of prostitution at Hagerstown, Maryland, the address believed to be 142 Bethel Street, was in Harrisburg in 1927 and at that time frequented the place run by Buckels and consequently she would probably be able to furnish information concerning subject if he did, in fact, reside at 322 Chestnut Street. Demma stated that Lena Demma is the wife of Tony Testa, a well known criminal who is presently in Baltimore; that Tony Testa was arrested in 1928 for murder at Easton, Pa; that his criminal record would be available at that place. Mr. Demma also stated that Tony Testa used to stay at Buckel's place at 322 Chestnut Street and undoubtedly Tony Testa would be able to furnish information concerning the subject in the event he desired to do so. However, it is doubtful that any information could be obtained from Testa although it is believed his wife,

known as Lena Dumaro, would be willing to co-operate with the Bureau as she formerly furnished information to former Special Agent Henry Boddie (deceased) and that if the Agent interviewing Lena Dumaro would state that he had known former Agent Boddie, he is quite sure any information she has would be willingly furnished.

Demma also stated that Paul Chille, a small time racketeer, presently residing in Baltimore, used to frequent Buckel's place and consequently might be of assistance. Demma also stated that Mary Fisher, alias Billy, a prostitute residing at 311 Chestnut Street, Harrisburg, Pa., who has been operating in Harrisburg for a number of years, might be able to furnish Agent with information concerning subject or the names of prostitutes who lived at 322 Chestnut Street in 1927 and that Mary Fisher is presently living with one Bob Chenworth, a dope addict who has furnished information to Narcotic Agents on many occasions relative to narcotic violations; that consequently she might be a good source of information.

Demma also stated that Aldo Magnelli, of 112 S. Second Street, Harrisburg, a criminal who operates between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, used to associate with Jack Buckels and frequent 322 Chestnut Street; that this individual, no doubt, possesses information which would be of value to Agent although in his opinion he would not co-operate with the Bureau since he was sentenced several years ago to two years in the penitentiary for the assault upon a prohibition agent. In view of the above, it is not deemed advisable to attempt to interview Magnelli at this time.

At 311 Chestnut Street, the second floor, Agent was advised by the occupants of the jewelry store which adjoins the apartment of Mary Fisher, that this individual was out of town at the present time and would probably be gone for one or two weeks.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, the Bureau letter of May 21, 1936, transmitted a copy of the criminal record of Charles P. Van Blaricum, F.B.I. #596783 and a photograph of this individual, taken by the Philadelphia Police at the time of his arrest in Philadelphia on November 28, 1927, under #77300. The handwriting of Van Blaricum appearing on the fingerprint cards in the Identification Division had been compared with the known handwriting of Subject Courtney Hetherington and it is the opinion of the Technical Laboratory that these two groups of handwriting were made by the same person; also a comparison of the photograph of Van Blaricum, taken by the Philadelphia Police, with the photograph of Hetherington, taken in 1924 which appears in the October issue of F.B.I. Law Enforcement, 1935 Bulletin, substantiates this identification. It is noted that when Van Blaricum was arrested by the Philadelphia Police on November 18, 1927, he gave as his address 322 Chestnut Street, Harrisburg, Pa. The Philadelphia Office file in this case contains just one photograph of Van Blaricum



and it is suggested that a copy of his photograph and his complete criminal record be obtained by the Washington Field Office of the Bureau for assistance in covering the undeveloped leads set forth below. No information of value has been obtained concerning this individual in Philadelphia except that obtained concerning the additional record which may be obtained from the Identification Division.

The report of Special Agent J. C. White dated June 5, 1936, at San Antonio, also reflects that Victim Clyde Alexander in San Antonio positively identified the photograph of Charles Van Blarcum, Philadelphia #77300 as subject and a "non est" return was made and warrant issued for subject's arrest by the United States Marshal at San Antonio, Texas, March 7, 1936.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE at HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND - Will interview Lena Dumara, also known as Lena Testa, who operates a house of prostitution, the address of which is believed to be 142 Bethel Street, for information concerning Van Blarcum. It is noted, according to information set forth in this report, that Lena Dumara frequented 322 Chestnut Street, in Harrisburg, in 1927, the address given by Van Blarcum when arrested in Philadelphia.

At BALTIMORE, MARYLAND - Will interview Paul Chille for any information in his possession concerning the subject. Paul Chille's address, no doubt, can be obtained from the Baltimore Police. It is suggested that possibly this record can be obtained from the Identification Division.

Will interview Tony Testa, whose address no doubt can be obtained from the Police, for any information he might have concerning the subject, it being noted that Testa frequented 322 Chestnut Street, in 1927, and was a friend of Buckels, who operated a rooming house at this address.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at HARRISBURG, PA - At 311 Chestnut Street, will interview Mary Fisher, "Billy" and Bob Chenworth, for any information concerning subject or persons known to him.

Will locate and interview Tom Taylor, through Hyde Speese, or Joe Demma, for any information he might have concerning

Van Blarcum, it being noted according to the records of the owner  
at 322 Chestnut Street, that Taylor resided at this address in 1927.

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83-12-210

July 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY BETHUNE LINTON  
with aliases - FUGITIVE; OLYDS  
ALEXANDER, et al - Victims; White  
Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the suggestion contained in  
the report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, dated at  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania July 13, 1936, you are being  
furnished with a copy of the criminal record and one copy  
of the photograph of the fugitive Lintington.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1123449

CC - San Antonio

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-65**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>7/28/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/24/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. E. CLEGG</b>                |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases:<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend Oswald J. Smith, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, presently in Europe and will not return until October. Lead set forth to interview him upon his return to Toronto.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent N. O. Scott, Kansas City, Mo. 5/19/36.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA**

Agent interviewed Mr. Charles E. Edwards, Caretaker, 100 Bloor Street, East, who stated that Reverend Oswald J. Smith is presently in Europe and will not return to Toronto until the latter part of October 1936.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS**

The **BUFFALO OFFICE** at **TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA** will interview Rev. Oswald J. Smith at 100 Bloor Street, East, as set forth in reference report upon his return to Toronto during the latter part of October 1936.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Washington, D. C.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8/3/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7/28/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>H. R. DUFFEY</b>               |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases, FUG.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, ET AL, Victims.</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Lena Demauro, Hagerstown, Maryland states she believes subject to be identical with one "Charlie" who formerly frequented 322 Chestnut Street, Harrisburg, Pa. and associated with her former husband Tony Testa, Baltimore, Md.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, dated at Philadelphia, Pa., 7/13/36.

**DETAILS:**

AT HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND.

Agent interviewed Lena Demauro at the house of prostitution operated by her at 143 N. Bethel Street, who advised after viewing the photograph of Charles P. Van Blarcom, Philadelphia P.D. #77300, that she believed this photograph to be identical with one "Charlie" who formerly frequented Jack Buckle's Place at 322 Chestnut Street, Harrisburg, Pa. in 1927; however, she could not be sure of the identification because of the length of time which had elapsed and because of the numerous persons who frequented this place, which was a known hangout for pimps and prostitutes. Lena Demauro gave the following description of "Charlie":

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| Age    | 30 years (1927)              |
| Height | 5'6"                         |
| Weight | 150 lbs.                     |
| Hair   | Blonde, partly bald in front |
| Eyes   | Greenish gray                |

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Lena Demauro advised Agent that she had separated from her husband Tony Testa approximately 3 years ago and was no longer in contact with him or any of his associates; that the name of Charlie Van Blarcom meant nothing to her and that the address 322 Chestnut St., Harrisburg, Pa. was an apartment house and although Van Blarcom gave this as his address, he could easily have occupied another apartment in this building; however, Lena Demauro advised that her husband Tony Testa is now in Baltimore, Maryland and hangs out with a mob whose headquarters was the Rivoli Theater in Baltimore; further, that "Charlie" was well known to Tony and full information could be obtained from Tony relative to the individual known as "Charlie" in the event he desired to give the same, and that Tony's address could no doubt be obtained from the Baltimore Police Department.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will endeavor to contact Tony Testa through the Baltimore Police or through the Rivoli Theater for any information in his possession relative to "Charlie" who may be identical with subject.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **31-1780 AM**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - VICTIMS.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mary Fisher, Bob Chetworth, and Tom Taylor, Harrisburg, Pa., unable to furnish information concerning subject. Tom Taylor suggests Lillian Taylor, Lancaster, and Tom Olivitta, Harrisburg, might furnish information.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 7-13-36.

**DETAILS:** At HARRISBURG, PA.

Mary Fisher and Bob Chetworth, 311 Chestnut Street, second floor rear, stated upon interview that the photograph of subject appeared familiar although they were unable to furnish any information concerning his true identity, connections, or any other information of value.

Agent was unable to locate Tom Taylor and it was necessary for Agent to leave Harrisburg on other matters. Photographs of subject were left with Captain Herbert Rupp, of the Harrisburg Police Department, who stated he would endeavor to locate Taylor in order that he could be interviewed by Agent when next in Harrisburg.

Agent later contacted Captain Rupp, who advised that he had located Tom Taylor and exhibited photographs of subject to him, when Taylor stated that he was unable to associate the subject with any person known to him. However, he suggested that the

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photograph of subject be shown to his sister-in-law, Lillian Taylor, of 337 N. Mary Street, Lancaster, who formerly rented rooms at 322 Chestnut Street, the address given by subject when he was arrested by the Philadelphia Police in 1927. Taylor also suggested that Tom Olvitta, Verdi Club, South Second Street, Harrisburg, might possibly be able to give information concerning subject as he was formerly an associate of Jack Buckles who has since been killed, it being noted that Buckles resided at 322 Chestnut Street in 1927.

Taylor also stated that Betty Winters, Olvitta's girl, a prostitute, lived at Jack Buckle's place at that time.

Reference report sets forth an undeveloped lead for the Washington Field Office at Baltimore to interview Paul Chille for any information in his possession concerning the subject. Since the date of the reference report it has been developed that Paul Chille is a subject of the White Slave case entitled: PAUL CHILLE - PATRICIA BURNS, with aliases - VICTIM, copies of which have been furnished the Washington Field Office for appropriate investigation.

In view of the information developed concerning Paul Chille, as set forth in the above entitled case, it is not believed any information of value will be obtained from Paul Chille; if this lead has not been covered, it is suggested that same be disregarded. The same applies to the lead to interview Tony Testa who was also mentioned in the above case.

Information has also been developed that possibly Tony Testa and Lena Testa, his former wife who operates a house of prostitution at Hagerstown, are living together again.

Inquiry made at Hagerstown should be discreet in view of the information set forth in the above report since it is possible that Lena Testa may be developed as a subject in the case wherein Paul Chille is a subject.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;  
OLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to a letter from your office to this  
office dated August 14, 1936.

Special Agent A. Hale Watkins of this office, through  
the assistance of [redacted]

[redacted] the Atlanta Bureau Office, ascertained through the  
[redacted] of Miss Vivian Roebuck, an employee of that  
company, that her aunt, Mrs. Robert Smith of Dallas, Texas, was  
presently visiting relatives of Miss Roebuck at Birmingham, Alabama.

[redacted] advised Agent Watkins that Miss Roebuck's  
[redacted] that Miss Roebuck had resigned from  
the telephone company at Atlanta, effective September 1, 1936, to  
accept a position as Missionary in Africa. At the time she tendered  
her resignation, she made inquiry to determine if an aunt of hers  
at Dallas, Texas could secure employment with the company, apparent-  
ly intending to turn over her position to this aunt. Mr. Freeman  
then stated that the superior officer questioned Miss Roebuck as  
to the location of this aunt.

Miss Roebuck informed that her aunt's name is Mrs. Robert  
Smith and that her husband is a broker at Dallas, Texas. She fur-  
ther stated her husband was quite wealthy but was "no good". She  
informed that her aunt was visiting her (Miss Roebuck's) family at  
Birmingham, Alabama, and was interested in securing a position,  
intimating that Mrs. Smith and her husband were separated.

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The substance of the above information was furnished by Agent Watkins to Special Agent D. O. Smith of your office on August 14, 1933, and Mr. Smith advised that the Birmingham office would be able to locate Miss Reebuck's family possibly through this connection with Mrs. Smith.

Very truly yours,

B. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH -<br/>Victim; MRS. ANNEAR GINNETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Tingley of Gospel Tabernacle, Birmingham, Ala., advised they were informed about two weeks ago by one Vivian Roebuck that latter's aunt recently visiting Birmingham from Dallas, Texas, had advised her that one Dr. Courtney is presently located at Dallas, where he is preaching a new religion and has a strong following. Also indicates that this party speaks several languages fluently and is reported originally from England. Description of Dr. Courtney furnished the Tingleys by Vivian Roebuck tallies with description of Hetherington, Miss Vivian Roebuck employed by Southern Bell Telephone Company, Atlanta, Ga. Also intimated that Dr. Courtney and aunt above referred to, apparently of some financial means, are planning matrimony. Ascertained that the aunt, Mrs. Robert A. Smith, left Birmingham on August 12, 1936, and is now located at 1431 Glenn St., Dallas, Texas.

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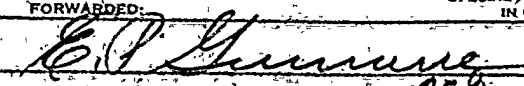
**REFERENCE:**

Letter to Atlanta Office dated August 14, 1936.  
Telegram to Dallas Office dated August 15, 1936.  
Letter from Atlanta Office dated August 15, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

**AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Miss Hazel Irene Smith, 2604 42nd Ave., No., Birmingham, Ala., one of the victims in this case, who telephoned the writer and requested that he communicate with

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Reverend Glenn Tingley, who is pastor at the Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle on 7th Ave. North, between 18th and 19th Streets, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. Glenn Tingley, together with his wife, were interviewed, at which time Mr. Tingley advised that he knew all of the facts pertaining to Rev. Hetherington and in fact was responsible for running this individual out of Birmingham some several years ago.

The Tingleys advised that about two weeks ago Miss Vivian Roebuck, who is presently employed at the main telephone exchange in Atlanta, Ga., advised them that her aunt, whose last name was believed to be Smith, had recently visited her from Dallas, Texas. This aunt informed Miss Roebuck that a Dr. Courtney was presently located at Dallas, Texas, and that this party was preaching a new religion there and had a strong following. The aunt mentioned to Miss Roebuck that this Dr. Courtney had traveled around the world, spoke several languages fluently, and was originally from England. It was stated that this aunt apparently has considerable money and she informed Miss Roebuck that she was enamored of Dr. Courtney and expressed the intention of marrying this individual. A description of this individual as received from the aunt tallied in every respect with that of subject Hetherington.

Mr. and Mrs. Tingley advised that they had no further information as to the full name of this Dr. Courtney nor as to the aunt of Miss Roebuck above referred to other than that furnished by Miss Roebuck several weeks ago. They stated that Miss Roebuck at the time had advised that she was very suspicious of this Dr. Courtney and believed that he might be Hetherington. It was also stated that the mother of Miss Roebuck is Mrs. C. W. Roebuck, who resides somewhere on Roebuck Road and whose definite location may possibly be obtained from Rev. Ralph Kyle of 118 North 77th Street, Birmingham, Ala. He stated that Mrs. Roebuck is possibly out of town at this time and that she might not be cooperative in furnishing the desired information. Mr. Tingley stated, however, that Miss Vivian Roebuck would be only too willing to cooperate in this matter and they suggested that she be contacted at the main telephone exchange at Atlanta, Ga.

Special Agent D. O. Smith, in telephonic communication with the Atlanta Office on August 14, 1936, on other matters, advised Special Agent A. Hale Watkins of the above set forth information and requested immediate contact with Miss Vivian Roebuck. Special Agent Watkins subsequently on the same date advised that Miss Roebuck had not been interviewed, but that it had been ascertained from her immediate superiors at the Southern Bell Company at Atlanta, Ga., that her aunt is Mrs. Robert Smith and this lady was presently visiting her relatives in Birmingham, Ala. It was also stated that Mrs. Smith's husband is a broker at Dallas and is reported to have

Agent, accompanied by Rev. Ralph Kyle, contacted Mrs. C. W. Roebuck, who resides in the suburban district of Roebuck, at Birmingham, Ala. It was ascertained from Mrs. Roebuck that her sister is Mrs. Robert A. Smith and that she left Birmingham on Wednesday, August 12, 1936, and was presently located at her home at 1421 Glenn Street, Dallas, Texas. In view of the fact that Mrs. Roebuck did not appear cooperative, agent did not make known his identity, but requested information concerning Dr. Courtney, indicating that Dr. Courtney and the agent were formerly associated together. Mrs. Roebuck stated that she had no definite information concerning Dr. Courtney other than that her sister had informed her that this individual had recently established a new religious cult at Dallas and that Mrs. Smith had apparently been recently converted to this religion. Mrs. Roebuck stated that her daughter, Vivian Roebuck, was very suspicious of the individual known as Dr. Courtney. Pursuant to the above information, reference telegram dated August 15, 1936, was directed to the Dallas Office setting forth the information as to the address at Dallas, Texas, of Mrs. Robert A. Smith and requesting that a discreet interview be had with Mrs. Smith ascertaining whether Dr. Courtney, the minister at Dallas, is identical with subject Hetherington.

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| TITLE<br>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases, FUG.,<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - Victims. |                           |                                  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. C. A. Toms, 1705 N. Calvert Street, Clarendon, Va. advised Reverend Ben Hardin married to her daughter past 19 years, has two children [redacted] age [redacted] and [redacted] aged [redacted] Two photographs of Reverend Hardin obtained from Mrs. Toms and forwarded herewith to Los Angeles Office. Photographs not identical with subject.

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**REFERENCE:** Teletype from Los Angeles Office dated 8/21/36 and teletype from Washington Field Office to Los Angeles dated 8/22/36.

**DETAILS:** An examination of the Washington, D. C. telephone directory disclosed the name of Reverend Ben Hardin, 1705 N. Calvert Street, Clarendon, Va., telephone Walnut 8504J in the suburb section of the directory. An examination of recent Washington City Directories was made, and the 1935 Directory carries Reverend Ben Hardin as pastor of the Calvary Church, 1911 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The writer placed a telephone call to the above number, Walnut 8504J and without identifying himself as an Agent conversed with Mrs. C. A. Toms, mother-in-law of Reverend Ben Hardin, who advised that Reverend Hardin is presently in San Bernardino, California and that his wife Mrs. Ethel Hardin is now attending a camp meeting at Falling Water, West Virginia, and she expects to return to Washington Sunday night, August 23, 1936.

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Agent immediately proceeded to 1705 N. Calvert Street, Clarendon, Virginia and interviewed Mrs. C. A. Toms, who was at first reluctant to furnish any information in the absence of her daughter and Reverend Hardin. Later, Mrs. Toms became more cooperative and advised that her daughter Ethel had been married to Reverend Hardin, who is originally from McKeesport, Pa., where all of his people reside, for the past 19 years, having two children, [redacted] aged [redacted] and [redacted] aged [redacted]. Mrs. Toms displayed the birth certificate of the latter boy dated at Gary, Indiana 9/6/26. Mrs. Toms further advised that for the past five years, Reverend Hardin has resided in and around Washington, D. C., and for a period of nearly two years ending several months ago, he occupied the position of pastor of the Calvary Pentacostal Church, 1911 H Street, N. W. She stated that Reverend Hardin had previously made his home in Gary, Indiana from about 1926 to 1931 and before that time had spent several years in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Toms related that his wife had always maintained a home, although Reverend Hardin spent a great deal of time on the road throughout the country in his work as an evangelist.

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Mrs. Toms stated Reverend Hardin had never owned an Oldsmobile; that at one time he owned a Willys Knight car but at present has no automobile. Mrs. Toms displayed three envelopes, two of which were dated August 19, 1936 and one August 14, 1936, addressed to Mrs. Ethel Hardin, bearing the return address of Y.M.C.A., San Bernardino, California. Mrs. Toms stated she and her daughter were preparing to move to San Bernardino to join Reverend Hardin within the next few days. The interior of the house, and condition of the furnishings indicated preparation for moving.

Mrs. Toms furnished Agent with two photographs of Reverend Ben Hardin, which she described as being a good likeness of him. These are being transmitted to the Los Angeles Office with the request that they be returned to the Washington Field Office when they have served their purpose, in order that they may be given to Mrs. Toms.

The following is a description of Reverend Hardin as furnished by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Toms:

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| Age    | 42 years       |
| Height | 5'6 or 7"      |
| Weight | 146 lbs.       |
| Hair   | Dark brown     |
| Eyes   | Believed blue. |

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

Upon completion of the investigation regarding the alleged Ben Hardin at Pine Knot, California will return the enclosed photographs of Reverend Ben Hardin, Clarendon, Virginia.

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Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission, at the UN-SD MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants so, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received in the REPEATED-MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIAL MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated message rate and a charge equal to one-tenth of the 100 cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five hundred dollars; nor for any case of delays arising from avoidable interruption of the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or messages.

The Company is hereby made the agent for the sender, without liability, to this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereto; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

#### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**DAY LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

**NIGHT MESSAGES.** Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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#### CABLE MESSAGES

**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

**DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES** at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French when transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i.e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

**WEEK END CABLE LETTERS** at exceptionally low rates. Accepted under conditions applicable to Night Cable Letters, excepting that Week End Cable Letters will be accepted during the week up to midnight Saturday for telegraphic delivery on the following Monday morning. Indicator "WLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

| CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED |                    |
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| DOMESTIC                 | FOREIGN            |
| RUSH MESSAGE             | FULL RATE          |
| SERIAL SERVICE           | CODE RATE (CDE)    |
| DAY LETTER               | URGENT             |
| NIGHT MESSAGE            | DEFERRED (LCO)     |
| NIGHT LETTER             | RADIO LETTER (NLT) |
| SHIP RADIOGRAM           |                    |

# Mackay Radio

## THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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| CHECK             |
| RECEIVER'S NUMBER |
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Send the following radiogram "VIA MACKAY RADIO"  
subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

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AUGUST 21st, 1936

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AUG 28 1936

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CAMP MEETING PINE KNOT CALIFORNIA DESCRIBED AS AGE FORTY THREE HEIGHT  
FIVE FEET FOUR WEIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY HAIR MEDIUM CHESTNUT EYES GREY GREEN  
COMPLEXION RUDDY ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IDENTITY HARDIN

Off Bus Govt Rate  
chg Fed Bur of Inv LA  
cc Bureau cc San Antonio

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L. A. File 51-2918

LW:HG TO SEND A MESSAGE TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1303 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE  
Nite letter FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX.

THE MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT  
TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the repeated-message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

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2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

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5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls therefor, subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

MACKAY RADIO AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 22, 1936.

Transmit the following message to: LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

REVEREND COURTNEY BETHURINGTON WA FUGITIVE NOTA REVEREND BEN HARDIN  
EVANGELIST RESIDES SEVENTEEN NAUGHT FIVE NORTH CALVERT STREET  
CLARENDON VIRGINIA. MRS C. AJ TOMS THAT ADDRESS STATES HARDIN  
MARRIED TO HER DAUGHTER ESTEL NINETEEN YEARS TWO CHILDREN

HARDIN PRESENTLY LOCATED YMOA SAN BERNARDINO  
CALIFORNIA VIBE AND MRS TOMS PREPARING TO MOVE THERE. PHOTOGRAPHS  
HARDIN FURNISHED BY MRS. TOMS NOT IDENTICAL SUBJECT. HARDIN DESCRIBED  
FORTY TWO YEARS FIVE FEET SIX HAIR DARK BROWN EYES BELIEVED BLUE  
BY MRS. TOMS.

KEITH EXT.

NIGHT LETTER  
cc- Bureau. ✓

CC: San Antonio

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: REVEREND COUNTESS WETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al, Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau desires an early report in this matter based on the report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1936 which requests your office to make an appropriate investigation in connection with the criminal record of the subject.

This information is desired for the purpose of preparing an Identification Order.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-3845**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8-26-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>7-10-36, 21, 22, 27; 8-18-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>R. E. MILLER</b>               |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLITTE, Victim.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. A. P. Gouthey not identical with Hetherington. Pastors of various churches in Detroit, Michigan interviewed without obtaining information concerning Hetherington. Dr. E. J. Rollings, Detroit, Michigan, furnished with photograph and description of Hetherington. Publishers of "Fundamentalist", national Baptist paper, have no record of Hetherington. Stop notice placed with Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, on 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor #F-382876.

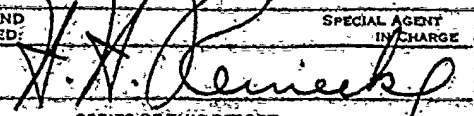
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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated March 19, 1936, and report of Special Agent N. G. Scott, Kansas City, Missouri, dated May 19, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

Agent interviewed Miss Billie East, who is secretary to Dr. E. J. Rollings, Pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, with offices at 9014 Chalmers Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Miss East was questioned with reference to any information she might have received concerning Subject Hetherington, but she stated that since Dr. Rollings and Dr. Gouthey had been interviewed concerning instant case during 1935, they have been unable to date to obtain any further information concerning Rev. Hetherington. Miss East stated that Dr. A. P. Gouthey had recently been in Detroit, Michigan conducting services for Dr. Rollings, but that he was presently out of the city on a vacation, either in Canada or somewhere in California,

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but that he was expected to return to Detroit to conduct a series of services for Dr. Rollings about the 19th of June. Miss East was shown the photograph of Rev. Hetherington, at which time she stated that it did not in any manner answer the description of Dr. A. P. Gouthey, and in this connection Miss East exhibited to the writer a church paper which contained a photograph of Dr. Gouthey, and also a photograph which was maintained on file in their office of Dr. Gouthey, and the writer could clearly see that Dr. Gouthey did not resemble Hetherington. Miss East stated that Dr. Gouthey was apparently of French extraction, and was very dark-complected and his hair was exceedingly dark. By reference to the photographs which were exhibited to Agent, it was ascertained that the information as furnished by Miss East was correct.

Miss East stated that Dr. Rollings was presently very busy, and it would be exceedingly difficult to obtain an appointment with him at this particular time. However, during another visit to the office, Dr. Rollings chanced to call his office at the time the writer was there, and he was interviewed concerning this matter at that time.

Dr. Rollings advised that he has learned of nothing further concerning the subject of this case since he was last interviewed by an agent of this office during the early part of 1935. He requested, however, that he be furnished with a complete description, and if possible a photograph of Rev. Hetherington, as he contemplated traveling considerably in the very near future and that he desired the photograph and description in order that he might carry same with him on his travels, and that in the event he obtained any information whatever concerning Rev. Hetherington, he would immediately communicate with the nearest Bureau Office and advise them of such information as he might obtain concerning Hetherington.

The report of Special Agent J. K. Collins, Detroit, Michigan, dated January 7, 1935, records an interview with Dr. Rollings, at which time Dr. Rollings was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning Hetherington.

On July 16, 1936, a letter was directed to Dr. E. J. Rollings, Metropolitan Tabernacle, 9014 Chalmers Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, which letter contained a complete description of Rev. Courtney Hetherington, and also a complete list of all of his known aliases. A full length photograph of Hetherington was transmitted with this letter, and Dr. Rollings was requested to immediately communicate with the Bureau Office in the event he obtained any information which might be of assistance in the location of Hetherington.

The report of Special Agent H. R. Duffey, Chicago, Illinois, dated January 7, 1936, which was transmitted to this office with

reference report of Special Agent H. K. Johnson, together with a weekly paper containing an article concerning Dr. A. F. Gouthey are being returned herewith to the Indianapolis Bureau Office with its copy of this report.

In reference report of Special Agent N. O. Scott, an undeveloped lead was set out to interview Rev. Dawson McCullough of the Independent Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan. The writer made numerous inquiries through various churches and church organizations in Detroit, but none of those contacted were able to recall a Rev. Dawson McCullough or an Independent Tabernacle having recently been in Detroit, Michigan.

Agent later telephonically communicated with Miss Benson of the Detroit Council of Churches, telephone Randolph 4737, at which time she was requested to check her records in an effort to furnish the writer with any information she might have concerning one Dawson McCullough or an Independent Tabernacle in Detroit, Michigan. Later the same day, Miss Benson telephonically communicated with the writer at this office, at which time she advised that the only McCullough listed in her records was a Rev. W. B. MacCullough, who was pastor in good standing of the Detroit Gospel Tabernacle, which is located at the corner of Third and Warren Streets, Detroit, Michigan.

Upon reference to the current telephone directory, it was ascertained that Rev. W. B. MacCullough presently resided at 377 Tuxedo. Agent telephonically communicated with Rev. MacCullough's residence in an effort to make an appointment with him, but he was out of town that day. The telephone number of the Detroit Bureau Office was left with the person answering the telephone at Rev. MacCullough's residence, and he was requested to communicate with the writer at this office. Shortly thereafter, Rev. MacCullough telephonically communicated with the writer, at which time he stated he had planned to come to downtown Detroit on that day and would be very happy to call by this office.

Mr. MacCullough later reported to this office, and was, at first, very discreetly interviewed concerning Rev. Courtney Hetherington. Agent did not in any manner intimate to Rev. MacCullough the nature of the investigation presently being conducted concerning Hetherington until it was reasonably determined that Rev. MacCullough was apparently very sincere in all of his statements to the writer. He stated that he has been a pastor in Detroit, Michigan for the past several years, and that his church is known as the Detroit Gospel Tabernacle, which according to Rev. MacCullough is a branch of the former Northern Baptist Convention of Churches.

A photograph of Rev. Hetherington was exhibited to Rev. MacCullough, at which time he stated that the photograph resembled, in some

respects, someone he has seen in the past, but he could not definitely state when and where he might have seen this person. Rev. MacCullough stated that during the past two years, he had occasion to meet a Mr. Ryan, who was formerly a member of the Dearborn Gospel Tabernacle, and that Rev. William Webster is the pastor at this tabernacle. Concerning Mr. Ryan, Mr. MacCullough stated that he, in some respects, resembled the photograph of Subject Hetherington, but he was reasonably sure that Ryan was not the Subject in this case in view of the fact that he has been engaged in selling insurance for the past few years. Rev. MacCullough stated, in this connection, that he purchased an insurance policy from Mr. Ryan.

When questioned as to why he might suspect Mr. Ryan, Rev. MacCullough stated that Ryan had recently endeavored to solicit funds through various churches in Detroit, Michigan, in order that he might go to some foreign field as a missionary. Rev. MacCullough stated that he did not believe that Ryan ever sincerely intended to become a missionary, and believed that he was trying to perpetrate a fraud on the various churches which he contacted in Detroit, Michigan. Rev. MacCullough stated that this was the only reason that he might suspect Ryan as being identical with Hetherington.

Rev. MacCullough was furnished with the true name and all aliases of Hetherington, together with a complete description, and he promised that in the event any information came to his attention concerning Hetherington, he would immediately communicate with the Detroit Bureau Office.

In reference report of Special Agent N. O. Scott it is stated that Rev. Dawson McCullough is an ex-convict. During the interview with Rev. MacCullough at this office, the writer did not make any mention of this or attempt in any manner to question Rev. MacCullough concerning this, as it was believed that it would serve no useful purpose in this investigation, and Rev. MacCullough was apparently sincere in his efforts to assist in this investigation.

Agent also interviewed Rev. W. D. Webster and Mrs. Webster at 2041 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Michigan. Rev. Webster maintains his residence on the upper floor at this address, and the Dearborn Gospel Tabernacle is on the first floor.

Rev. Webster was questioned concerning the man by the name of Ryan whom Rev. MacCullough had previously mentioned as resembling Rev. Hetherington. Rev. Webster stated that Ryan was a member of the Dearborn Gospel Tabernacle, but that he was not exactly what you would call a good member, and that insofar as he knew, his only occupation was that of insurance salesman.

Both Reverend and Mrs. Webster were questioned concerning any information they might possess about Rev. Hetherington. The photograph of Hetherington was exhibited to them, and Mrs. Webster stated that she believed that she had seen someone who had closely resembled the photograph. However, she was unable to definitely state where this person had been seen by her, but presumed it was at one of the numerous church conventions which she and her husband have attended in the past.

Rev. Webster stated that there is a Rev. J. R. Klein in Detroit, Michigan who is very well known in church circles, and that he might possibly know something concerning Hetherington. Rev. Webster telephonically communicated with Rev. J. R. Klein, at which time he questioned Rev. Klein concerning anyone he might know by the name of Hetherington, and Rev. Klein stated that he knew of only one Hetherington, and that was Mr. O. R. Hetherington of Detroit, Michigan.

By reference to report of Special Agent Kanson, Detroit, Michigan, dated October 22, 1935, it will be noted that he interviewed the Hetherington mentioned by Rev. Klein. Consequently no attempt will be made at this time to re-interview the Hetherington mentioned by Rev. Klein, as he is no doubt identical with the Hetherington mentioned in the report of Special Agent N. E. Kanson.

Rev. Webster was furnished with a complete description, including all known aliases, of Hetherington, and he stated that in the event any information came to himself or his wife, he would immediately transmit such information to the Detroit Bureau Office.

Rev. Webster stated that he subscribes to a church paper known as the "Pentecostal", which is published in Springfield, Missouri, and that Mr. Ernest Williams, chairman of this publication, might possibly have some information or have heard something concerning the activities of Hetherington. Rev. Webster also stated that there is a publication which is published by the Pentecostal assemblies of Canada at 642 Danforth Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and that Rev. A. G. Ward, who is connected with this publication, might be able to furnish information concerning Subject Hetherington. The file in the Detroit Bureau Office does not reflect that either of these two publications has been contacted in the past, but an undeveloped lead is not being set out at this time to have these two persons interviewed. This is being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Rev. Webster stated that there is published in Detroit, Michigan at the present time a paper known as the "Fundamentalist", and that he believes that Dr. Frank Norris is the publisher of this paper.

At the Temple Baptist Church, 14th and Marquette Streets, Detroit, Michigan, Agent interviewed Mr. G. B. Vick who stated that Dr. Frank Morris, formerly of Ft. Worth, Texas, is presently pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, and also is the publisher of a Baptist paper which is known as the "Fundamentalist." Mr. Vick stated that Dr. Morris was presently out of the city, and it was not definitely known when he would return. He stated that he would be glad to be of service to this Bureau if he were able to do so through his connection with the "Fundamentalist." In this connection, Mr. Vick checked the indexes of all persons who had been mentioned in their paper, together with a list of all subscribers to the paper, but did not in any instance find any mention of the name Hetherington or any of his known aliases.

Mr. Vick was furnished with a complete description, together with all known aliases of Hetherington, and he stated that a stop notice would be placed in their files and in the event any information came to their attention concerning Hetherington, this office would be immediately notified.

Agent telephonically communicated with Miss Billie East, secretary to Dr. Rollings, at which time she stated that Dr. A. P. Gouthey was presently in Detroit, Michigan, conducting services for Dr. Rollings, and that he was residing at the Chateau Frontenac, Detroit, Michigan. Agent telephonically communicated with Dr. A. P. Gouthey at the Chateau Frontenac Apartments, telephone Lenox 9200, at which time he stated that he has heard nothing further concerning Hetherington since he was last interviewed by an agent of this Bureau during February of 1935.

Dr. Gouthey stated that he has traveled considerably since that time and has been alert to obtain any information whatever concerning the present whereabouts or activities of Hetherington. In this connection he stated that he is just as desirous as this Bureau is in locating Hetherington, as he had been embarrassed considerably on several different occasions as a result of Hetherington having used the name of Rev. Gouthey.

Dr. Gouthey stated that he recently saw a photograph of Hetherington, which Dr. Rollings had in his possession, which photograph, as previously stated in this report, was mailed to Dr. Rollings from this office, and he advised that he firmly believes that he has seen Hetherington some place in the past, but could not definitely remember where it was. Dr. Gouthey stated that at the time he was interviewed in February of 1935 by an agent of this Bureau, he was furnished with a list of addresses of the various Bureau Offices throughout the United States, and that he still has this list in his possession, and in the event any information concerning Hetherington comes to his attention during his travels throughout the United

States, he will immediately communicate by telephone with the nearest Bureau Office.

By reference to report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Detroit, Michigan, dated February 14, 1935, it is noted that both in the synopsis and in the body of the report Dr. Gouthey's name is shown as Dr. A. J. Gouthey. This is evidently an error in the name and initials of Dr. Gouthey, as Dr. Goutney states that he is the person who was interviewed at that time.

Under date of September 25, 1935, a letter was directed to Mr. Orville E. Atwood, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, requesting that a stop notice be placed in his files against 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor #F-332876, which is the automobile that has been identified as having been purchased on or about July 15, 1934 by Hetherington, under the alias of Courtney Gouthey.

Mr. Atwood was requested to immediately notify this office if any change occurred in the status of the ownership of instant automobile. Accordingly, this office should be notified in the event instant automobile is located in order that the above-mentioned stop notice may be withdrawn from the files of the Secretary of State at Lansing, Michigan.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Los Angeles</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8-28-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>8-20, 21, 22-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>LISH WHITSON AB-CEH</b>        |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject tentatively identified by A. G. OSTERBERG and BEN HARDIN as WILBUR TAYLOR, former Pentecostal Missionary to French West Africa. File reviewed and leads set out.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. C. White, San Antonio, Texas, dated 5-21-36.

**DETAILS:**

REVEREND JONATHAN PERKINS, 632 North Coronado Terrace, Los Angeles, stated he could not recognize the picture of the subject as anyone he knew, but that he was positive that from the set of facts related to him by this Agent, a notice had been printed in the Pentecostal Journal published by the REVEREND STANLEY FRODSHAM, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, a couple of years ago. He had never seen

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the subject at any time, however, in Los Angeles, or its environs.

REVEREND PERKINS stated that at the present time a camp meeting of the Pentecostal Sect, or Assemblies of God, is being held at Pine Knot on Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County, California, and at this camp meeting could be found many Pentecostal Evangelists who had traveled throughout the United States, and who might be able to identify the photograph of the subject.

REVEREND PERKINS also furnished the names of the following individuals who were interested in Pentecostal work, and who might also be able to furnish information:

DR. DONALD GEE

MRS. DRAPER

DR. CHARLES PRICE

REVEREND PERKINS did not know the present addresses of these particular individuals, but stated that they could be obtained from REVEREND STANLEY FRODSHAM, above mentioned.

#### AT PINE KNOT, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND A. G. OSTERBERG, Chairman and District Superintendent of the Southern California and Arizona District Council of the Assemblies of God, who is presently conducting the camp meeting at Pine Knot, stated he did not definitely remember anyone who fitted the description of the subject, or who resembled his picture, but that he felt that the picture was one of a WILBUR TAYLOR, a former Pentecostal Missionary in French West Africa, who was banned from the church after seducing a single female missionary in his field and who, after returning to the United States, had stayed for a short while with OSTERBERG and his wife in Fresno, California, in 1926. REVEREND OSTERBERG stated that at that time he did not know of TAYLOR'S status, but instinctively did not like the man.

REVEREND OSTERBERG further stated that TAYLOR then contacted a REVEREND CHARLES OPIE, 570 Columbia Street, Pomona, California.

Photograph of Subject was displayed to MRS. A. G. OSTERBERG, who stated that she remembered the individual known as WILBUR TAYLOR, but that she could not positively identify him from the photograph displayed.

REV. OSTERBERG then called in the REV. BEN HARDIN, whom he introduced to Agent as an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God, from Clarendon, Virginia, who had travelled throughout this country and Canada and who might know the Subject under one of his many aliases.

REV. BEN HARDIN is described as follows:

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| NAME       | BEN HARDIN   |
| Age        | 43   |
| Height     | 5' 4"  |
| Weight     | 160 lbs.   |
| Build      | Stocky   |
| Hair       | Medium Chestnut  |
| Eyes       | Grey-green   |
| Complexion | Ruddy  |
| Scars      | Indented scar about 1 1/2" long, right side of forehead, partially concealed by hair, which is worn parted on the left side and hanging low over the right eyebrow; hair-line scar under nose. |
| Teeth      | Gold rim on upper tooth, left side, which appeared to be part of a bridge.   |

Because of certain minor details of REV. HARDIN'S description bearing a close resemblance to minor details in the Subject's description, investigation was requested of the Washington Field and Birmingham offices, as will be set out later in this report.

REV. BEN HARDIN stated that he was conducting evangelical work in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in March of this year, and was interviewed at that time by an Agent of the Bureau regarding

the possible identity of the Subject. He was displayed a picture similar to the one which this Agent showed to him, and was unable to say at the time he viewed the picture that the Subject was actually one WILBUR TAYLOR, a former Pentecostal Missionary to French West Africa. He stated he was greatly agitated at the time because of his religious work, and he did not give the matter a thorough consideration; that, however, after the Agent had left and he (HARDIN) was on his way to his next place of duty, he remembered that WILBUR TAYLOR was about his height and weight at the time he knew him, which was around 1915 or 1916.

HARDIN stated that, at that time, he himself weighed about 120 pounds, but now weighed 160 pounds, and that TAYLOR could have put on as much weight as was indicated by the photograph. He said, furthermore, that TAYLOR was not bald at the time he last saw him, but that now, after viewing the photograph and considering the Subject's modus operandi, he is fairly convinced that the Subject is actually WILBUR TAYLOR.

He stated that the identity of the Subject, as far as WILBUR TAYLOR is concerned, could be readily established by displaying the picture to HARRY WRIGHT, who is presently with the Christian Missionary Alliance, but who, for over ten years, was intimately associated with TAYLOR in the vicinity of Kerofia, French West Africa, at the Pentecostal Mission. WRIGHT can presently be reached through C. A. McKINNEY, his father-in-law, at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

The Subject's identity can also be established by interviewing WILBUR TAYLOR'S former wife at Braddock, Pennsylvania, where she is presently connected with the Braddock School System, where HARDIN believes she is known as MRS. RUTH TAYLOR.

Both OSTERBERG AND HARDIN stated that TAYLOR has always bragged about his big game hunting, and had had many hair-raising experiences among the Mossi Tribes in French West Africa. They stated that, if the Subject were actually TAYLOR, the fact that he spoke with a British accent and was able to speak French fluently would not be unusually surprising because Pentecostal Missionaries study in London or Paris, and that TAYLOR'S experience in French West Africa would give him a good command of French.

REV. HARDIN stated that REV. FRANK CASLEY, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, was the minister connected with the missionary activity for the Assemblies of God who originally sent TAYLOR to French West Africa.

REV. OSTERBERG furnished Agent with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, containing the list of ministers and missionaries as of September 1935, which is being placed in the Los Angeles file for the purpose of reference in the event any further aliases of Subject are determined, and in the event Subject operates in the Los Angeles District under the names of any of the ordained ministers of the Pentecostal Sect.

No lead is being set out to interview REV. FRANK CASLEY at Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, inasmuch as his name does not presently appear as an ordained minister in the above-mentioned reference book.

REV. LOUIS F. TURNBULL, pastor of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, residence: 1108 North Coronado Terrace, Los Angeles, who was in attendance at the Camp Meeting at the time Agent was there, was introduced by OSTERBERG as being one of the oldest ministers in the Assemblies of God. He stated that he remembered clearly that the young lady with whom TAYLOR had committed adultery in Africa had left the Pentecostal Church, but that he could not describe her, nor could he remember her name. He could not positively identify TAYLOR from the photograph of Subject.

REV. OSTERBERG was questioned regarding the presence at the Camp Meeting of other widely-travelled Pentecostal Evangelists, and he stated that they come and went, but that Agent had seen all of the foremost ministers present that day at the Camp Meeting.

Agent left with REV. OSTERBERG 30 copies of the photograph of Subject, which he stated he wished to have for the purpose of sending them to the key ministers in his district. He also requested a copy of the modus operandi of Subject which appeared in the F.B.I. Bulletin of October 1935, so that he could write a personal letter to all of his ministers in his district.

setting out the description and modus operandi of the Subject. He was furnished with the modus operandi and told Agent that he would instruct his ministers to contact the Los Angeles Bureau Office immediately in the event any of them obtained any information regarding the identity or present location of Subject.

Agent reinterviewed REV. JONATHAN PERKINS, Los Angeles, who stated that itinerant evangelists, when they came to Los Angeles looking for a job, usually contacted the following:

The Bible Institute  
Bob Schuler  
The Union Rescue Mission  
Josiah Hopkins at the Country Church of  
Hollywood

If no jobs were forthcoming at any of these places, they invariably contacted the Four-Square Gospel at Angelus Temple.

The proper person to see at The Bible Institute is a REV. GGG. If DOBYSCHULER himself cannot be seen, PERKINS recommended his assistant, JAMISON. At the Union Rescue Mission, he stated, MR. PERKLEY or one of his assistants would be the proper person to contact. At the Angelus Temple, BROTHER BLACK should be contacted.

PERKINS stated that these individuals come in contact, during the course of the year, with most religious racketeers.

Because of the description of REV. BEN HARDIN, who was interviewed at Pine Knot, being similar in some respects to that of Subject, on August 21, 1936, telegrams were sent to the Washington Field Office and to the San Antonio Office, to check his identity and the alleged interview by a Bureau Agent in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The San Antonio Office replied by telegram the same date that their file showed that HARDIN had been interviewed, and on August 22, 1936, the Washington Field Office informed by telegram that HARDIN resided at 1725 North Calvert, Clarendon, Va.,

with his wife and two children and mother-in-law, Mrs. C. A. THOMS; that he had been married for 19 years and had children aged [ ] and [ ] that his present mailing address was Y. M. C. A., San Bernardino, California, and that the family was preparing to remove to California to join him. The description furnished by the Washington Field Office is substantially the same as that obtained by this Agent.

The file in the Los Angeles Office in instant case was reviewed, and it was noted that, in the report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Francisco, California, dated May 20, 1935, one of the Subject's fellow-passengers and poker-companions on his trip from Los Angeles to Lansing, Michigan, was a man from Pasadena, California, who was supposed to be known as a collector of canes at that place. A lead is being set out to determine this individual's identity and to interview him.

In the report of Special Agent T. E. Billings, Los Angeles, California, dated August 18, 1935, FRANK STROMACH, Fire Chief, Santa Barbara, California, states that once he drove into Los Angeles with Subject, who told him that he used to go to the Cadillac-LaSalle Garage and get them to allow him to drive some of the cars, and that he at one time roomed in a house directly across the street from a Cadillac-LaSalle showroom. STROMACH could not give a description of the house or the location of the showroom. A lead is being set out to determine these locations in Los Angeles.

In the report of Special Agent F. J. Lackey, San Antonio, Texas, dated November 24, 1934, CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim in instant case, stated that Subject claimed to have two sons, 12 and 16 years of age, whereabouts unknown, and that he had a daughter buried in France.

With regard to this, it is pointed out that BEN HARDIN has sons aged [ ] and [ ]. It might be mentioned at this point that HARDIN stated he believed WILBUR TAYLOR, while in French West Africa, had three children born to his wife who were buried there. This number of children corresponds with the number mentioned by Subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CLEVELAND OFFICE

AT CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO, will display photograph of Subject to HARRY WRIGHT, c/o G. A. McKINNEY, to determine whether or not Subject is actually WILEUR TAYLOR, WRIGHT'S former associate in French West Africa.

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

AT BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA, will interview the former wife of WILEUR TAYLOR, presently believed to be using the name MRS. RUTH TAYLOR, and presently with the School System at Braddock, and display to her photograph of Subject for the purpose of determining if he is identical with TAYLOR.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will interview the following individuals and leave photographs of Subject with them:

JOSIAH HOPKINS, at the Country Church of Hollywood

REV. OGG, at The Bible Institute

REV. BOB SCHULER or his assistant, JAMISON

MR. BERKLEY at The Union Rescue Mission

Will also contact all Cadillac-LaSalle dealers for the purpose of determining the location of the house believed to have been occupied at one time by Subject, across the street from a Cadillac-LaSalle showroom.

Will confer with the head of the Bunco Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, to determine if complaints have been received on confidence schemes similar to the manner in which the Subject operates.



Undeveloped Leads (Cont.)

Will search the Los Angeles police records to determine if Subject has been arrested in this locality, and will endeavor to have his photograph, description, and history run in the daily police bulletin.

At Angelus Temple, will reinterview BROTHER BLACK for any additional information which he might have regarding Subject.

Will keep in contact with REV. A. G. OSTERBERG, residence: 2633 South Bedford, regarding any further information he might receive concerning Subject.

AT POMONA, CALIFORNIA

Will interview REV. CHARLES OPIE, 570 Columbia Street, for any information he might have regarding Subject, or his being identical with WILLIAM TAYLOR.

AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

At the Huntington Library and Art Galleries, will ascertain the identity of well-known collectors of cards in Pasadena, and interview these individuals to determine the identity of the person who was Subject's poker partner between Los Angeles and Lansing, Michigan, in June 1934.

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September 5, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

Re: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.;  
et al,  
White Slave Traffic Act.  
Bu. File #88-12-

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

~~/~~ W. Herbert Courtney

CC-Bureau ✓

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1206 Tower Petroleum Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

August 31, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.;  
et al,  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the fingerprint card  
of W. HERBERT COURTNEY, taken in connection with the  
above investigation.

It is requested that a search be made for  
any criminal record existing against him, and the  
Dallas Office advised.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

FILE NO. 31-2021-

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8-31-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>8/16-20, 28/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>F.S. DUNN.</b>                  |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER (Victim); HAZEL IRENE SMITH,<br/>(Victim); MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE (Victim)</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Courtney has lived in Dallas, Texas since 1930, when he purchased a home; is an electrical engineer, has traveled around the world as seaman, later enlisted U.S. Navy in 1907 serving 7 years; attended Naval Electrical School at New York City, claims to possess psychic mind; organized society in Dallas for teaching of astrology, metaphysics. General appearance does not compare with photograph of subject; some similarity appears in their records. Photograph and fingerprints of Courtney secured. Subject Hetherington, with aliases, unknown Beaumont, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report Special Agent F.T. McIntyre, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., dated 8-18-36; and telegram from Birmingham Bureau Office, dated August 15, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

Upon receipt of reference telegram, Agent interviewed Mrs. Robert A. Smith, 1431 Glenn Avenue, Dallas, and exhibited the photograph of Hetherington, and was advised by Mrs. Smith that she was unable to see any resemblance to W. Herbert Courtney. She stated she had known Courtney since about February, 1935; that she and her husband were interested in psychology, and it was through this interest she met Courtney, who owns his home at 2526 W. Brooklyn Street, Dallas, Texas, where he resides with his wife and son, who is [redacted] years of age. She stated she desired that Mrs. T.A. Grimes, 1234 E. Vermont Street, a close friend of hers who is also a student of Mr. Courtney, be shown the

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photograph of Hetherington and the matter further discussed with her.

Mrs. Grimes, upon viewing the photograph, was positive that it was not that of Courtney. She was given by Agent some of the history of Hetherington as to his travels, which she stated did in some respects compare with Courtney's record; that Courtney was not religiously inclined but had devoted his time to the teaching of psychology and metaphysics.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent R.C. Coulter, went to the home of Courtney, who agreed to accompany Agents to the Dallas Bureau Office, where he was questioned concerning his past history.

Courtney stated that he was born June 4, 1881 at Charlotte, West Va. He was advised by Agents that he was suspected of being the same person as subject, whereupon he stated he had at some time in 1924 or 1925 been mistaken either for Hetherington or some other person whose description fit him, by the Detective Agency at Chicago, Ill., and that he was glad to cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible and was willing to give his life's history, if necessary, in order that he may not later be mistaken for this subject.

It was very apparent that the photograph of Hetherington was not that of Courtney.

Courtney stated that his father Alfred C. Courtney, was the first Engineer elected in the State of Maryland in 1921; that his father died in 1923; his mother about 1896 when he was of the age of 15; that he ran away from home after his mother's death, went to sea as a cabin boy; he followed the ships for eight years until he was 23 years of age; that in 1907 or 1908 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at Norfolk, Va.; that he was in the Navy for seven years. During this time he attended a Naval Electrical School at New York City for six or seven months and was attached to the U.S.S. Washington. He was transferred to a torpedo destroyer, then to a submarine as chief electrician; that in 1914 he was transferred to the U.S.S. Idaho, which ship was sold to Greece. Upon delivery of this ship the crew was picked up by U.S.S. Maine. He stated he has traveled all over the World on different ships and that he finally was assigned to U.S. S. New Hampshire, on which he remained for the duration of the World War doing convoy duty and coastwise patrol. He was discharged from the Navy in September, 1919. His discharge number is A-27669.

He then worked for the Republic Iron & Steel works as electrician at Youngstown, Ohio for eight or nine months. In 1921 he worked for the Billsby Engineering Corporation of Chicago, doing engineering work (switch board - general construction work); resigning in 1923 he went to work for the Dixie Engineering Corporation - W.O. Davis at Montgomery, Alabama, manager, working on the lines in the field. During 1923 and 1924, he also worked on the Reynold Dam at Little Rock, Ark. He stated at Little Rock he worked on the Donaghey Building, 7th & Main Streets, doing construction work under Supt. Bert Holmes, and that he worked for Holmes Construction Company during 1924 and 1925 at Little Rock. He claims that he worked as electrician at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for Mr. Joe Taylor as head electrician for his company. During 1928 and 1930 he was employed by the Billsby Engineering Corporation of Oklahoma City under F.A. Partridge as electric engineer (switch board); that this company is known as the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Public Utility; that while so employed, the work was shut down due to the depression and he came to Dallas the latter part of August, 1930, where he purchased his home at 8526 Brooklyn, and went into business for himself as electrical engineer, and from 1931 to 1932 he did general construction work for Geo. A. Ripley of the Ripley Shirt Company, 410 South Beckley Street, Oak Cliff, Dallas, since which time he has been working independently on refrigeration and electrical jobs, stating he was employed by Mr. H.H. Moorhouse of the Westinghouse Electric Company where he had worked off and on during 1934, and that during August, 1934, he was on relief in Dallas, Texas; that he has organized during the past two years a system known as "Ghoshen" for the teaching of astrology and metaphysics, claiming he is possessed of psychic powers. He states he is teacher of lost arts - among which are bio-chemistry, psycho-analysis, psychology, the Art of Living, Course in Child Training, Science of Food, Humanology and Horoscopy.

Courtney states he married Florence Starr of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 27, 1909, during the time he was on duty at Little Rock for the Navy; that he has a son, Harry Lester, born at Pine Bluff August 21, 1911. He claims he has never been arrested or in any trouble; that he is a full blood Scotch and has never lived under any other name. His description is as follows:

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| Name: | W. Herbert Courtney    |
| Age:  | 55 (Born June 4, 1881) |
| Ht.:  | 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "   |
| Wt.:  | 140                    |
| Bld.: | medium                 |

Hair: Chestnut, thin on top  
Eyes: black  
Corp.: med.  
Small indentation scar one inch above right eye  
Has light beard  
Teeth: Upper left front tooth - crown.

Courtney was examined for abdomen scar and scar on upper forearm as mentioned in description of Hetherington, with negative results.

He voluntarily submitted to being photographed and fingerprinted, stating he was quite anxious to do everything possible to establish that he was not the subject in this case, and expressing his willingness to cooperate in every way.

Copy of the fingerprints of Courtney is submitted to the Bureau by letter. The photograph of Courtney will be submitted to the San Antonio Office upon development.

As requested in report of Special Agent N.O. Scott, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 5-19-36, Rev. Harry Lodge of Sabine Tabernacle, Beaumont, Texas, was contacted, and photograph and description of Hetherington exhibited to him. He stated he has no recollection of ever seeing an individual answering the description, and that the photograph was not familiar to him. He made a record of Hetherington's name and description, and stated if any information was secured by him he would notify the Dallas Bureau Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE will exhibit photograph of Courtney to Mrs. Alleah Gillette, one of the victims in this case, when photograph is received, for her opinion as to whether or not Courtney is identical with Hetherington.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-2865**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a., FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al., Victims</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b>   |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Oldsmobile Coupe Motor No. S-382876 not registered State of Maryland. Stop order maintained.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. G. Reed, Birmingham, Ala., dated 5/9/35.

DETAILS:

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Inquiry was made of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles office where a search of the files was made relative to the registration of Oldsmobile Coupe Motor No. S382876. This automobile was not registered in the State of Maryland for 1936, and a stop order which had previously been placed against the registration of this car is being maintained by this office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE at BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Will report future registration of this automobile.

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September 5, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

RE:

REVEREND COURTNEY H. THE RINGTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive;  
CLYDE ALLENDALE, et al, Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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October 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, N. Y.

RE: REV. COUNTRY ARTH FERGUSON, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al, Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

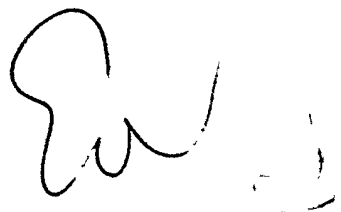
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 11,  
1936, advising that this case has been closed in your  
office.

Your attention is directed to additional leads  
which have been set out for the New York Office in the  
report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, dated at Phila-  
delphia, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1936. Accordingly, your  
office should conduct the additional necessary investiga-  
tion regarding the arrest of Hetherington by the New York  
Police Department and advise the Bureau at your earliest  
opportunity.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



September 21, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ANTHONY NETHERINGTON,  
with alias, FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE L. BROWN, et al., VICTIMS -  
ALIBI OLIVE TRAFFIC CASE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. J. Berens, dated at Washington, D. C., September 4, 1936,  
in the above captioned case, wherein it is reflected that a  
stop order is being maintained with the Commissioner of Motor  
Vehicles for the State of Maryland, relative to Oldsmobile Coupe  
Motor No. 3-362876.

You are advised that the car which was formerly in  
subject Netherington's possession, correctly described as a  
1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F-362876 (the prefix letter  
being F instead of S), was sold by Netherington on September  
26, 1934 at Memphis, Tennessee to the Automobile Wholesalers,  
Incorporated, of that city as reflected by a previous report  
submitted in this case.

Accordingly, the stop order being maintained by the  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in Baltimore, Maryland in behalf  
of your office in regard to this car should be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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607 U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, N.Y.

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September 11, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, ET AL, VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated  
September 5, 1936 in the above entitled case, Bureau  
file 88-12.

Please be advised that a report R.U.C.'ing  
this case was submitted by Special Agent H. A. Martin,  
dated at New York City, June 17, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**

FILE NO. **51-2600**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>9-15-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>9-12-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>F. M. AMES</b>                  |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRVING SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Ruth Taylor, 633 Fourth Street, Braddock, Pa. upon viewing photographs of Rev. Courtney Hetherington and Frank Nowak, alias Lester A. Hetherington, stated the photos in no way resemble J. Wilbur Taylor, nor could she identify the photographs.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Lish Whitson, Los Angeles, California August 28, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

**AT BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA.**

MRS. RUTH TAYLOR at 633 Fourth Street, upon being interviewed was shown the photographs of Rev. Courtney Hetherington and Frank Nowak alias Lester A. Hetherington. She stated that these men did not resemble J. Wilbur Taylor, nor could she say who they were. She stated that her husband, J. Wilbur Taylor, had been engaged in Foreign Missionary work and that the last she had seen of him was in 1924 when she left him at Oangadougou, French Africa. Upon her return to the United States she obtained a divorce. She does not know where he can be located. Mrs. Taylor also stated that she became acquainted with Harry Wright, who was mentioned in reference report, and it is her opinion that Wright is residing at Nyack, New York; that by making an inquiry at the Christian Missionary Alliance in New York City, he can be very easily located.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-65** **LD**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>10/6/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>9/30/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>JEROME DOYLE</b>               |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases:<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reverend Oswald J. Smith, Toronto, Canada still in Europe. Will return October 15, 1936. Eldon B. Lehman, Assistant for past six years and Miss Alice Porter his Secretary for past eighteen years had never heard of subject and could make no identification from his snapshot.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent N. O. Scott, Kansas City, Mo. dated 5/19/36.  
Report of Special Agent J. E. Clegg, Buffalo, N.Y. dated 7/28/36.

**DETAILS:**

**AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA**

At 2 Park Road, offices of Reverend Oswald J. Smith, Eldon B. Lehman, Assistant to Reverend Smith for the past six years, and Miss Alice Porter, Secretary to Reverend Smith for the past eighteen years, stated they had never heard of subject HETHERINGTON and were unable to make an identification of his snapshot. Miss Porter further advised Reverend Smith would return to Toronto from Europe on or about October 15, 1936. She stated, as he had been on many tours throughout the United States on which neither she nor Eldon B. Lehman accompanied him it was possible he may have heard of subject HETHERINGTON and might be able to

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identify his photograph.

At the same time she suggested that agent contact Reverend A. E. Sproule, 42 Gerrard Street, East Toronto, The Toronto Gospel Centre, as he had done a great deal of evangelical work in the United States.

At that address agent found a church, all doors locked and no one in. a neighborhood inquiry failed to reveal when Reverend Sproule would be in his office in the church.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The BUFFALO OFFICE at TORONTO, CANADA will interview Reverend Smith at 100 Bloor Street, East, or 1 Park Place, in the near future in the manner set forth in report of Agent Scott, Kansas City, Mo. dated 5/19/36.

At the same time will make an attempt to contact Reverend A. E. Sproule, 42 Gerrard Street, East, questioning him as to whether or not he has ever heard of subject and display subject's photograph.

P E N D I N G

Los Angeles, California  
September 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: REV. GEORGE W. HETHERINGTON, w.o.s.  
CHYDE A. HETHERINGTON, et al - Victims,  
White Slave Traffic Act.  
L. A. File 31-2918.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
Lish Whitson, Los Angeles, dated August 28, 1936, in which  
certain leads are set out for the Los Angeles office for the  
purpose of establishing the identity of the subject.

Inasmuch as the F. B. I. Bulletin for September  
1936 carried the fingerprint classification of subject and a  
copy of the right index finger, together with a revised de-  
scription of subject, and it is quite apparent that the  
identity of Hetherington has been established to the satis-  
faction of the San Antonio office, the Los Angeles office  
having no leads set out by the office of origin for the  
purpose of apprehending subject, the case is being referred  
upon completion to the office of origin herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANCOCK,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>10-8-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>10-3-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>F.S. DUNN.</b>                  |
| TITLE<br><b>REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER (Victim);<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH (Victim);<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE (Victim)</b>   |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>W. Herbert Courtney supplied his photograph to Dallas Office for identification purposes.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R.U.C.</b></p> <p>REFERENCE:                      Report Special Agent F.S. Dunn, Dallas, Texas, dated 8-31-36.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W. Herbert Courtney delivered to the writer his photograph to be used for identification purposes which is being forwarded to the San Antonio Bureau Office.</p> <p><u>UNDEVELOPED LEADS:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SAN ANTONIO OFFICE will exhibit the attached photograph to Mrs. Gillette, one of the victims in this case, for her opinion as to whether or not Courtney is identical with Hetherington.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p> |                                  |   |  |
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al, VICTIMS;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio**

S. A. FILE NO. **31-1262**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>Oct. 28/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>10/26 to 28/36</b>                         | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>W. J. Birthright</b>           |
| TITLE <b>CHANGED</b>   |                                     |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases:<br/>         CHARLES A. DAWSON, CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, CHARLES<br/>         P. VAN BLARCOM, CHARLES PIERREPONT, DR. COURTNEY<br/>         HETHERINGTON, REVEREND COURTNEY GOUTHEY, DR. COURTNEY</p>   |                                     |  |   |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br/>         DARLING, J. WILBUR TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DeBUSSEY<br/>         DeBOUGAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT,<br/>         MAURICE PIERREPONT, ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE CHARLES<br/>         MAURICE VINSON PIERPONT COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,<br/>         ARTHUR HETHERINGTON, ALBERT HETHERINGTON, DR. C. GOUTHEY,<br/>         DR. C. DARLING, DR. COURTNEY, DR. PIERPONT, DR. CHARLES<br/>         ARTHUR DeBUSSEY du BUGGINS DALE HETHERINGTON, DR. BRUTUS<br/>         DARLING, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, ARTHUR ADOLPH DeBUSSEY<br/>         DeBOUGAINVILLE, CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT,<br/>         ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE, CHARLES MAURICE VINSON<br/>         PIERPONT FUGITIVE</p> <p>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>         HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim<br/>         MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Victim Clyde Alexander states photograph of W. Herbert<br/>         Courtney not subject of this case. File reviewed and<br/>         complete title established, criminal record and complete<br/>         description reported. Leads set out. P.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reference: Report of Special Agent H. G. Maynor, St.<br/>         Louis, 2/1/36, Bureau letter to Boston office, dated<br/>         5/21/36 and report of Special Agent F. S. Dunn, Dallas,<br/>         Texas, 10/8/36.</p> |                                     |  |   |
| <p><u>DETAILS:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The title is changed to include all known names and aliases of<br/>         the subject reflected upon a review of the file.</p>   |                                     |  |   |
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For the information of all offices reference report of Special Agent H. G. Maynor reflects that one Virginia Dunston met the subject on December 9, 1931, on a bus traveling between St. Louis, Mo. and Marion, Ill. The subject at that time posed as Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom, stating that he was going to Memphis, Tenn. the next day to perform an operation and he then employed Virginia Dunston to drive him in her automobile from Marion, Ill. to Memphis, Tenn., thence to New Orleans, La., subsequent to obtaining the consent of Virginia's mother. En route to New Orleans the subject went through a marriage ceremony with Virginia Dunston at Aliceville, Ala., on December 11, 1931. The subject and Virginia went to Houston, Texas, from New Orleans, La., and under the pretext of meeting Virginia in Dallas, Texas, the subject deserted her at Houston, Texas, on December 13, 1931. Virginia Dunston has since obtained a divorce, but has never seen the subject since the date of desertion. Virginia Dunston has identified a photograph of Hetherington as being the person whom she knew and married on December 11, 1931, as Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom.

Virginia Dunston, however, is not being carried as a victim in the title of this case inasmuch as the transportation has been outlawed by the Statute of Limitations.

The handwriting of one Charles P. Van Blarcom as appearing on fingerprint cards in his criminal record at the Bureau has been compared at the Bureau Technical Laboratory with the known handwriting of the subject and the opinion given was that they were made by the same person. Consequently the criminal record of Charles P. Van Blarcom was furnished which is being later set out in this report. From this record there is indication that the subject was also married in Fall River, Mass., in 1932, making a possible sixth known marriage ceremony through which the subject has gone.

The Boston Bureau office has been requested to conduct appropriate investigation in that district concerning activities of the subject.

In addition to this possible marriage and the one to Virginia Dunston in 1931 the subject under the name of Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont married Alleah Gillette, now residing 1410 Edwards Street, Houston, Texas. This marriage took place on April 5, 1933, at Houston, Tex. The subject subsequently transported her to West Lake, La., where they lived for five weeks as man and wife. The subject deserted Alleah Gillette in Houston in July, 1933, and on February 13, 1934, [redacted] was born to Alleah Gillette of which the subject is the father.

During the Spring and Fall of 1933, when the victim Hazel Irene Smith was singing at a church in Birmingham, Ala. she met the subject as Rev. Courtney Hetherington, who was preaching in the same church. The subject courted her, making ardent love, and on December 9, 1933, went through a marriage ceremony before Rev. Grover C. Walker at Birmingham, Ala. In March,

1934, Hazel became pregnant and subject decided to give up his work as a preacher of the gospel and borrowed \$1,000 from Hazel's parents to go to Chicago, Ill. for the purpose of purchasing office apparatus to resume the practice of medicine. The subject then took Hazel to Chicago where he deserted her about October 1, 1934. Hazel later gave birth to a baby boy as a result of this marriage.

The subject under the name of Dr. Courtney Darling about April 1, 1934, then went to Santa Barbara, California, to hold Bible services at the Four Square Gospel Church. He again began a courtship with the Pastor of this church, Gwendolyn Pitinger, and on May 8, 1934, they were married. The subject made an appeal to the congregation of this church, advising that if he could obtain \$2,000 with which to return to England to visit wealthy relatives he could return to California with \$15,000 which would be used for the improvement of the church. In response to this appeal a church member named Helen Eldridge gave the subject \$1600 and on July 11, 1934, Hetherington departed for Chicago with \$1400 in American Express Travelers checks, which have since been cashed in Lansing, Mich., for the purchase of an Oldsmobile automobile, and at Chicopee, Mass. The subject did not return to Santa Barbara, California. The subject under the name of Courtney Gouthey purchased a 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F382876, serial #C-85366, Michigan Title #0-415660, bearing 1934 Michigan license tags #F18-686, on July 16, 1934, at Lansing, Mich., using Travelers checks. The subject sold this automobile in Memphis, Tenn. on September 26, 1934, and the last time the subject was seen was on December 6, 1935, when he contacted Dr. A.E.A. Hudson at the City Memorial Hospital, Hickory, N.C., claiming to be a bacteriologist interested in opening a church hospital and endeavored to cash a \$50 check on a Chicago or Waco, Texas, bank. At that time the subject was driving a gray or tan new Ford V-8 automobile, which instead of bearing license plates carried a card with the statement "License Applied For" printed upon it.

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The subject as Rev. Courtney Gouthey while preaching at Corpus Christi, Texas, in August, 1934, met [redacted] with whom he became very friendly, and married her on August 27, 1934, and she traveled with him to various places in Texas and on September 15, 1934, she went with the subject to Memphis, Tenn. where they resided at 1516 Latham Ave., as man and wife. The transportation of the victim Clyde Alexander by Hetherington was in the 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe which subject had purchased as indicated in this report. After about a week's stay in Memphis the subject deserted [redacted] when he ascertained that inquiry had been made about him by the Memphis Police Department.

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On October 28, 1936, [redacted] San Antonio, again appeared in the San Antonio office and viewed the photograph of W. Herbert Courtney of Dallas, Texas, at which time she stated that this individual is not the man she married as Rev. Courtney Gouthey on

August 27, 1934, at Corpus Christi, Texas, and consequently is not the subject of this case. She further stated that she had heard no word of or from the subject since her last interview by a Bureau Agent.

The victim Mrs. Gillette will not be re-interviewed inasmuch as the photograph of W. Herbert Courtney was presented to Clyde Alexander since it is believed that the victim Clyde Alexander is more familiar with the subject than was Mrs. Gillette. Consequently, the lead as set forth in reference report of Special Agent F. S. Dunn is being disregarded.

Prosecution of the subject was authorized by the U. S. Attorney at San Antonio, Texas, and on December 16, 1935, a true bill was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at San Antonio, Texas, charging the subject with transporting Clyde Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tenn., for immoral purposes. A non est return was made by the U. S. Marshal at San Antonio, Texas, on March 7, 1936.

The following is a complete description of the subject obtained from the victims in this case and from the records of the Philadelphia, Pa. Police Department:

Age, 38 years (1936)  
Born (date unknown), San Francisco, Calif. (Statement of subject)  
Height, 5 feet  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches  
Weight, 133 pounds (may be heavier now)  
Build, medium stocky  
Complexion, medium dark  
Eyes, orange and blue  
Hair, dark brown  
Teeth, one upper tooth discolored  
Legs, bowed just above ankles  
Residence in 1927: 373 Chestnut St., Harrisburg, Penna.  
Dresses neatly, wears number 5 shoe, has fallen arches which give him trouble.  
Marital status, married, deserted wife and minor children Fall River, Mass.  
Occupation, Itinerant Evangelist and also poses as Doctor of Medicine.  
Scars & Marks: Small indentation on forehead, hair line scar on chin, small scar on one upper forearm, believed to have round scar on abdomen, allegedly bullet wound received during War.  
Nationality, probably English or Canadian as has pronounced English accent.  
Eloquent speaker, with excellent command of the English language, can sway an audience with humor or pathos.  
Smokes cigarettes only occasionally; is excellent mimic; refers to children as "Tots".



The following is the complete known criminal record of the subject obtained from the Bureau's Identification Division, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Des Moines, Ia. Police Department:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>   | <u>Number</u>    | <u>PLACE</u>                  | <u>Charge</u>                       | <u>Disposition</u>   |
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| 2/16/15     |   |                  | Fall River,<br>Mass.          | Attempted<br>Breaking<br>& Entering |  |
| 5/8/15      | Chas. P. Van Blarcom<br>with aliases: Chas.<br>Pierpont and Chas.<br>Dawson |                  | New York<br>City              | Burglary                            | 5 years<br>(Paroled<br>Sept. 1916 at<br>Elmira<br>Reformatory<br>#M-25569) |
| 8/20/17     | Chas. A. Dawson alias<br>Charles Arthur Demers                              | U.S.D.P. #4146   | Governor's<br>Island,<br>N.Y. | Desertion                           | 1 year<br>(Served 6<br>months)   |
| 11/18/24    |   |                  | Fall River,<br>Mass.          | Assault<br>&<br>Battery             |  |
| 6/19/25     |   |                  | Fall River,<br>Mass.          | Larceny,<br>neglect<br>& desertion  | 30 days<br>(In house of<br>of family detention)                            |
| 5/12/26     |   |                  | Fall River,<br>Mass.          | Neglect of<br>family                | Probation<br>12/8/26.  |
| 11/18/27    | Chas. P. Van Blarcom  | Phila. ID#77300  | Phila. Pa.                    | Suspicious<br>character             | Discharged   |
| 8/22/33     | Rev. Courtney<br>Hetherington   | Des Moines<br>PD | Des Moines,<br>Ia.            | Larceny                             | Discharged   |

Wanted 10/24/32 - Desertion of wife and minor children, notify State Bureau, Boston, Mass. for State Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Fall River District.

Wanted by Bureau 5/21/36 - White Slave Traffic Act.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Buffalo Office: At Schenectady, N.Y., will interview James J. Barry, 334 Summit Street, an alleged friend of the subject while the subject was at the U. S. Detention Barracks, Governor's Island, New York, in 1917, and secure all information concerning the subject's personal history that will lead to his present whereabouts.

At the Elmira Reformatory, Elmira, N.Y., will ascertain all facts concerning the subject's personal history and particularly his correspondents looking toward his apprehension. The subject as Charles P. Van Blarcom, with aliases Charles Pierrepont and Charles Dawson was sentenced to serve five years in this institution for burglary in New York City and was received there in May, 1915, as #4-25569, and was paroled in September, 1916.

Boston office: At Chicopee, Mass., will ascertain all facts concerning the subject who cashed American Express Travelers checks #R-1500084 to #R-1500086 at the Chicopee Savings Bank on July 24, 1934.

At the Fall River, Mass. Police Department will obtain and report the dispositions of the subject's arrests reflected in his criminal record and ascertain all facts concerning the subject since it appears he had a wife and small children there from 1915 to 1926. If his wife is located she should be interviewed concerning the subject's personal history.

Washington Field Office: At Washington, D.C. will obtain all information from the Adjutant General's office, War Department, concerning the enlistment of the subject possibly as Charles A. Dawson or Charles Arthur Demers, who was under Court-martial order #840 found guilty of desertion at Fort Hamilton, N.Y., on August 16, 1917. Upon this conviction subject was sentenced for one year and was dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Army on August 18, 1917. The subject served six months of his sentence at the U. S. Detention Barracks, Governor's Island, as #4146, at which time he was paroled.

San Antonio Office: At Houston, Texas, will make inquiries for any record of the subject at the Police Department.

All other offices will withdraw all stop notices on 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F382876 (or S382876), serial #C85366, Michigan title #O-415660, bearing 1934 Michigan license plates #F18-686, since it appears from a review of the file the subject sold this automobile on September 26, 1934, at Memphis, Tenn.

Pending.

MCS:DM

November 2, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY BETHENINGTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive;  
Clyde Alexander, et al, Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

In the report of Special Agent R. B. Miller, dated at Detroit, Michigan, August 26, 1936, in the above captioned case, it appears that a stop notice has been placed with the Secretary of State at Lansing, Michigan, for 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, Motor #P-352676. As this car, previously in the possession of Bethenington, was sold by him on September 26, 1934, at Memphis, Tennessee, the Detroit office should withdraw its stop notice against this car.

You should review the file in this case in order to ascertain whether any other office may presently have outstanding a stop notice against the above described car.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Detroit office in order that the stop notice on file at Lansing, Michigan, may be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,  
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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas**

FILE NO. **34-172**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Butte, Montana.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>11/4/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>11/3/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>G. G. Campbell</b>              |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL TREMPER SMITH - Victim;<br/>MRS. ALLAN GILLETTE - Victim.</b>   |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">Stop notices placed against Oldsmobile Coupe, motor #F-382876, in motor vehicle registration files removed. RUC</p>   |                                  |   |  |
| <p>Reference: Report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Antonio, Texas, 10/28/36.</p>   |                                  |   |  |
| <p>Details:</p> <p>Upon receipt of reference report, and in compliance with the lead therein, a letter has been directed to the motor vehicle registration bureaus in the States of Montana and Idaho removing the stop notice placed in the automobile registration files against 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe, motor number F-382876.</p> |                                  |   |  |
| <p>REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p>  |                                  |   |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>  |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                 |  |
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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November 9, 1936

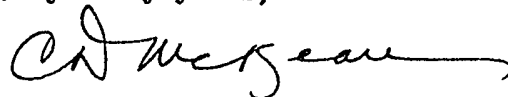
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:                      Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w. a.,  
   FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER et al,  
   Victims. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to my letter dated November 4, 1936, addressed to the Postmaster at Fall River, Massachusetts, copy of which was furnished the Bureau.

Through an oversight, no caption was indicated on the Bureau copy of this letter and further, the Boston File Number should read #31-56 instead of #31-156 as indicated on said Bureau copy.

Very truly yours,



C. D. MCKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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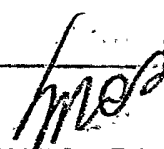


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**Cleveland** FILE NO. **31-17**

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| TITLE <b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM<br/>MABEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Harry Wright and wife now at the missionary home of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 260 West 44th Street, New York City. They are scheduled to sail on Monday morning, November 16th for West Africa on the S.S. Otho, Pier 36, Atlantic Basin, Brooklyn, New York.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent Lish Whitson, Los Angeles, Calif., 8/28/36.

**DETAILS:** On November 10, 1936, Agent called at the home of Rev. C.A. McKinney, 2025 S. Fifth Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, but was unable to find Rev. McKinney, one of the neighbors advising that he was out of town.

The next day Agent by means of telephone located Rev. McKinney's [redacted] Ohio, and ascertained that Harry Wright and his wife were presently at New York City at the Missionary Home of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 260 West 44th Street, but only would be there until Monday morning, November 16th, as they are scheduled to sail on the S.S. Otho, Pier 36, Atlantic Basin, Brooklyn, New York, for West Africa.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD**

The NEW YORK CITY OFFICE is requested to locate and interview Harry Wright, displaying a photograph of subject to him to determine whether or not subject is actually Wilbur Taylor, Wright's former associate in French West Africa. This investigation has been requested in reference report, copy of which, together with photograph of subject, is being transmitted with copies of this report to the New York Office.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Date Nov. 9, 1936

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Division of Investigation:

| Division File Number | Print Number            | Name and Alias  | Disposition  |
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| Bureau File          |                         | CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS with aliases Rev. Courtney Hetherington, Charles A. Dawson, Charles Arthur Demers, Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles Pierrepont, Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Reverend Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Arthur Hetherington, Albert Hetherington, Dr. C. Gouthey, Dr. C. Darling, Dr. Courtenea, Dr. Pierpont, Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussy du Bugginsdale Hetherington, Dr. Brutus Darling, Dr. Courtney Darling, Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont, FUGITIVE. |  |
| 11-8-24              | Fall River, Mass. P. D. | Assault and Battery   | Filed on 6-22-26   |
| 6-19-25              | "                       | Larceny   | Discharged   |
| "                    | "                       | Neglect of family   | 30 days H. of C. Committed   |
| "                    | "                       | Desertion   | Held for Sup.Ct. on Bench Warrant; not presented to Grand Jury. Case dismissed in District Court |
| 5-12-26.             | "                       | Neglect of family   | Second Dist.Ct. Put on Prob. 12-8-26; def. & still at large                                      |

No fingerprints of this individual were available at the Fall River P. D., but inasmuch as Bureau letter of 5-21-36 advises handwriting appearing on fingerprint card of Charles P. Van Blarcom and known handwriting of Subject are identical, and further since a comparison of the photographs of these individuals indicates likewise, this record possibly belongs to Charles P. Van Blarcom, FBI #596783.

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(For instructions see reverse side)

Very truly yours,

C. D. MCKEAN

Special Agent in Charge

(Official Title)

5-6-37

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

FILE NO. 31-56 TMC

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| REPORT MADE AT<br>BOSTON, MASS.  | DATE WHEN MADE<br>11/9/36 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>10/15,26;11/2/36 | REPORT MADE BY<br>L. L. LAUGHLIN             |
| TITLE<br>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a., FUGITIVE;<br>CLYDE ALEXANDER et al, Victims |                           |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's police record, Fall River, Mass., obtained and set out. Subject's background of employment and marital life obtained from his wife, children and in-laws. Believed to be presently in communication with his parents and brother who reside in Fall River, Mass. Thirty day mail cover requested. Description obtained.

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### REFERENCES:

Bureau letter, dated May 21, 1936; report of J. C. White, Special Agent, San Antonio, Texas, dated 6-5-36; report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated 6-15-36; report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Antonio, Texas, dated October 28, 1936.

DETAILS:

AT FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Thomas Stacomb, Clerk to the Chief of Police, was contacted, and after examining his records, displayed the following on Subject, under the name of Charles A. Demers:

11-18-24 Assault and Battery  
6-19-25 Larceny  
" Neglect of family

Filed on 6-22-36  
Discharged  
30 days House of Correction;  
Committed.

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6-19-25 Desertion

Held for Superior Court on Bench Warrant.  
Not presented to Grand Jury. Case dismissed in District Court.

5-12-26 Neglect of family: Second District Court. Put on Probation.  
12-8-26; defaulted and still at large.

Disposition sheet is being attached to Bureau copies of this report.

Also indicated on Subject's record was the following description:

Age: 26  
Height: 5' 2 1/2"  
Weight: "  
Complexion: Dark  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Hazel  
Address: 204 Tecumseh St., Fall River  
Occupation: Advertising

There was further indicated thereon that a warrant was issued on March 28, 1936, and sworn to by Lina I. Demers of 232 Anthony Street, Fall River. Mr. Stacomb advised that this warrant was placed in the Inspectors Division of his Department and on April 9, 1936, capias was sent to the New York Police which, so far as the Fall River records are concerned, is still there.

Inquiry of Mr. Stacomb was made as to whether or not he remembered the Subject whereupon he advised that he had a vague recollection that Subject was an individual whom he remembered only as one who was constantly having domestic trouble and who was regarded more or less as a scoundrel in Fall River.

An examination was made of the Fall River Police Dept. records under other aliases of Subject and it was determined that there existed therein one record on a William O. Van Blarcom, but it was further determined that this individual was not Subject inasmuch as the description given on the back of the record did not tally in any way with that of Subject.

At 232 Anthony Street, Agent spoke with a little girl who advised that her name was Lorraine Demers and that her mother was presently at work and was expected home shortly. Lorraine's grandfather, who was sitting within hearing distance, asked the nature of Agent's business and upon ascertaining same, invited agent to step inside and await the return of Mrs. Demers.

During the period of waiting, the grandfather introduced himself as Mr. Nelson Morrow and advised that he was the grandfather of Mrs. Demers. He stated that Subject has not been seen around their household for approximately ten years. Mr. Morrow said that he knew his granddaughter would be very willing to give all avail-

able information about her husband to the writer inasmuch as she was greatly displeased with the manner in which her case against Subject had been handled on previous occasions, by the local officers.

During this conversation with Mr. Morrow, Mrs. Amelia Emond came to the house and identified herself as Mrs. Demers' mother. Mrs. Emond described Subject as a scoundrel in no uncertain terms. A short time later, Subject's wife came home and advised of the following:

That her name was Lena I. Demers, nee Lena Emond; that she is thirty two years of age and married Subject on November 31, 1922; that she lived with him in Fall River, until June 22, 1923, at which time they moved to Connecticut. Shortly after this, Subject left his wife for the first time. Mrs. Demers states she sold the furniture they had and went home to live with her parents in Fall River. Subject discovered this and came to Fall River and lived with her at her family's home until the money which she had received from the sale of the furniture had been spent, at which time, he left again. Periodic trips to Connecticut and several subsequent returns and stays at the Fall River residence of his wife's family were made by Subject, each one lasting only a short period of time. Mrs. Demers advised that Subject was the type of individual who could not stand domestic or financial difficulties and consistently left her immediately before the birth of each of their three children. After the birth of their first child, Lucille, February 10, 1925, she claims that Subject beat her, took all the money she had, and then departed. As a result of this, she took him into court, charging him with neglect of family and he was ordered to pay \$10.00 a week for his family's support. He paid this amount for a few weeks and then discontinued, leaving his wife again. He would return home for occasional short stays, take whatever money he could find at home and then go away from his wife and family. Two other children were born to the Demers, Lawrence, on 12-31-25 and Norman on 5-13-26.

Prior to Norman's birth, Mrs. Demers informs, Subject left home and has not returned since. She states that he has never seen this child.

According to Mrs. Demers, Subject was born and raised in Fall River, Massachusetts; that he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Demers; that his mother's name was Caroline and the family residence was 204 Tecumseh Street, where his parents, together with his brother, Wilfred, still reside. Prior to marrying Subject, Mrs. Demers states, he worked at various stores in Fall River, namely Adaskins Furniture Store on Main Street, The Modern Furniture Store on South Main Street, Kaplan Brothers on Main Street, and Coogan's Furniture Store in Fall River. The latter was his place of employment at the time of his final

departure. Although employed at these various furniture stores where he made good money, Subject never worked too hard and disliked being tied down to any one particular job. Mrs. Demers advised that he was credit manager at Adaskin's Furniture Store and received between \$50 and \$60 a week, but gave this up because he could not stand steady employment. She stated that she had heard that he abstracted approximately \$450 before he left town. Mrs. Demers stated that Subject was always a fast talker and boasted about his blandness and suavity and frequently stated that the Police Department would never catch him or make him pay any money toward the support of his family if he didn't wish to do so. She said that her husband was an excellent salesman in that he talked convincingly and had very smooth manners. She further advised that he was a "four-flusher" and "all that goes with it".

Prior to marrying Subject, Mrs. Demers advised, she went around with him for approximately ten months; that she had met his family and never got along with them as they were the type of individuals who always sanctioned anything their son did. She stated that he told her at the time they were married, that he was twenty four years of age, whereas his age, given on his discharge from the Canadian Army was indicated as twenty eight on July 11, 1919, three years previous to their marriage. Further, she advised, he had told her that he was single and had never previously been married whereas it is indicated in his discharge papers that he was a widower.

Mrs. Demers exhibited to the writer Subject's Army Discharge Papers and an examination of these showed that Subject had served in the Canadian Army, in the Second Depot Battrn., Second C. C. Regt.; that he enlisted on the sixth of February, 1918, and was discharged on October 10, 1918; that his full name, given at that time, was Charles Arthur Demers and that his rating was "Private" with the words "Afterwards Sergeant" in parentheses following; further, that his number in the Canadian Army was 3317366.

Among Subject's army papers was a Canadian Pay Book which was used while in active service. The number of this was also 3317366 and showed various sums of money paid to and drawn on by Subject. As previously mentioned, Subject's age was given on these papers as twenty eight and his name was signed "C. A. Demers". Mrs. Demers advised that Subject told her that he served as private secretary to the Commander of his regiment and further stated that this was probable inasmuch as Subject was an excellent stenographer.

Among other papers displayed by Mrs. Demers to Agent, there were several newspaper clippings describing Subject as a "mystery man" and going on to relate how Subject was at one time a victim of amnesia, while in Dubuque, Iowa, where he was identified by his father. These clippings were culled from the Dubuque Herald, dated December 17 and December 20, 1920.

About four years ago, Mrs. Demers explained, on reading one of the Providence newspapers, she noticed a photograph of a man therein and the accompanying article stated that the individual was arrested by the Providence Police Department for attempting to obtain money by means of a fake religious movement. At the time of his arrest, this individual gave his name as Pierpont. Mrs. Demers stated that, although the individual was wearing a Van Dyke Beard in the picture, she recognized him as her husband and went to Providence to obtain more information concerning him and to confirm her identification. However, upon reaching Providence, she determined that Pierpont had been released. A search was made by Mrs. Demers for this particular newspaper article and photograph, but she could not find it.

While on the subject of religion, inquiry was made as to Subject's creed, and it was determined that he had been baptized a Catholic at St. Ann's Church in Fall River, on September 30, 1898, but he had professed numerous other religions and preached all sorts of doctrines. This date indicates that Subject obviously lied concerning his age, to the Canadian authorities, at the time of his enlistment.

Concerning Subject's contacts with his parents and relatives in Fall River, Mrs. Demers advised that she was almost positive that he writes home and that his letters are usually addressed to his brother Wilfred. She states that she found this out through a relative of hers, one Mr. Duckett, who is President of the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to which organization, Subject's brother, Wilfred, belongs. On several occasions, Duckett and Wilfred Demers had talked things over and more than once, after they both had been drinking, Wilfred had stated to Duckett that he was in contact with his brother, the Subject.

The following description of Subject was obtained from Mrs. Demers and inasmuch as it seemed to be more authentic than any previously set out, it is as follows:

Name: Charles Arthur Demers  
Address: 204 Tecumseh St., Fall River, Mass.  
Age: 38 (born Fall River, Mass., 9-30-1898)  
Height: 5' 3"  
Weight: 155 to 160  
Build: Stocky  
Mustache: Dark, (known to have worn various types)  
Beard: Heavy " " " " Van Dyke)  
Hair: Black - receding  
Eyes: Hazel  
Glasses: None  
Scars: Small indentation on forehead  
Scar on thigh, supposedly caused by stiletto  
Teeth: Good  
Dress: Neat  
Marital status: Married - separated  
Mannerism: S suave  
Speech: Fast and smooth

Education: Unknown (considered an excellent stenographer)  
Nationality: French  
Hobbies: Shoots pool and considered quite adept at it.  
Reads extensively  
Peculiarities: Very short; upturn at end of nose; bowed legs; very hairy; very small feet - size five shoe.  
Relatives: Mother & Father - Mrs. & Mr. Godfrey Demers, 204 Tecumseh St., Fall River, Mass. Brother - Wilfred. Same address. Former wife - Mrs. Charles Arthur Demers, 232 Anthony St., Fall River, Mass.  
Children:

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Known Criminal Record: in the Boston District, set out at the beginning of this report.  
" " " in other districts set out in ~~reference~~ reports and letter.

Mrs. Demers advised that the last time she heard anything concerning Subject was shortly after she had noticed the photograph of the individual named Pierpont which appeared in the Providence newspapers. It was around that time that several rumors went around Fall River to the effect that Subject had been seen and recognized in Providence; that he was engaged in preaching and fostering a new kind of religion; that he was very nattily attired and driving a big car; further, that he allegedly informed some residents of Fall River, names unknown, that he could not return to Fall River because of his wife and children; that a warrant was outstanding there for his arrest for their non-support. Subject's wife and children as well as his "in laws" were most cooperative and frequently expressed the wish that he be apprehended and brought to justice.

Observation by the writer duly confirmed Mrs. Demers' remarks about the difficult time she has had trying to make a living for herself and her family since Subject deserted them about ten years ago. She advised that she is employed as a needle worker and finds it hard to make both ends meet. The telephone number and address of this office were left with Mrs. Demers and she promised to immediately contact this office in the event that she saw or obtained any information concerning Subject or his whereabouts.

Inasmuch as it was late in the evening at the time this interview with Mrs. Demers and her family was conducted, the proper

officials of the Fall River Post Office Department were unavailable. However, communication is being addressed to the Postmaster at Fall River, requesting a thirty day mail cover on all first class mail addressed to Mr. and/or Mrs. Godfrey Demers or Wilfred Demers or any other individual residing at 204 Tecumseh Street in Fall River, and requesting that tracings be forwarded to this office.

For record purposes, it is noted that Subject's real name, as ascertained from his wife is Charles Arthur Demers.

In view of the fact that information has been obtained from Mrs. Demers indicating that Subject probably communicates with his parents or brother, it is respectfully suggested that no Identification Order be issued at this time, inasmuch as issuance of same might possibly place Subject on his guard and interfere with his location. However, this is left entirely to the discretion of the office of origin.

#### U N D E V E L O P E D   L E A D S

##### THE BOSTON OFFICE - AT FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS -

Will make proper inquiry at the Police Department in an attempt to ascertain more information concerning Subject and especially attempt to determine the identity of and interview the officials who have been handling the case for Mrs. Demers. It is noted that she could give no information concerning these individuals except that she believed that one of them might possibly be named "O'Brien".

Will keep in contact with Subject's wife and family for any further information they may obtain concerning him.

Will make appropriate inquiry at the various furniture companies where Subject was employed and develop the facts concerning his alleged theft from Coogan's furniture store.

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND - Will make appropriate inquiry and check the records of the Police Department under the name "Fierpont" for information concerning Subject's arrest and release by that department.

AT CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS - Will carry out undeveloped lead requested in reference report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Antonio, Texas, 10-28-36.

Will make such further investigation as necessary and appropriate.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts

November 14, 1936

Mr. J. J. Breslin,  
Post Office Inspector in Charge,  
United States Post Office & Court House Bldg.,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: Rev. Courteney Hetherington w. a., FUGITIVE  
CLYDE ALEXANDER et al, Victims. WSTA

Dear Sir:

Confirming a recent request made of Mr. Charles W.  
Albert, Postmaster, Fall River, Massachusetts, we would appreciate  
your authorizing the placing of a thirty day mail cover on all first  
class mail addressed to -

Mr. and/or Mrs. ~~G. K.~~ DEVERS

or  
WILFRED DEVERS  
or any other individual residing at

204 Tecumseh St., Fall River, Mass.

This information is being sought in connection with  
an official investigation being conducted by this office and your  
cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you for your many past favors, I am,

Very truly yours,

C. D. MCKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas**

FILE NO. **31-2732**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>11-14-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>11-5-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>L. B. Reed</b>                 |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                   |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Stop notices against Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. S-382876, withdrawn at Oklahoma City.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Antonio, dated October 28, 1936.

DETAILS: On November 4, 1936 the Oklahoma City office had withdrawn from the files of the Oklahoma State Highway Commission, the stop notice which had been placed on May 17, 1935 against 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. S-382876.

A review of this file does not reflect any further investigation to be made in Oklahoma.

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FILE NO. **31-65 MS**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM; MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records at Elmira Reformatory reveal subject's birthplace FondDu Lac, Wisconsin. Only friend at time subject was in Elmira Reformatory, one GEORGE LEVESQUE, last known address (1918) 60 Davis Street, Providence, R. I. No correspondence file kept by Reformatory in 1916. JAMES J. BARRY, who formerly resided at 234 Summitt Avenue, Schenectady, N.Y., has been dead for about five years. REV. OSWALD J. SMITH, Toronto, Canada, does not know subject and could not identify photograph.

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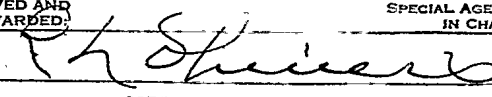
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Report of Special Agent W. J. BIRTEWRIGHT, dated at San Antonio, Texas 10/28/36. Report of Special Agent JEROME DOYLE dated at Buffalo, N.Y. 10/6/36. Report of Special Agent N. O. SCOTT dated at Kansas City, Mo. 5/19/36.

**DETAILS:**

**AT ELMIRA, N.Y.**

Through the assistance of GEORGE M. MEEKER, Chief Clerk, and MAJOR G. E. SUFFERN, Chief Guard at the Elmira Reformatory, subject HETHERINGTON'S file as a prisoner in the above institution was reviewed, under the names CHARLES DAWSON alias CHARLES PIERPONT alias CHARLES W. BLARCOM.

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He was received at the prison May 21, 1915 and was discharged on parole September 20, 1916. At the time of his reception he gave his age as 25 years, and stated his birthplace was in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He stated that he had been employed as a bookkeeper and grocery clerk. It is also to be noted that he gave his religion as Roman Catholic. He further advised that his mother was born in Canada, and his father was born in Fond du Lac, and that they were both dead. The record further reveals that he was paroled to work for JAMES J. BARRY, 277 State Street, Schenectady, N.Y.; that he left that employment and a complaint was registered against him by his employer; that subject had made an attempt to blackmail him.

Following his desertion from the U. S. Army, a parole warrant was issued for him on April 4, 1917 by the State of New York, which warrant has never been served.

Agent was advised that in 1915 and 1916 the Reformatory kept no correspondence file relative to inmates; however, it was noted that subject gave as his only friend GEORGE LEVESQUE of 60 Davis Street, Providence, R.I. This address was in 1916.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. E. CLEGG on 11/10/36.

AT TORONTO, CANADA

Agent exhibited a photograph to REV. OSWALD J. SMITH, 15 Conrad Street, and also questioned him with reference to subject. He stated he does not know HETHERINGTON. He could not identify his photograph.

Several attempts were made to contact REV. O. E. SPROULL (previously reported as A. E. SPROULL), 42 Girard Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, with negative results. It was ascertained from REV. SPROULL'S secretary that he is presently out of the city and is not expected to return until November 20, 1936.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. KENNEY on 11/12/36.

AT SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

At the Post Office, agent was advised that JAMES J. BARRY had been a lawyer at Schenectady and resided at 234 Summitt Avenue but that he had moved to Clinton County, N.Y., and died there about five years ago.

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At Police Headquarters, Schenectady, N.Y., CAPTAIN MAGERAN, Identification Officer, advised that JAMES J. BARRY was a criminal lawyer of little ability and that he had moved to Clinton County, N.Y., where he engaged in running alcohol into Canada. CAPTAIN MAGERAN advised that BARRY had died in Clinton County over three or four years ago.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE BUFFALO OFFICE

AT TORONTO, ONT., CANADA will question REV. O. E. SPROULL, 42 Girard Street, as to whether or not he has ever heard of subject and also display subject's photograph to him.

THE BOSTON OFFICE

AT PROVIDENCE, R. I. will attempt to locate GEORGE LEVESQUE of 60 Davis Street, bearing in mind that this address is twenty years old. If Levesque is located he should be interviewed relative to any information he might have pertaining to the present location of subject.

- PENDING -

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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S. A. FILE NO. 31-1262

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>Nov. 16*36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>11/13/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>W. J. Birthright</b>           |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases;<br/>FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim<br/>MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim</b> |                                     |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No record of subject at Houston Police Department. Stop notice on 1934 Oldsmobile, formerly owned by subject, withdrawn. P.


Reference: Report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Antonio, Texas, dated 10/28/36.

**DETAILS:**

A search was made of the records of the Identification Bureau of the Houston Police Department concerning the subject under all of his known aliases, without, however, obtaining any information.

A letter has been addressed to the Texas Automobile Registration Bureau in Austin, Texas, requesting that the stop notice on the 1934 Oldsmobile, motor #F382876, serial #C85366, be withdrawn.

Pending.

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November 20, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al, VICTIMS;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 31-1977

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>Salt Lake City.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>11-17-36.</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>11-17-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>VAL C. ZIMMER - C.J.</b>        |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY LETHERINGTON with aliases,<br/>FUGITIVE.<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER et al Victims.</b> |                                     |   | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Stop notices on 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F 362876 withdrawn.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W.J. Birthright, San Antonio, October 28, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

AT SALT LAKE CITY.

Based on information furnished in reference report, stop notices placed with Motor Vehicle Departments in Utah and Nevada against 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor No. F-362876 have been withdrawn.

**DETAILS:**

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas.**

L.R. FILE NO. **31-86**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Little Rock, Arkansas</b> | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>11-20-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>11-17-36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>PAUL MEININGER</b> <span style="float: right;">cpw</span> |
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TITLE  
**REV. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
 CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim;  
 MRS. ALICE GILLETTE - Victim.**

CHARACTER OF CASE  
**WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Stop notice on 1934 Oldsmobile coupe,  
 Motor #E-388876, removed from files of  
 Automobile Registration Division,  
 Little Rock, Arkansas.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright,  
 San Antonio, Texas, dated Oct. 28, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

The Automobile Registration Division, Department of Revenue,  
 State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, has been requested  
 to remove from their files the stop notice placed by the  
 Little Rock Bureau Field Division on July 8, 1936, on 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor  
 number E-388876, as the reference report indicates the subject sold this  
 automobile on September 26, 1934, at Memphis, Tennessee.

There being no further leads in this Division, this case  
 is being referred upon completion to the Division of origin.

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, With Aliases - FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim; HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim; MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - Victim.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Stop order placed against 1934  
Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor Number  
F 382876 or S 382876 withdrawn.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. J.  
Birthright, San Antonio, Texas,  
October 28, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

The stop previously placed in this district against 1934 Oldsmobile Coupe, Motor Number F 382876 or S-382876, which had been placed by Miss Ruth Assalena, Sacramento Representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau located in the California State Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, was withdrawn through letter to Miss Assalena requesting this withdrawal.

It appearing that no further investigation is necessary in this district, this matter is being

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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**N.Y.** FILE NO. **31-2910**

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| REPORT MADE AT:<br><b>NEW YORK CITY</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE:<br><b>11-27-36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:<br><b>10/23/36 &amp; 11/14 &amp; 16/36.</b> | REPORT MADE BY:<br><b>H. A. MARTIN</b>               |
| TITLE:<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY BETTERINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim; MABEL IRENE SMITH, Victim; MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim.</b>   |                                    |  | CHARACTER OF CASE:<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Subject's criminal record obtained from New York Police Department and set forth. Subject not identical with <b>WILBUR TAYLOR</b>, former missionary in Africa.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, Philadelphia, Pa., June 15, 1936.<br/>Report of Special Agent E. J. Dewd, Cleveland, Ohio, November 11, 1936.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Special Agent James E. Amos obtained from the New York City Police Department the subject's complete criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification of that Department. It is set forth, as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>NYPD #3-39021</b></u></p> <p>Arrested 5-8-15 as Chas. Dawson, N. Y. C. Burglary. On 5-18-15, Elmira Reformatory. Judge Wadhams. Off. Davis, 18th Pct.</p> <p><b>DETAILS</b></p> <p>Arrested 11-18-27 as Chas. P. Van Blarconi, Phila., Pa. Susp. Character. Offs. Clark &amp; Hanlon, D.B. No disposition at present.</p> |                                    |  |  |
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There was also obtained from the New York City Police Department a copy of the subject's photograph, taken at the time of his arrest on May 8, 1915. This photograph is being forwarded with copies of this report to the division of origin. In view of the fact that it is an old photo, no copies are being made thereof since it is believed that more recent photos would be very valuable for identification purposes.

Inasmuch as the criminal record obtained from the New York City Police Department contains no information in addition to that set forth in the report of reference of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, no disposition sheet is being submitted to the Bureau.

In an effort to obtain further details concerning the arrest of the subject by the police of New York City, the agent ascertained that due to a change in the precinct numbers the district known as the 18th Precinct in 1915 is now the 10th Precinct. Inquiry at the 10th Precinct Station, however, disclosed that their arrest records date back only to June 14, 1916, and it was learned that the records prior to that time were to be found in the Old Record Room at Police Headquarters. The agent contacted the Old Record Room at Police Headquarters, where it was ascertained that a search of their index files failed to disclose any arrest record on this subject. In view of the fact that this arrest took place twenty-one years ago, no further effort will be made to request a further search of the files of the New York City Police Department unless a request to the contrary is received from the division of origin.

Since the reference report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds indicates that the subject was placed on parole, the agent contacted the office of the Parole Division, New York City, where it was learned that the parole records for the year in question were to be found only at Albany, N. Y. A lead is being set forth for the Buffalo Office to obtain any additional information there.

In compliance with the lead set forth in the reference report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd, the agent contacted Mr. and Mrs. HARRY WRIGHT, and exhibited to them the subject's photograph. Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT were positive that the subject was not identical with the WILBUR TAYLOR whom they had known as a missionary in French West Africa. Mr. WRIGHT stated that they had been intimately acquainted with TAYLOR and that the subject's photograph in no way resembled him.

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For the information of the Buffalo Bureau Division in conducting the necessary investigation at Albany, New York, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the reference report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

BUFFALO DIVISION

At Albany, New York, will contact the appropriate Parole Officer, and secure all information concerning this subject which might be found in his records.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO DIVISION OF ORIGIN -

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

November 30, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY BETHERINGTON,  
with aliases; CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
VICTIM; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Under date of July 15, 1935, a stop notice was placed  
with the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau,  
Chicago, against 1934 Oldsmobile Business Coupe,  
Motor No. F382576, Serial No. 85886.

The Automobile Protective and Information Bureau has  
now informed this division that this car was recovered  
in October of 1936; that the recovery of same is listed  
in bulletin #66 of the State Highway Commission of  
Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **31-2865**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Washington, D. C.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>12/1/36</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>11/17/36</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>N. O. SCOTT</b>                | NOS: <b>EE</b> |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases, FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER, HAZEL IRENE SMITH, MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victims</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |                |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject as Charles A. Dawson enlisted as Clerk, Medical Department, United States Army November 7, 1916; dishonorably discharged for A.W.O.L.; apprehended New York City June 23, 1917. Sentenced six months Fort Jay, New York. Description at time of enlistment set out.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Antonio, Texas, dated October 28, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

The records at the Adjutant General's office of the War Department disclosed that subject as Charles A. Dawson (AGO Case No. 1353) enlisted in the United States Army as a clerk in the Medical Department at Fort Slocum, Schenectady, New York on November 7, 1916. These records were very meagre and the following is a description of subject at the time of his enlistment:

|                |  |
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| Age            | 26½ years (November 1916)                                  |
| Born           | September 30, 1890   |
| Eyes           | Brown  |
| Hair           | Black  |
| Height         | 5'11½"   |
| Place of Birth | Fond du Lac, Wisconsin                                     |
| Friends        | James J. Barney, 334 Summit Avenue, Schenectady, New York. |

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Guy Hottel</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES   |   |
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These records further disclosed that subject as Charles A. Dawson was given a dishonorable discharge for being A.W.O.L. in violation of the 61st Article of the War Department; that he was apprehended in New York City on June 23, 1917 and was confined at Fort Jay, New York for a period of six months.

It will be noted that no lead is being set out in this report to interview James J. Barney as same has been set out in reference report. As all of the War Department records are here in Washington, there is no lead being set out to secure any information from the records at Fort Jay, New York, which is the same as Governors Island.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE NEW YORK DIVISION at NEW YORK CITY

will check the records of the New York Police Department as to any information they may have of subject who was apprehended there on June 23, 1917.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN -

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
December 8, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER - VICTIM;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - VICTIM;  
MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE - VICTIM.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
W. J. Birthright dated at San Antonio October 28, 1936  
in connection with this case, wherein a lead is set out  
for all Bureau Field Divisions to withdraw stop notices  
on 1934 Oldsmobile coupe, motor number R382876 (or  
S382876).

Stop notices placed by this Division on the  
above automobile have now been withdrawn. No further  
investigation in this Division being requested, this  
case is being considered referred upon completion to the  
Division of origin.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Tollett,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON with aliases, FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER Victim, et al;</b> | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

New York State Parole Board, Albany, New York has no record of the fugitive in connection with his arrest under the name of Chas. Dawson at New York City on 5/8/15.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. A. Martin, New York City 11/27/36.

**DETAILS:**

**At ALBANY, NEW YORK**

Harry Canavan, New York State Parole Board, Capitol Building, advised, on checking his records, that he had no record of the fugitive under his correct name or known aliases. He further advised in connection with the arrest of the fugitive under the name of Charles Dawson by the New York City Police on May 8, 1915 on a charge of burglary, that parole records dating back to 1915 were inadequately and incompletely kept; that if any such record was to be found, it would most likely be at the Elmira Reformatory where the fugitive was sentenced.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION, at ELMIRA, NEW YORK, will contact the Elmira State Reformatory to ascertain whether it is in possession of a record on the fugitive under the name of Charles Dawson

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in connection with his arrest on May 8, 1915 by the New York City Police on a charge of burglary with a view to developing all possible information that might eventually be helpful in effecting his apprehension.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**

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| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY KETTERINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - Victims.</b> |                                   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>White Slave Traffic Act.</b>                               |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

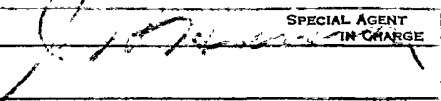
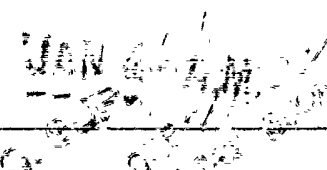
Dr. A. P. Gouthey, Los Angeles, Calif., advises he had received a letter from Maude Ruth Duncan, 825 So. Sloan Avenue, Compton, Calif., advising she had met a lecturer by name of Dr. Carl Brevis; that Brevis had advised her, Mrs. Duncan, that he knew Dr. Gouthey well and had been associated with him. Dr. Gouthey believes Brevis might be identical with subject. No arrest record at Los Angeles Police Department or Sheriff's Office.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent Irish Whitson, Los Angeles, Calif., dated August 28, 1936.

**DETAILS:** AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

DR. A. P. GOUTHEY, 2666 Dundee Place, Los Angeles, California, telephonically advised this division that he had received a letter from MRS. MAUDE RUTH DUNCAN of 825 South Sloan Avenue, Compton, California, in which she advised that she had become acquainted with a man by the name of DR. CARL BREVIS who had told her he was a good friend of Dr. Gouthey, and

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that he had made several lectures at Long Beach, California, concerning the pyramids, and that he intimated to her that he was a world traveler.

Dr. Gouthey was later interviewed by this agent, and he advised that in view of the fact that subject in instant case had at times represented himself to be a friend of his, he thought probably this man Brevis might be the same as subject. Dr. Gouthey further indicated that he would do everything in his power to assist the Bureau in locating this individual and that any information he might obtain would be immediately referred to the Los Angeles Division.

AT COMPTON, CALIFORNIA.

Agent interviewed MRS. LAUDE RUTH DUNCAN at 825 South Sloan Ave., Compton, and was advised that she had met a man by the name of DR. CARL BREVIS at Long Beach, California; that he had been making speeches there for some time, and that she had met him through a missionary worker by the name of MRS. IVA CLARK who had herself met him a few days previously on the pier at Long Beach. Mrs. Duncan stated that Mr. and Mrs. Clark are now in Oregon someplace, and that she had heard they were living somewhere around Sprague River, Oregon, and that Mr. Clark was operating a service station somewhere in that vicinity. Mrs. Duncan, who is a woman approximately fifty years of age, was shown two different pictures of subject in instant case and she stated that there was no resemblance whatsoever between the man she knew and subject's picture. She gave the following physical description of Dr. Brevis:-

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| Name        | DR. CARL BREVIS               |
| Age         | 63 years                      |
| Height      | 5' 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "          |
| Weight      | 160 lbs.                      |
| Hair        | Gray and thick all over head. |
| Eyes        | Blue                          |
| Complexion  | Medium                        |
| Build       | Medium                        |
| Nationality | German                        |
| Occupation  | Lecturer                      |
| Address     | Unknown.                      |

Mrs. Duncan further indicated that she had associated with this man to some extent during the short period they had known each other; that they had intended getting married until she found that he was more of a faker than he was a lecturer; that she did not know his present address but that should she learn of his whereabouts she would notify the Los Angeles Division so that an agent could interview him concerning his activities and ascertain definitely that he is not subject in instant case.

No record could be found of DR. CARL BREVIS either in the Los Angeles Police Department or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION will follow leads set out in reference report and will also keep in touch with Dr. Gouthey from time to time concerning any information he might have pertaining to DR. CARL BREVIS.

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1816 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
January 4, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Mass.

REVEREND COURTNEY HATHINGTON,  
w.a. FUGITIVE;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim  
MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent L. L. Laughlin, Boston, Mass. dated November 9, 1936, in the above entitled matter.

It is noted that there are leads outstanding in the territory of the Boston Field Division and it is respectfully requested that the status of this case in your Division be furnished the San Antonio Field Division.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau

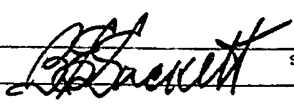
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **51-65 CJG**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Buffalo, New York</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>1/11/37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>1/8/37</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. H. Baldridge</b>             |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON<br/>with aliases, FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim, et al;</b>  |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Subject received at Elmira Reformatory on 5/21/15 as Charles A. Dawson from New York City. Records reflect subject enlisted U. S. Army at Fort Slocum, N. Y. 1916 and deserted short time later.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney, Buffalo, New York, dated 12/15/36.</p> <p>DETAILS: At ELMIRA, NEW YORK</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Major G. E. Suffern who is in charge of records at the Elmira Reformatory, examined the records of that institution and advised agent that subject, under the name of Charles A. Dawson, was sentenced May 19, 1915 in New York City on a charge of Burglary 3rd degree and was received at that institution May 21, 1915 to serve a term of five years. The records indicate that subject had no brothers or sisters and that his parents were dead.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The records further reflect that subject corresponded with a Geo. Lenesque whose last known address was 60 Davis Street, Providence, Rhode Island.</p> |                                  |  |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:    |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>3 - Bureau<br>2 - Boston<br>2 - San Antonio<br>2 - Buffalo   |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES   |  |
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The records also reflect that subject enlisted in the United States Army in 1916 at Fort Slocum, New York, and further that he deserted same in the latter part of 1916 or the first part of 1917.

Major Suffern stated that a warrant had been issued for subject by the Reformatory on April 4, 1917 charging him with violation of his parole from the said institution.

It should be noted that subject was number 25569 at the Elmira Reformatory and number B-39021 in the New York Police Department.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The BOSTON OFFICE at PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, will attempt to locate George Lanesque who resided at 60 Davis Street in 1915 and place a mail cover on his mail to determine if subject might still be corresponding with him.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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**THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT**

FILE NO. 31-56. EPL.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

An individual named Fred Lindsey, alias Kirma, greatly resembling physical build and possessing many peculiarities of Subject, recently questioned in Boston Division Office. Mrs. Lena Demers, one of Subject's wives, observed Lindsey and advised this man not her husband. Mail cover tracing investigated. No criminal record on Subject at Providence, R.I. Person named Demers employed as Meat Inspector, U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York City, believed possibly identical with Subject.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. L. Laughlin, Boston, Mass., dated November 9, 1936.  
Report of Special Agent Jerome Doyle, Buffalo, New York, dated November 16, 1936.

On the morning of November 4, 1936 Miss Grace E. Cook, Secretary, Massachusetts Technical & Commercial Employment Association and the Protective Employment Agency, 7 Water Street, Boston, Massachusetts, called at this office and advised that an individual giving the name of Fred Lindsey was at that time in the office of the Peters Employment Agency, 74 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and that he desired to employ a young girl to assist him in some hypnotic act which he was staging in some

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local theatre. Miss Cook was of the opinion that Lindsey answered the description of an individual who appeared in Boston several years ago and who also desired to obtain the services of a young girl in an act similar to that described above, but that this individual actually desired to obtain a girl whom he could transport from place to place for immoral purposes.

Special Agent R. C. Vogel interviewed Miss Cook at the Peters Employment Agency, whereupon she related that Lindsey and a woman who he represented to be his wife, came to Finn's Labor Agency at 27 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on November 3, 1936, informing that he desired a young lady to assist him in his show, which is known as "KIRMA"; that Finn referred Lindsey to the Peters Employment Agency and requested that he call there the following morning.

The following morning, November 4, 1936, Miss Peters, owner of the Peters Employment Agency, telephoned Miss Cook, advising her that Lindsey was then in her office, and that she was extremely suspicious of the real motive lying behind the request of Lindsey for the services of a young girl, in view of which Miss Cook immediately went to the Peters Employment Agency, and after observing and talking to Lindsey, she was convinced that Lindsey was the individual who operated in Boston several years ago, at which time he obtained a girl from the BAY STATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, 198 Dartmouth Street, subsequent to which the individual suggested that the young lady prostitute herself. Miss Cook further stated that Lindsey informed her that at the present time he was running a show known as "KIRMA" at the State Theatre in Marlboro, Massachusetts. Without the knowledge of Lindsey, Miss Cook telephoned the Chief of Police at Marlboro, Massachusetts, who advised that he knew nothing concerning such a show, but that he would have one of his Officers determine whether such a show was then playing in Marlboro.

With reference to the individual with whom Lindsey is believed to be identical, Miss Cook advised that the young lady who was employed, left him at a local hotel several hours after she was hired, and that nothing has been seen or heard of this individual since that time. She had no information which would indicate that Lindsey or the other individual referred to are involved in the transportation of women for immoral purposes, but thought it well to call the matter to the attention of this Bureau.

Fred Lindsey was interviewed at the Peters Employment Agency, whereupon he advised that he was born in Pullman, West Virginia; that he is thirty years of age and for the past eleven years has been in the show business and has operated a show known as "KIRMA". He stated that he was married in a little town in Ohio in 1929, and that his wife, the former Merle M. Plunty, is presently with him; that he traveled up and down the East Coast and through some of the Midwest states with his show, and at the present time is playing at the State Theatre, in Marlboro, Massachusetts.

He explained that he had a publicity act which he put on in each town, and that this consisted of hypnotizing a young lady in the window of some local store, and after a period of twenty-four hours the young lady would then be removed from the window, taken to the theatre and on the stage be brought back to a state of consciousness. He admitted, of course, that the act was a fake, but at the same time was an excellent publicity stunt. Until several weeks ago Lindsey has had a young lady to assist him in the hypnotic act. This young lady, a Miss Keeler, was hired by Lindsey in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and after working for him for approximately one month she became dissatisfied and returned to Pittsfield. Prior to the employment of Miss Keeler, Lindsey had another young lady by the name of Grace Shaw, of Wheeling, West Virginia, working for him. Miss Shaw was employed in this act for more than a year. Over a period of years, according to Lindsey, he has hired numerous girls to assist him in his hypnotic act, some of them remaining in the show for a year or two and some for a much shorter period of time.

Mr. Lindsey stated that the first week of that month he was playing in Ferryville, Connecticut, the week before at Brockton, Massachusetts, and three weeks before at Bridgeport, Connecticut. He stated that Miss Keeler left him at Brockton to return to her home in Pittsfield and that while in Bridgeport, Connecticut he inserted an advertisement in the paper, both at Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut, as a result of which the Police Departments at Hartford and New Haven looked into his activities. He was informed by the Police that recently there had been a roundup of a large White Slave Ring in New England, and that they wanted to see him to determine what type of show he was operating. Lindsey explained that it is undesirable to obtain a girl for his type of act, from a theatrical agency inasmuch as the employment of an actress is always temporary as they have in mind the lights of Broadway in New York City. In view of this Lindsey occasionally inserts an advertisement in the paper. He stated that he had made an effort to insert an ad in one of the Boston papers and was informed that the paper would not handle the ad, thereafter referring him to FINN'S LABOR AGENCY. He denied that he had ever obtained the services of a girl from a Boston employment agency, and further denied that he had been in New England three years ago. He stated, however, that approximately six years ago he made a tour of the New England States and then did not re-visit New England until February of 1936, at which time he was booked at the various theatres in New England, through Ross Frisco, a Boston Booking and Theatrical Agent. He stated, however, that he has done his own booking for the past two or three months, and that just the week before he had obtained one week's engagement at the State Theatre at Marlboro through its manager, Vernon Adams. In addition he stated that he is well known to the Norris & Rothenberg Theatrical Agency, located in the Metropolitan Theatre Bldg., in Boston, and in addition he is known to H1 Fine of the M & P Theatres, 60 Scollay Square, Boston, Massachusetts.

Ross Frisco was telephonically contacted, (Lib. 0530) and he advised that he was not acquainted with Fred Lindsey, but has known a

Fred Kirma for approximately one year; that Kirma has a mind-reading act which he puts on at small town theatres. Frisco, up until several months ago did considerable booking for Kirma.

Vernon Adams was telephonically contacted at the State Theatre in Marlboro, Massachusetts. It was ascertained that Fred Kirma and a young lady assistant, who Kirma claimed was his wife, had been playing at the State Theatre since Sunday, November 1, 1936. Mr. Adams personally booked Lindsey under the name of Kirma, approximately three weeks before. Adams had very little information concerning Kirma but did know that Kirma had this same act at the Opposition Theatre in Marlboro approximately five years ago, and it is the understanding of Mr. Adams that Kirma had operated his show for approximately ten years.

Lindsey had no papers, whatsoever, on his person, by which he could identify himself. However, he stated that his car was parked in Boston and that if he were permitted to return to the same he could readily identify himself. Subsequent examination of his automobile registration revealed that Lindsey has a 1936 New York registration under the name of Fred Kirma, Trojan Hotel, Troy, New York. This registration covers a 1934 LaSalle Sedan, Motor #2100679, registration #4A-9438. He likewise had a 1936 registration #2167211, issued June 4, 1936 to Fred Kirma, Hotel Trojan, New York, (Kirma explained that this should be Troy, New York). The license indicates that he was born February 22, 1906 -

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| Height | - | 5' 5"      |
| Weight | - | 143 pounds |
| Eyes   | - | Brown      |
| Hair   | - | Brown      |

It was noted that Kirma had a 1934 LaSalle Sedan painted green and had disc wheels. The car bore 1936 New York license plates 4A 94-38.

Lindsey explained that ever since he has been in the show business he has used the name Kirma; that Lindsey is his correct name but comparatively few people know him other than by the name of Kirma.

Kirma was subsequently brought to the Boston Division Office where he voluntarily submitted to fingerprinting and in this connection his fingerprints were forwarded to the Bureau with the request that this Division be advised of any known criminal record.

From observation and interrogation the following description of Kirma was obtained:

Fingerprints forwarded to Bureau November 10, 1936.

It was agreed that Special Agents Vogel and Bundy of this Division should accompany Kirma to Marlboro, Massachusetts, where he might continue with his act. This courtesy was extended to this individual because no actual identification of Kirma had been made, and this Division did not wish to interfere with the contract made by Kirma with Vernon Adams, Manager of the State Theatre in Marlboro, Massachusetts.

The writer contacted Mrs. Lena Demers and her father, Mr. Edmond who proceeded to Marlboro, Massachusetts and there observed Kirma. These individuals made a close examination of Kirma and at first believed that he was Subject. However, upon longer and more detailed scrutiny these individuals advised that he was not Mr. Demers, the real name of Subject.

Both Mrs. Demers and Mr. Edmond remarked regarding the great similarity existing between Subject and this individual. Kirma, according to Mrs. Demers, had the same build, looked a great deal like Subject but appeared a few years younger. Even the peculiarity of legs being bowed above the ankles existed in Kirma.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Demers informed that her husband, Subject, had a scar on one of his thighs, the result of a stiletto cut, Kirma was examined by Agents but no such scar was found.

Inasmuch as no identification of this individual was effected and nothing whatever was developed indicating Kirma's violations of any law within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, that individual was no longer detained by Agents of this Division.

The writer interviewed Mrs. Demers at a later date, at which time she related that Kirma bore a surprising similarity and resemblance to her husband. However, she was positive that he was not her husband. During the interview Mrs. Demers advised that Subject was the father of a child by a woman in Ottawa, Canada, which information she learned after she had married him. No details concerning this particular incident were available. Further, Mrs. Demers narrated that it was rumored around Fall River a number of years ago that Subject had "played around" with a Polish woman whose name she could not then remember. However, she promised to attempt to get more definite information and advise the writer of any success at a later date.

As the result of a mail cover placed on the home of Subject's parents, this office received tracing of a letter addressed to Mrs. Godfrey Demers, 198 Tecumseh Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, postmarked at Manchester, New Hampshire on November 15, 1936, at 11:30 p.m. This letter bore the return address of 97 Taylor, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Special Agent Dennis, while in Concord, New Hampshire on other official business, contacted Mr. T. H. F. Donnelly concerning the mails, and Mr. S. J. Zdon, the Mail Carrier covering 97 Taylor Street. These individuals advised that this particular address was occupied by four families, namely - Joseph Duquette; Mrs. Louis Fortin; the Rouchier family, and the Michaud family. All of these persons had occupied the residence at 97 Taylor Street for at least four years, the length of time Mr. Zdon has carried mail on that route, and none answered the description of Subject, nor is any person answering this description known by Zdon to have visited any of these families, at this address.

Mr. A. J. Plante, who conducts a grocery store at Taylor and Summerville Streets, in the same block as this residence, and with whom the above named individuals trade, was uncertain that no one answering the

description of Subject had resided or visited for any length of time at the address in question.

The above mentioned tracing is being retained in the file of this office.

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND:

At Rhode Island Police Department Headquarters, Captain Franklin, head of the Identification Division, was contacted by the writer and, after examining his files, advised that his Department had no record of any individuals bearing the name Demers, Hetherington or Pierpont.

An examination of the Providence City Directory revealed that there are two individuals bearing the name of George M. Levesque and one person named Gildeon V. Levesque listed therein. Mr. George M. Levesque's occupation was indicated as a Bridge Tender, address, 228 State Office Building, residence - 126 Hooper Street, North Tiverton, Rhode Island. Another George Levesque was listed as residing at 62 Hamburg Avenue, as was Gildeon V. Levesque.

Inquiry at 228 State Office Building revealed, through Mr. H. S. Danforth, Clerk in the Department of Public Works, that George M. Levesque was employed as a Bridge Tender on the North Tiverton Stone Bridge in Rhode Island. Mr. Danforth stated that this particular individual was about 55 or 60 years of age.

At 62 Hamburg Avenue a Mr. George Levesque was interviewed and advised that he had been in Providence, Rhode Island all of his life, but that he had never lived on Davis Street; that he had occupied his present address for approximately 22 years, having previously resided on the corner of Diamond and Cranston Streets, near the Armory. Levesque informed that he knew an individual named Demers who maintained a dentist's office on Elmwood Avenue some years ago, but was unable to assist any further in this matter. Levesque also related that he had a son named Gildeon but that this individual was only 25 years of age.

An attempt will be made, at a later date, to interview the George Levesque who is employed as a Bridge Tender on the Tiverton Stone Bridge, at Tiverton, Rhode Island.

On December 12, 1936 a communication was received at this Division from Mrs. Lena Demers, advising that she had received information to the effect that there was a man by the name of Demers working as a Meat Inspector for the United States Meat Inspection Department, New York City. Mrs. Demers reported that she obtained this information

through conversation with a friend, and suggested that perhaps this Division would be interested in investigating same.

On November 16, 1936 a letter was received from the Bureau advising that Lindsey's fingerprints had been searched and no criminal record was found.

Inasmuch as the thirty day mail cover which was placed on the correspondence of Subject's family, has expired, it is suggested that an Identification Order be now issued, if the office of origin deems such issuance advisable at this time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK DIVISION, at New York City, will conduct appropriate investigation at the office of the United States Department of Agriculture, in an attempt to determine the identity of the individual named Demers, believed employed there.

BOSTON OFFICE, at Tiverton, Rhode Island, will locate and interview George Leveresque relative to determining whether or not he is the individual named by Subject as his only friend during his incarceration at the Elmyra Reformatory, Elmyra, New York.

Will carry out the undeveloped leads mentioned in reference report of the writer, and such other investigation as is necessary.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

FILE NO. 31-56. EPL.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>1-7-37</b>                     | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>11-4, 24, 12-5, 8, 14 and 18-1936.</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>L. L. LAUGHLIN.</b>               |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COLUMNEY SMITH-RINGTON, w.a.;-FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE AL KILDER - Victim; FRANK LENA SMITH - Victim; MRS. LENA DEWERS - Victim</b>   |   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>CHINESE LIVE THEATRIC ACT.</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: An individual named Fred Lindsey, alias Firma, greatly resembling physical build and possessing many peculiarities of Subject, recently questioned in Boston Division Office. Mrs. Lena Dewers, one of Subject's wives, observed Lindsey and advised this man not her husband. Mail cover tracing investigated. No criminal record on Subject at Providence, R.I. Person named Dewers employed as Rent Inspector, U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York City, believed possibly identical with Subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P. -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. L. Laughlin, Boston, Mass., dated November 9, 1936.<br/>Report of Special Agent Jerome Doyle, Buffalo, New York, dated November 18, 1936.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On the morning of November 4, 1936 Miss Grace J. Cook, Secretary, Massachusetts Technical &amp; Commercial Employment Association and the Protective Employment Agency, 7 Peter Street, Boston, Massachusetts, called at this office and advised that an individual giving the name of Fred Lindsey was at that time in the office of the Peters Employment Agency, 74 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and that he desired to employ a young girl to assist him in some hypnotic act which he was staging in some</p> |   |  |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:   | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                             | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                                       |  |
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U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
January 20, 1937.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
w.a. Fugitive;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH, Victim  
MRS. ALLEAH GILLETTE, Victim  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to a letter to the Director dated San Antonio, Texas, June 5, 1936, requesting that an Identification Order be issued on Rev. Courtney Hetherington, with aliases, fugitive, in the above captioned statute.

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/ It is again respectfully requested that an Identification Order be issued in this matter to assist the Bureau in the apprehension of this fugitive as at the present time he may be continuing his activities among persons from whom he has gained confidence.

The following is additional information obtained by recent investigation from a review of the file which is forwarded for assistance in the preparation of the Identification Order requested:

Correct name and aliases: Charles Arthur Demers with aliases: Reverend Courtney Hetherington, Charles A. Dawson, Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles Pierrepont, Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Reverend Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Arthur Hetherington, Albert Hetherington, Dr. C. Gouthey, Dr. C. Darling, Dr. Courtenea, Dr. Pierpont, Dr. Charles Arthur DeBussy du Bugginsdale Hetherington, Dr. Brutus Darling, Dr. Courtney Darling, Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont.

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The following is Demers' complete known criminal record obtained from the Identification Division of the Bureau, from the Philadelphia Police Department and from the Des Moines, Ia. Police Department:

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Name</u>  | <u>Number</u>   | <u>Place</u>            | <u>Charge</u>                 | <u>Disposition</u>   |
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| 2/6/15      |  |                 | Fall River, Mass.       | Attempted Breaking & Entering |  |
| 5/8/15      | Chas. P. Van Blarcom with aliases; Chas. Pierpont and Chas. Dawson |                 | New York City           | Burglary                      | 5 yrs. (Paroled Sept. 1916 at Elmira Reformatory #M-25569) |
| 8/20/17     | Chas. A. Dawson alias Charles Arthur Demers                        | U.S.D.B. #4146  | Governor's Island, N.Y. | Desertion                     | 1 year (served 6 months)                                   |
| 11/18/24    |  |                 | Fall River, Mass.       | Assault & Battery             | Discharged   |
| 6/19/25     |  |                 | Fall River, Mass.       | Larceny, neglect & desertion  | 30 days (In house of detention)                            |
| 5/12/26     |  |                 | Fall River, Mass.       | Neglect of family             | Probation 12/8/26.   |
| 11/18/27    | Chas. P. Van Blarcom   | Phila. DP#77300 | Phila. Pa.              | Suspicious character          | Discharged   |
| 8/22/33     | Rev. Courtney Hetherington   | DesMoines PD    | DesMoines, Ia.          | Larceny                       | Discharged   |

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Wanted 10/24/32 - Desertion of wife and minor children, notify State Bureau, Boston, Mass. for State Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Fall River District.

Wanted by Bureau 5/21/36 - White Slave Traffic Act.

The following are the known relatives of the fugitive:

*Lena*  
Lena I. Demers, wife, 232 Anthony Street, Fall River, Mass.

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[Redacted]

Godfrey Demers, father, 204 Tecumseh Street, Fall River, Mass.

Caroline Demers, mother, 204 Tecumseh Street, Fall River, Mass.  
Wilfred Demers, brother, 204 Tecumseh Street, Fall River, Mass.

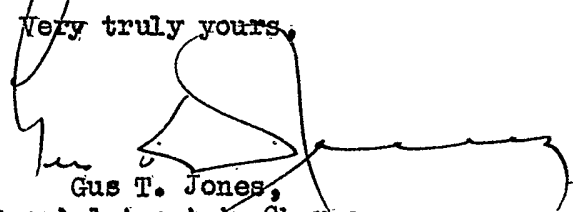
The following are changes in the fugitive's description obtained by recent investigation:

Birth place and date: Fall River, Mass., September 30, 1898.  
Stiletto scar on thigh.  
Sometimes wears Van Dyke beard.  
Nationality, French.

A request is also being made at this time to check the fugitive's criminal record in Canada since it appears that he served in the Canadian Army, Second Depot Battalion, as #3317366, enlisting on February 6, 1918, and was discharged October 10, 1918.

*See serial 193.*

Very truly yours,

  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 5, 1937.

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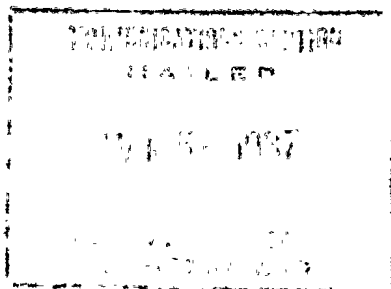
Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: Reverend Courtney Metherington, with aliases -  
Fugitive; Clyde Alexander, Hazel Irene Smith and  
Mrs. Alice Gillette - Victims; White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 14209, in connection with the  
above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the  
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

#83-12-257 K1 and K2



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure # 1063701

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

February 3, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
w.a.- FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER -Victim;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH - Victim; MRS. ALLEAH  
GILLETE - Victim. - WSTA.

There is being transmitted herewith, specimen of handwriting of Charles A. Demers of Fall River, Massachusetts, who, according to Bureau records is believed to be identical with the Subject in this case.

It is respectfully requested that the handwriting appearing on the enclosed specimen be compared, by the Technical Laboratory, with the known handwriting of Subject in order to determine whether or not both individuals are one and the same person. If an identification is effected this Division should be furnished with two photostatic copies of the envelope, since no specimen of Subject's handwriting is presently in the file of the Boston Division.

Also enclosed is a negative of a photograph of the above mentioned Demers, and it is requested that the Laboratory develop this negative and transmit two copies of same to the San Antonio, New York and Boston Divisions in order that it may be displayed to the various witnesses in this case.

For the information of the Bureau and offices receiving copies of this letter, it is noted that the picture above mentioned was taken of Demers in 1922.

(2) Enclosures.  
cc - San Antonio  
cc - New York  
cc - Phila.  
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Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

88-12-257

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 14209

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
w.a.- FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH, MRS. ALLEAH  
GILLETE, Victims;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Number: 88-12-257

Specimens:

88-12-257 K1 Personal letter in ink with two torn places, begin-  
ning, "Dear brother Wilfrid:--" written by suspect.

88-12-257 K2 Envelope with postmark torn out, addressed to Mr.  
Wilfrid DeMers, 162 Blackstone St., Fall River, Mass.

Negative of snap-shot of suspect.

Examination requested by: Boston,

Date received: 2-11-37 A 12M

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Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination: *Ident.*

Examination by: *✓* Miller #1

IF IDENTED, FURNISH TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF ENVELOPE <sup>*letter*</sup> (K1) TO BOSTON.  
TWO PRINTS OF SNAP-SHOT TO: SAN ANTONIO  
NEW YORK  
BOSTON

CC:- SAN ANTONIO  
NEW YORK  
PHILADELPHIA

*ans. 2-26-37  
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Post Office Box #2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

February 4, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HARRINGTON,  
w.a.-FUGITIVE; CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;  
HAROLD IRENE SMITH - Victim; MRS. WILLIAM  
GILLETTE - Victim. - WSTA.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. E. Baldridge of your Division, dated January 17, 1937, wherein an undeveloped lead is set out for this office, at Providence, Rhode Island, to attempt to contact George Levesque, 60 Davis Street, relative to determining what information that individual might have pertaining to Subject in this case.

Your attention is respectfully called to the report of Agent L. L. Laughlin of this Division, dated January 7, 1937, copies of which were furnished your office, wherein you will note that from interviews had with individuals named George Levesque at Providence, Rhode Island, no information of value concerning Subject was obtained. Inasmuch as the investigation conducted by Agent Laughlin was predicated upon the undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Agent Jerome Doyle, Buffalo, New York, dated November 16, 1936, which indicated the name to be Levesque, nothing further will be done about the lead contained in the report of Special Agent Baldridge, unless advised to the contrary by your Division.

Very truly yours,

cc - Bureau  
cc - San Antonio  
31-56  
LCL:EFL

88-15 -  
C. D. McKIM,  
Special Agent in Charge.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**

FILE NO. **31-56. EPL.**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>2-9-37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>1-18, 19, 21 and 2-2-37</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>L. L. LAUGHLIN.</b>             |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COUNRNEY HETHERINGTON, w.a.-FUGITIVE;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim;<br/>HAZEL IRENE SMITH and MRS. ALLEAH GILLETE - Victim.</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Lena Demers and grandfather, Nelson Morrow, Fall River, Mass., definitely identified photograph of Chas. P. Van Blarcom, FBI #596783, Philadelphia PD #77300, as her husband. Negative of photograph and sample of known handwriting of Demers obtained and transmitted to Bureau for development and comparison with photograph and known handwriting of Subject. Demers' employment record checked at various furniture stores in Fall River, Mass. and facts surrounding embezzlement of funds from Coogins' Furniture Company, developed. Police Dept. and Mail Carrier on route covering home of Demers family, cooperating in attempts to locate Demers. George M. Levesque, Fiverton, R.I. unfamiliar with Subject or any of his aliases.

- P. -

**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent L. L. Laughlin, Boston, Mass., dated November 9, 1936 and January 7, 1937.  
Report of Special Agent Jerome Doyle, Buffalo, New York, dated November 16, 1936.

**DETAILS:**

**AT FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS:**

Mrs. Lena Demers was interviewed at her home, 232 Anthony Street, and the photographs of Subject, as existing in the files of the

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                                 |  |
| COPIES DESTROYED 2-20-59 K277<br>COPIES OF THIS REPORT<br>Bureau - 3.<br>San Antonio - 4. (1 USA San Antonio)<br>Buffalo - 2.<br>New York - 1. (For information)<br>Boston - 2. |                         | <b>88-12-258</b><br><b>FEB 12 1937</b><br><b>FEB 12 A.M.</b> |  |

Boston Division, exhibited. Mrs. Demers examined these pictures very closely and definitely advised that the picture bearing the name of Charles P. Van Blarcom, obtained from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Police Department, #77300, was that of her husband, C. A. Demers. Mrs. Demers stated that she could not be so positive concerning the other photograph of Reverend Courtney Hetherington received from the Birmingham Division. At the time of this interview Mrs. Demers' grandfather (Nelson Morrow) was present, and upon his examining these photographs he advised in the same manner as his granddaughter concerning the identification. Both Mrs. Demers and Mr. Morrow related that the pose of Hetherington appearing on the Birmingham photograph, greatly resembled that of Mrs. Demers' former husband, in that Demers invariably assumed a stance somewhat like that of Hetherington, and likewise, almost always stood with one hand in his pocket.

Mrs. Demers informed that she had been going over her personal effects and found therein, a letter postmarked Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 26, 1923, addressed to Sgt. C. A. Demers, 198 Tecumseh St., Fall River, Massachusetts. This letter was turned over to Agent and examination of same indicated that it was from the Secretary to the Militia Council, Division of Records, Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, Canada, and was a mimeographed letter appearing on a half sheet of paper bearing a request that Demers, in order to facilitate dispatch of medals, when available for issue, he, Demers, should fill out and return an application enclosed with the letter. The message went on to advise that Demers' medals would be forwarded to him immediately upon their being available for issue. This letter was signed by A. C. Chadwick, for the Director of Records - Adjutant General.

Mrs. Demers also exhibited various photographs of her husband, which were taken while they were living together. Most of these were snapshots and were old pictures. The best of the group, according to Mrs. Demers, is that of her husband taken on the day of their marriage in June of 1922, and a negative of this snapshot was obtained and has been transmitted to the Bureau, requesting that copies be made up from same and transmitted to the offices interested in this case.

Request was made of Mrs. Demers for something on which a specimen of her husband's handwriting was contained, and she turned over to Agent a letter dated July 14, 1923, which her husband supposedly wrote to his brother Wilfrid. This has been transmitted to the Bureau with the request that the Technical Laboratory compare the handwriting appearing therein, with the known handwriting of Subject, in order that it may be definitely determined whether or not Demers and Subject are

one and the same individual.

Mrs. Demers was questioned about the information she transmitted to this office in her letter of December 12, 1936, mentioned in reference report of the writer, dated January 7, 1937, and she advised that she had obtained no further information in the matter. Likewise, <sup>inquiry</sup> was made concerning the Polish individual named Winoski with whom her husband is supposed to have had illicit relations from which offspring resulted, and Mrs. Demers reported that she had made several inquiries but was unable to identify the particular woman. She informed that because of the large number of Winoskis residing in Fall River, and further, because of the period which has elapsed since the alleged episode, she was unable to obtain any further information.

At Police Headquarters, Fall River, Massachusetts, an attempt was made to contact Captain O'Brien but it was determined that that individual was in Boston, Massachusetts in connection with another matter and would not return to headquarters for a few days. Inspectors John P. Hart and Andrews were interviewed and Inspector Hart advised that he recalled Demers and the difficulty experienced by his Department as the result of Demers' failure to provide for the support of his family. Inspector Andrews informed that Subject was unknown to him and therefore he could be of no assistance. However, Inspector Hart examined several photographs exhibited by the writer, among which were those of Chas. P. Van Blarcom, and that of Reverend Courtney Hetherington, and Hart definitely stated that Van Blarcom was Demers. Hart related that he recalled Demers from the time they were boys together; that they attended the same school, and that Demers was a boy of more than average intelligence. Further, that although Demers was unusually short in stature, he made up for this lack of size by an over abundance of "cockiness".

Inquiry was made by the writer as to whether or not Inspectors Hart or Andrews had not seen the modus operandi of the Reverend Courtney Hetherington, which article appeared in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin dated October 1, 1935, but both of these Officers replied in the negative. They recalled, however, having perused various copies of this periodical, and examination of their files failed to discover the particular issue mentioned. Accordingly a copy of the FBI Bulletin is being transmitted to the Fall River Police Department for the attention of the Inspectors of that organization, in order that they may be fully aware of the activities of Subject, and to enable them to watch more closely for Demers in their city.

Inspector Hart related that he knew the Mail Carrier covering the route on which Subject's brother and family reside, and that he, the Inspector, was positive that Mr. Dan Shea, the Mail Carrier, would be more than willing to cooperate in watching the mail

addressed to the Demers family. Although mention was not made of the fact, it is here stated, for the purpose of the records, that a mail cover on the address of Demers' family, resulted negatively.

To facilitate and possibly affect identification, Inspector Hart requested a sample of Demers' handwriting. This request will be fulfilled as soon as the photostatic copies of the known handwriting of Subject have been returned to this Division from the Technical Laboratory.

At 196 Tecumseh Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, Mrs. Wilfrid Demers was interviewed and advised that her husband was not available. Mrs. Demers stated that she or her husband have not heard from Mr. Demers' brother, Charles, for "about one year", at which time they received a message from "somewhere in New Mexico".

The following day Agent returned to 196 Tecumseh Street and again saw Mrs. Demers. She stated that her husband was at the hospital with one of her children who is seriously ill, but that she had spoken to him and he advised that he could not give any information about his brother in addition to that already furnished by her.

While in the vicinity of the Demers residence, Agent observed the postman covering his route, and upon contacting that individual it was determined that his name was Daniel Shea, and that he would be more than willing to cooperate with this Bureau in locating Demers. Shea advised that he remembered that he had watched the mail for the Demers family, in accordance with instructions issued by the Postmaster, but that recently the request was withdrawn. However, he stated that about two days before Christmas he delivered a letter to the Demers family bearing the return address of some hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Shea could not remember anything further concerning the name and address of the hospital. He informed that inasmuch as very little mail is delivered to 196 Tecumseh Street, it would be comparatively easy to maintain constant watch of all correspondence. He related that he will report any information obtained by this watch, either to this Division or to Inspector Hart of Fall River Police Department, with whom he is personally acquainted.

Miss Katherine Reilly, bookkeeper, Kaplan's Furniture Store, 139 Pleasant Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, was contacted and advised that she did not recall Demers having worked for that company. She stated that personnel and payroll records do not go back beyond 1928 or 1929, and that if Demers was employed there it was probably in the capacity of an outside salesman. Miss Reilly stated that she would contact some of the older employees and if any affirmative information was developed, she would transmit same to this Division.

At Coogins' Furniture Company, 21 Franklin Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, Miss Louise Dupree, head bookkeeper, was interviewed and she advised that she had been in the employ of Coogins for over eleven years, and that she remembered Demers who worked with that company for about three or four weeks about ten years ago. Miss Dupree stated that there were no personnel records dating back that far, but she recalled Demers as a salesman who was hired to sell "clubs", which, as explained, were nothing more than getting people to open accounts and buy furniture from Coogins. Miss Dupree further stated that about the third week that Demers was employed, he returned to the office and turned in approximately forty-five or fifty new accounts, for which he received a commission of \$2.50 or \$3.00 each. Miss Dupree stated that Mr. Coogins felt that the number was unusually large for one week's work, but paid off Demers accordingly. Upon checking these alleged accounts Coogins determined that most of them were bogus. However, Demers had left Coogins after receiving his money and has not been seen since.

Mr. Daniel E. Coogins, proprietor and manager of the Coogins' Furniture Company, was not available for interview.

At the Adaskin Furniture Company, 289 So. Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, Mr. Edward Adaskin, proprietor, was interviewed, and after consulting his payroll records he advised that C. A. Demers worked for his company from October 20, 1923 until around June of 1924. Mr. Adaskin stated that during this period of employment Demers worked only as a salesman on the road and never had any chance to get any money. He was "let out" because of his superior attitude and attempt to run the business. Mr. Adaskin recalled that his Sales Manager, Leo J. Marard, remarked sometime ago about Demers being around Worcester, Massachusetts engaged in selling stocks and bonds. Marard, upon interview, was unable to give any definite information.

At the Modern Furniture Company, 376 So. Main Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, Jeannette LaLiberte, head bookkeeper, was interviewed, and she advised that she maintained no records dating back beyond 1930, but that she recalled Demers having worked for that company around 1925 or 1926, and that he was employed for two or three months and left suddenly. Nothing, however, was found missing after Demers' unexpected departure.

Mr. George M. Levesque was interviewed at his home, Hopper Street, North Tiverton, Rhode Island, and he was questioned concerning his acquaintanceship with any individuals answering the name of Charles A. Dawson, (or any other aliases of Subject) but Mr. Levesque advised

that he was unfamiliar with the names and was positive that he knew no such persons.

Inasmuch as the reference report of Special Agent Jerome Doyle indicated that Subject's file at Elmyra Reformatory, Elmyra, New York, revealed that Subject gave as his only friend, George Levesque of 60 Davis Street, Providence, Rhode Island, and further, since investigation conducted by this Division, and reflected in report of the writer dated January 7, 1937, no further effort is being made at this time to carry out the undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special Agent J. H. Baldrige, Buffalo, New York, dated January 11, 1937, indicating Subject's friend at Providence, Rhode Island to be George Lenesque. A letter had been transmitted to the Buffalo Division calling attention to this fact, and it is to be noted that nothing further will be done in this matter unless advised to the contrary by the Buffalo Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK DIVISION, at New York City, will conduct the investigation requested in reference report of the writer, dated January 7, 1937.

BOSTON DIVISION, at Chicopee, Massachusetts, will carry out the undeveloped lead requested in report of Special Agent W. J. Birthright, San Antonio, Texas, dated October 28, 1936.

Will transmit copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin for October 1, 1935, to the Fall River Police Department, to the attention of Inspectors Hart and Andrews. Will also transmit to these Officers, a specimen of the handwriting of Demers, upon receipt of same from the Bureau.

Will keep in contact with Mrs. Lena Demers, Fall River, Massachusetts, for any further information she may have developed concerning her husband.

Will likewise contact Daniel Shea, Mail Carrier, Fall River, Massachusetts, covering the home of Subject's brother, for possible leads in connection with the location of Demers.

P E N D I N G.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300





Charles A. Demers

*Bureau file #*  
*88-12-258*



Charles A. Demers

Bureau file #  
88-12-258

JWV:MEW  
88-12

February 17, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HATHERINGTON,  
with aliases - Fugitive; GIYER  
ALEXANDER, et al - Victims;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Transmitted herewith is a draft of an  
Identification Order concerning the above named  
fugitive. Kindly verify the fingerprint classifi-  
cation and check your files for any recent arrest  
of this individual.

When you have completed the above, kindly  
transmit the attached to the Mechanical Section.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure 1062387

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REF  
88-12-259

FEB 18 1937

IDENTIFICATION  
CARD NO.  
(Place date of  
issue here)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

IDENTIFICATION  
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WANTED:

CHARLES ARTHUR LEMERS, with aliases: Charles Dawson,  
Reverend Courtney Hetherington, Charles A. Dawson,  
Charles P. VanBlarcom, Charles Pierrepont, Reverend  
Courtney Coutney, Dr. Courtney Larling, J. Wilbur Taylor,  
Arthur Adolph DeBussey DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice  
Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson  
Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Albert Hetherington, Dr. Prutus  
Larling, Arthur DeBussey Brockville, Charles A. Lemers

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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

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DESCRIPTION

Photograph taken September,  
1934

C RIMEL RECORD

Age, 33 (born September 20,  
1908, Fall River, Massachusetts).  
Height, 5 feet 1 1/2 inches;  
Weight, 155 pounds;  
Build, stocky;  
Hair, black, receding;  
Eyes, hazel;  
Complexion, medium dark;  
Nationality, French;  
Scars, small indentation on forehead;  
stiletto scar on thigh.

(Place photograph here)

(Place Handwriting  
specimen here)

\*Arrested Fall River, Massachusetts  
February 6, 1915, charge,  
attempted breaking and entering;  
disposition not available.  
\*As Charles Dawson, B-39021,  
arrested New York City Police  
Department, May 18, 1916,  
charge, burglary, sentenced 5  
years.  
\*As Charles Dawson, M-25569,  
received Elmira Reformatory,  
Elmira, New York, crime,  
burglary; sentence 5 years,  
on May 21, 1916; paroled  
September 20, 1916.  
As Charles A. Dawson, 4146,  
received United States  
Disciplinary Barracks, Governors  
Island, New York, August 20,  
1917; crime desertion; sentence  
6 months.  
\*As Charles A. Lemers, arrested  
Police Department, Fall River,  
Massachusetts, November 18,  
1924, charge assault and battery;  
discharged.  
\*As Charles A. Lemers, arrested  
Police Department, Fall River,  
Massachusetts, June 10, 1925;  
charge, larceny, desertion and  
neglect of family; sentenced 30  
days in House of Correction for  
neglect of family; desertion and  
larceny charges dismissed.

RELATIVES

Lena I. Lemers, wife.



Lemers, father,  
Caroline Lemers, mother,  
Wilfred Lemers, brother, all  
204 Tecumseh Street,  
Fall River, Massachusetts.

88-12-259

CRIMINAL RECORD (Continued)

\*As Charles A. Demers, arrested Police Department, Fall River, Massachusetts, May 12, 1926; charge neglect of family; placed on probation December 8, 1926.

As Charles P. VanElarson, #77300, arrested Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1927; charge suspicious character; discharged.

\*As Reverend Courtney Hetherington, arrested Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, August 22, 1933; charge larceny; dismissed.

An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at San Antonio, Texas, July 16, 1935, charging Charles Arthur Demers, with transporting a woman on or about August 27, 1934, from San Antonio, Texas to Memphis, Tennessee in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional criminal record or information to the nearest division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

If apprehended please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

Issued by:

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

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FBI:MM

February 26, 1937.

68-12 - ~~200~~ 260

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
with aliases - Fugitive;  
Clyde Alexander, Hazel Irene  
Smith and Mrs. Alleah Gillette -  
Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau February 11, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

#1142765

cc - San Antonio  
Enclosure  
New York  
Philadelphia

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Laboratory Report.  
February 26, 1937.

Case: **Reverend Courtney Hatherington, with aliases -**  
**Fugitive; Clyde Alexander, Hazel Irene Smith and** Number: **68-12-257**  
**Mrs. Allison Gillies - Victims;**  
**White Slave Traffic Act.**

Specimens:  
K1. Personal letter in ink with two torn places, beginning: "Dear  
brother Wilfrid:-----" written by suspect.  
K2. Envelope with postmark torn out, addressed to "Mr. Wilfrid DeWitt,  
162 Blackstone St., Fall River, Mass."

Negative of snapshot of suspect.

Examination requested by: **Boston**  
Date received: **2-11-37**  
Examination requested: **Document**  
Result of examination:

Examination by: **Miller**

A comparison of the handwriting on the letter and envelope designated above as specimens K1 and K2 with the known handwriting of Reverend Courtney Hatherington listed in the Laboratory's files as 68-12-151 A has resulted in the conclusion that all of this writing was done by the same individual.

As requested, two photographic copies of the letter and envelope designated as specimens K1 and K2 will be forwarded to the Boston Field Division within the next several days.

As requested, two photographic copies, the negative of which was submitted to the Laboratory by the Boston Field Division, are being transmitted with this report to the Boston, San Antonio and New York Field Divisions.

1-Bureau  
2-Boston  
1-San Antonio  
1-New York  
1-Philadelphia  
1-Laboratory

88-12-260

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*[Handwritten signature]*



March 26, 1937

83-12 (261)

Mr. G. A. Lowdon,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Reverend Courtney Heatherington,  
with aliases - Fugitive;  
Clyde Alexander, et al. - Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report 14928,  
dated March 17, 1937, in connection with the above-  
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your  
office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following  
specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been  
made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

83-12-261 Q1 through Q6

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure # 1017747

REGISTERED MAIL

PC / Hn

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 14928

Laboratory Report

Case: Rev. Courtney Heatherington,  
with aliases-Fugitive.  
Clyde Alexander, et al-Victims.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Number: 88-12-261

Specimens: 88-12-261 Q1 Registration card of <sup>The</sup> Penn-Harris Hotel #97843, C. E. Darling and wife. The (wife spelled wf.)  
" Q2 Registration card of Penn-Harris Hotel #08221-M. F. Balcom.  
" Q3 Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel #98362-Rev. John J. Lillis.  
" Q4 Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel #99711-Dr. D. C. Pierpont.  
Examination requested by: " Q5 Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel #571-C. S. Phila.

Date received: 3-10-37 ft

Examination requested: Document

*No ident*

Result of examination:

Examination by: PickeringAE

88-12-261 Q6 Darling.  
Registration card of Governor Hotel (Name not shown on card) #32915-Rev. E. Daniel.

RETURN SPECIMENS PROMPTLY

cc-San Antonio--

Q1 C M Darling ex of Hagerstown Md  
Q2 M F Balcom 12775 1st St Emporium Pa  
Q3 Rev John J Lillis Cuyahoga F  
Q4 Dr D C Pierpont M I  
Q5 C S Darling Chicago  
Q6 Rev E Daniel Delmar F

Known A P Rev M M ft to CTR c B

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 2, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re - REV. COURTNEY HEATHERINGTON,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE.  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed, herewith, the following handwriting  
specimens, with registration cards:

Penn Harris Hotel #97843 - C. M. Darling  
and wife.  
#98221 - M. F. Balcom  
#98362 - Rev. John J. Lillis  
#99711 - Dr. D. C. Pierpont  
#571 - C. S. Darling

Registration Card Governor Hotel #32915 -  
Rev. E. Daniel

It is requested that the above specimens of handwriting  
be compared with the known handwriting of the subject  
herein. It is further requested that the original regis-  
tration cards submitted herewith be returned as promptly  
as possible to the Philadelphia Field Division so they  
may be forwarded to the hotels from which they were borrowed.  
In the event that copies are desired at the Bureau, it is sug-  
gested that photostats be made.

RECORDED & INDEXED

The Division of Origin in instant case is San Antonio and  
copies of any Laboratory reports should be submitted to that  
Division as well as to the Philadelphia Field Division.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

NSH:AVM  
31-1780  
cc - Technical  
Laboratory  
|| San Antonio

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Copy and Specimens Retained in Laboratory

88-12-261

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

3/4 1937.

TO

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| <u>      </u> Director     | <u>      </u> <del>✓</del> Files Section |
| <u>      </u> Mr. Nathan   | <u>      </u> Mechanical Section         |
| <u>      </u> Mr. Tolson   | <u>      </u> Chief Clerk's Office       |
| <u>      </u> Mr. Tamm     | <u>      </u> Identification Division    |
| <u>      </u> Mr. Quinn    | <u>      </u> Statistical Section        |
| <u>      </u> Mr. Foxworth | <u>      </u> Technical Laboratory       |
| <u>      </u> Mr. Egan     | Division Two                             |

SUPERVISORS

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| _____ Mr. Drayton  | _____ Mr. McIntire   | _____ Mr. Spear   |
| _____ Mr. Fletcher | _____ Mr. Pennington | _____ Mr. Suran   |
| _____ Mr. Lawler   | _____ Mr. Ranstad    | _____ Mr. Vincent |
|                    |                      | _____ Mr. Wyly    |

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| _____ Typists, 5257  | _____ Re-date                          |
| _____ Stenographers, | _____ Send file                        |
| _____ M _____        | _____ Note and return                  |
| _____ Correct        | _____ Search, serialize<br>and return. |

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SUPERVISOR

**IDENTIFICATION  
ORDER NO. 1433**

March 1, 1937

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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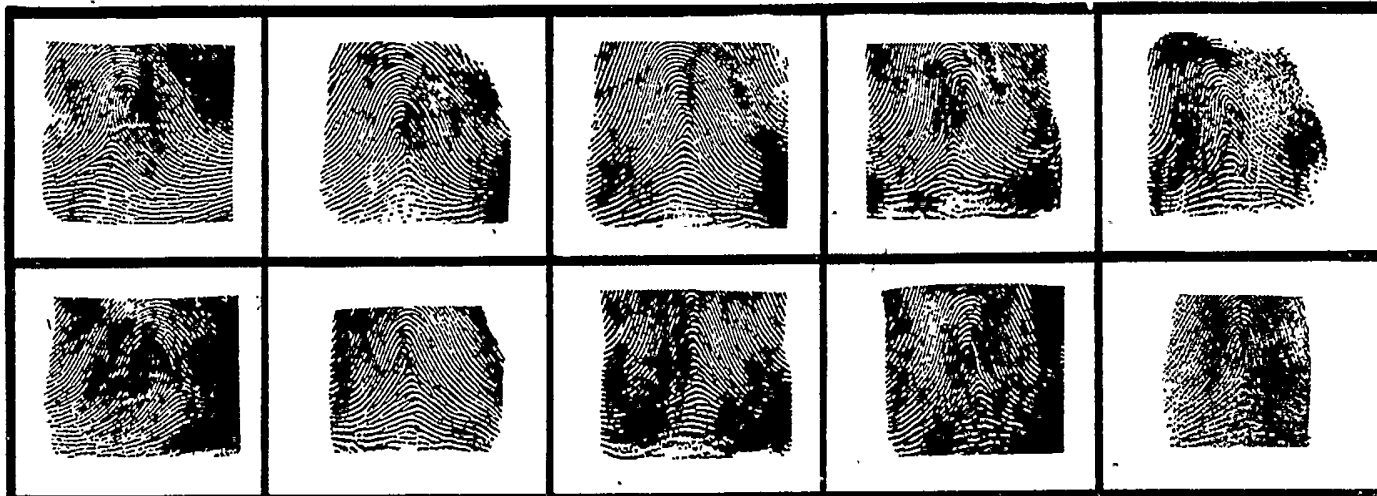
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**WANTED**

CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, with aliases: CHARLES DAWSON, REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, CHARLES A. DAWSON, CHARLES P. VanBLARCOM, CHARLES PIERREPONT, REVEREND COURTNEY GOUTHEY, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, J. WILBUR TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DeBUSSEY DeBOUGAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT, ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE CHARLES MAURICE VINSON PIERPONT COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, ALBERT HETHERINGTON, DR. BRUTUS DARLING, ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE, CHARLES A. DEMERS.

**WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT**



**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 38 (Born September 30, 1898, Fall River, Massachusetts); Height, 5 feet 14 inches; Weight, 155 pounds; Build, stocky; Hair, black, receding; Eyes, hazel; Complexion, medium dark; Nationality, French; Scars, small indentation on forehead; stiletto scar on thigh.

Photograph taken September, 1934.



**RELATIVES**

Lena I. Demers, wife,

Godfrey Demers, father,  
Caroline Demers, mother,  
Wilfred Demers, brother, all  
204 Tecumseh Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

*Charles P. Van Blarcom*

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

- \*Arrested Fall River, Massachusetts, February 6, 1915, charge, attempted breaking and entering; disposition not available.
- \*As Charles Dawson, #B-39021, arrested New York City Police Department, May 8, 1915, charge, burglary, sentenced 5 years.
- \*As Charles Dawson, #M-25569, received Elmira Reformatory, Elmira, New York, crime, burglary; sentence 5 years, on May 21, 1915; paroled September 20, 1916.
- As Charles A. Dawson, #4146, received United States Disciplinary Barracks, Governors Island, New York, August 20, 1917; crime desertion; sentence 6 months.
- \*As Charles A. Demers, arrested Police Department, Fall River, Massachusetts, November 18; 1924, charge assault and battery; discharged.
- \*As Charles A. Demers, arrested Police Department, Fall River, Massachusetts, June 19, 1925; charge, larceny, desertion and neglect of family; sentenced 30 days in House of Correction for neglect of family; desertion and larceny charges dismissed. <sup>b6</sup> <sup>b7C</sup>
- \*As Charles A. Demers, arrested Police Department, Fall River, Massachusetts, May 12, 1926; charge neglect of family; placed on probation December 8, 1926.
- As Charles P. VanBlarcom, #77300, arrested Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1927; charge suspicious character; discharged.
- \*As Reverend Courtney Hetherington, arrested Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa, August 22, 1933; charge larceny; dismissed.

An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at San Antonio, Texas, July 16, 1935, charging Charles Arthur Demers with transporting a woman on or about August 27, 1934, from San Antonio, Texas to Memphis, Tennessee in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional criminal record or information to the nearest division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

If apprehended please notify the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof which is nearest your city.

\*Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

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Issued by: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,

Located at: Building Tel. No.

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| ABERDEEN, S.Dak., 610 Alonzo Ward Hotel   | 4652           |
| ATLANTA, Georgia, 501 Healey              | Walnut 3698    |
| BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, *320 Federal         | 7-1755         |
| BOSTON, Massachusetts, 10 Post            |                |
| Office Square, Room 950                   | Liberty 8470   |
| BUFFALO, N. Y., 400 U.S. Ct. House        | Cleveland 2030 |
| BUTTE, Montana, 302 Federal               | 2-4734         |
| CHARLOTTE, N. C., 234 Federal             | 3-4127         |
| CHICAGO, Ill., 1900 Bankers'              | Randolph 6226  |
| CINCINNATI, Ohio, 1130 Enquirer           | Cherry 7127    |
| CLEVELAND, Ohio, 1448 Standard            | Prospect 2456  |
| DALLAS, Texas, 1206 Tower Petroleum       | 2-3866         |
| DENVER, Colo., 722 Midland Savings        | Main 6241      |
| DETROIT, Mich., 911 Federal               | Cadillac 2835  |
| EL PASO, Texas, 202 U.S. Court House      | Main 501       |
| INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 506 Fletcher Trust    | Riley 5416     |
| KANSAS CITY, Mo., 1616 Fed.Res.Bk.        | Victor 3113    |
| LITTLE ROCK, Ark., 500 Rector             | 6734           |
| LOS ANGELES, Calif.,                      |                |
| 903 Pacific Commerce                      | Mutual 2201    |
| LOUISVILLE, Ky., 775 Starks               | Jackson 5139   |
| MIAMI, Fla., 1300 Biscayne                | 3-5558         |
| MILWAUKEE, Wisc., 1021 Bankers'           | Daly 3431      |
| NASHVILLE, Tenn., 508 Medical Arts        | 6-6771         |
| NEW ORLEANS, La.,                         |                |
| 1308 Masonic Temple                       | Raymond 1965   |
| NEW YORK, N. Y., 607 U.S. Court           |                |
| House, Foley Square                       | Rector 2-3520  |
| OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., 224 Federal         | 2-8186         |
| OMAHA, Nebr., 629 1st Nat'l Bank          | Atlantic 8644  |
| PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania,               |                |
| 1300 Liberty Trust                        | Locust 0880    |
| PHOENIX, Ariz., 316 Security              | 3-4870         |
| PITTSBURGH, Pa., 620 New Federal          | Grant 0800     |
| PORTLAND, Ore., 411 U.S. Ct. House        | Atwater 6171   |
| SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,                     |                |
| 301 Continental Bank                      | Wasatch 1797.  |
| SAN ANTONIO, Texas,                       |                |
| 1216 Smith-Young Tower                    | Fannin 8052    |
| SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Suite 1105,        |                |
| Mills Tower                               | Exbrook 2679   |
| ST. LOUIS, Missouri, 423 U.S. Court House |                |
| & Custom House                            | Garfield 0360* |
| ST. PAUL, Minnesota,                      |                |
| 404 New York                              | Garfield 7509  |
| TACOMA, Washington, 732 Rust              | Main 8271      |
| TRENTON, N.J., 424 Federal                | 3-0881         |
| WASHINGTON, D. C., 4244 Justice           | National 5303  |

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

FILE NO. 31-1780 A

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-2-37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>2-18, 19, 20-37</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>H. S. HAUZENSTEIN.</b>          |
| TITLE<br><b>CHARGED: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with aliases: - CHARLES A. DAWSON, CHARLES ARTHUR DEPUSSY, CHARLES F. VAN BLARCOM, CHARLES PIERREPONT, DR. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, REVEREND COURTNEY COURTNEY, DR. COURTNEY DAWSON, J. WILFRED TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DEBUSSEY DEBOUGAINVILLE, CHARLES CENT LAURICE PIERREPONT, MAURICE PIERREPONT, ARTHUR DEBUSSEY BROCKVILLE, CHARLES MAURICE VINSON PIERREPONT, COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, ARTHUR HETHERINGTON, ALBERT HETHERINGTON, DR. C. COURTNEY, DR. C. DAWSON, DR. COURTNEY, DR. PIERREPONT, CHARLES ARTHUR DEPUSSY du BUGGINS DALE HETHERINGTON, DR. DEUTUS DAWSON, DR. COURTNEY DAWSON, ARTHUR ADOLPH DEBUSSEY DEBOUGAINVILLE, CHARLES CENT MAURICE PIERREPONT, ARTHUR DEBUSSEY BROCKVILLE, CHARLES LAURICE VINSON PIERREPONT, MAJOR A. A. DeB G. P. VAN BLARCOM - FUGITIVE.</b> |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| <p><b>CLARENCE ALEXANDER, HAZEL HEENE SMITH, MRS. ALLEAN GILLETTE - VICTIMS.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p>  |                                 |   |  |
| <p><b>Synopsis of Facts:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Information received from Almond Magnelli and others, Harrisburg, Pa., that subject passed through Harrisburg late in June, 1936, driving a black Oldsmobile coupe, 1936 model, bearing Michigan tags, enroute to Atlantic City, N.J. Check made of first and second class hotels, Harrisburg, during this period. Suspected registration cards forwarded to Bureau for handwriting comparison. Check being made of Harrisburg garages.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">P.</p>   |                                 |   |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. E. Ustalski</i>  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE         |   |  |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 - BUREAU<br/>4 - SAN ANTONIO<br/>2 - DETROIT<br/>2 - PITTSBURGH<br/>2 - PHILA</p>  |                                 |   |  |

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds,  
Philadelphia, Pa., dated 8-14-36.

DETAILS: The title of this report is being changed  
to include the alias - Major A. A. deF. C. P.  
Van Blarcom, under which name subject was known  
at Harrisburg, Pa.

At HARRISBURG, PA.

Tom Olvitto (not Olvitta) resides on the second floor at 111 S. Second Street, and no longer resides at the Verdi Club. During the day he can usually be located in care of the Friendship Fire House on South Third Street. He recognized the photographs of the subject without hesitation and identified him as the man he knew in 1927 as Major A. A. deF. C. P. Van Blarcom. He said that his brother had met Van Blarcom casually in a pool room and brought him to Olvitto's tailoring shop; that Van Blarcom helped out in the tailoring shop pressing clothes for several months while he remained at Harrisburg, Pa; that he did not regard this as steady employment but merely as a means of obtaining a few dollars now and then so he might shoot pool; that Van Blarcom was very intelligent and a talented man; that he had a remarkable memory and although he told many "tall" stories which were apparently untrue, people who knew him were never able to catch him in a lie. He said that one of Van Blarcom's most noteworthy feats was the ability to take dictation from two persons at one time, writing one person's dictation in shorthand and then writing the other person's on the typewriter. He also said that Van Blarcom had two suit cases with him of very fine quality and two ebony canes. He referred to himself variously as "Major" and "Doctor".

Olvitto's brother is Louis Olvitto and presently resides at Fairmount, West Virginia. Olvitto said he received post cards from Van Blarcom four or five years ago addressed from some ship which was then on the Atlantic Ocean. His impression was that Van Blarcom was going to Europe at the time. Olvitto said that Van Blarcom had written most recently to one Almond Magnelli, 114 S. Second Street, who with his brothers, operate a wholesale fruit store at that place.

It will be recalled that the name of Aldo Magnelli was given to Special Agent J. D. Reynolds as an individual who might know Subject but that Aldo was considered unreliable and unfriendly and therefore not to be contacted.

Due to the ostensible friendly attitude of Olvitto, Agent requested him to contact Magnelli and ascertain when Magnelli last heard from the subject and from what place. Olvitto, accordingly went



across the street and spoke to Magnelli privately and later called Agent in and said Magnelli would speak freely. As a consequence, Agent interviewed Almond Chappie and Albo Magnelli, all three of whom knew the subject very well. They said that subsequent to the period of his residence in Harrisburg in 1927, subject had written a number of post cards from different places he visited on his travels, including at least one from a ship which Almond recalled was enroute to Bermuda. This card was received several years ago. Most recently Subject visited Harrisburg, apparently in the year 1934, at which time he was driving an Oldsmobile bearing Michigan license plates. This is evidently the 1934 Oldsmobile which has already been identified.

At this time Van Blarcom told the Magnellis and their various friends who knew him that he was a "Rev"; that he was posing as an Evangelist preacher. The last time that Van Blarcom was seen or heard from at Harrisburg was in the latter part of June, 1936, when he appeared driving a 1936 black Oldsmobile coupe, bearing 1936 Michigan license tags. He at that time had a large supply of Travellers' cheques and said he was enroute to Atlantic City, N.J.

The Magnellis fix the date of his last appearance as the latter part of June because this was shortly after the marriage of Chappie Magnelli. It was their belief that the subject had remained at Harrisburg at least one night and possibly two on that occasion.

Almond Magnelli was quite certain that the car he was driving was an Oldsmobile but that it was not the same Oldsmobile he had at first. So far as they knew, subject did not have any women with him at Harrisburg, inasmuch as they saw none and he requested them to furnish him with a date. At that time he again told them he was posing as an Evangelist minister.

The Magnellis and their friends were informed that a Federal warrant is outstanding for the subject and were also informed of the offense of harboring. Their attitude appeared to be friendly and cooperative toward the Bureau and they promised they would immediately forward any communications that should arrive to the Philadelphia Field Division and also that should Van Blarcom appear in town they would take pains to see that he was apprehended by the Harrisburg Police and hold for the Philadelphia Field Division.

A check was made of the registrations at the first and second class hotels in Harrisburg, Pa., for the period June 15 - July 15, 1936. No check was made at the third class hotels because of their number and because of the fact Van Blarcom was in funds at the time he was in Harrisburg and probably would have stayed at one of the better hotels. The following hotels were checked and photographs of subject exhibited: The Harrisburger, Penn Harris, Columbus, William Penn, Governor, and New Plaza.

At the Governor Hotel, registration card #32915 for June 30, 1936, was found in the name of Rev. E. Daniel, Orlando, Florida, with a notation on this card "D.N.S", meaning "Did not Stop" which indicates this registration was cancelled and the individual did not stay at the hotel that night.

At the Penn Harris Hotel, card #97843 - June 22, 1936, for C. M. Darling and wife, Eagerstown, Maryland - card #98221 for June 24, 1936 - M. F. Falcom, 124 S. Fifth Street, Emporium, Pa; card #98362 - June 24, 1936 - Rev. John J. Lillis, 1770-2 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; #99711 - July 8, 1936 - Dr. D. C. Pierpont, Ironwood, Michigan; #571 - July 9, 1936 - C. S. Darling, 9445 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago.

The above mentioned card at the Governor Hotel was borrowed from Harriet Adams, a clerk.

The cards mentioned above from the Penn Harris Hotel were borrowed from Mrs. A. Clever, in the office of the hotel.

At the Columbus Hotel, Mr. Tim W. Conway, Assistant Manager, promised to make a check of the registrations for Agent's benefit but could not be contacted at the time this check was supposed to have been completed and a lead will be set up for the contact with him. The cards mentioned above are being forwarded under cover letter to the Bureau, marked for the attention of the Technical Laboratory, with the request that the handwriting thereon be compared with the known specimens of subject's handwriting. The original cards, after an examination by the Technical Laboratory, will be returned to the hotels from which they were obtained.

At the C. K. Wolfe Garage, 317 Walnut Street, C. A. Anderson, Manager, checked his records from June 1, to July 15, 1936, and informed that on June 4, 1936, an Oldsmobile bearing Michigan license plates X-78046 was left over-night for washing.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION - Will ascertain to whom 1936 Michigan plates X-78046 were issued, bearing in mind that the car bearing these plates was an Oldsmobile. This lead may be held in abeyance for the time being if desired pending the receipt of further information concerning Oldsmobile bearing Michigan plates in Harrisburg, Pa., during the period in question.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION at PHILADELPHIA - Will contact Tim W. Conway, Assistant Manager, Columbus Hotel, to ascertain the result of the search of his records. Will contact the various garages at HARRISBURG, PA., to determine whether any Oldsmobile car, bearing Michigan license plates, was garaged at that city during the latter part of June, 1936.

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March 9, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
RE: with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1433;  
Clyde Alexander; et al - Victims;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

You are being furnished herewith two smooth finished  
copies of the photograph of the above named fugitive.

These are for the use of your office in the event  
a photograph separate from the identification order is desired  
for use in displaying it to witnesses.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1073043

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88-12-263

Los Angeles, California.  
March 4th, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:                      Re:    Rev. Courtney Hetherington, W. A. S.  
                                      Fug. Clyde Alexander, et al - Victims  
                                      White Slave Traffic Act.  
                                      L. A. File 31-2918

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. A.  
Taylor, Washington, D. C., dated August 22, 1936.

There are inclosed herewith two photographs of Rev.  
Ben Harlin which were furnished to the Los Angeles Field Divi-  
sion with the report of reference.

Very truly yours,

J. W. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge.

EW:HG  
cc Bureau  
cc San Antonio  
incl.

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April 2, 1937

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RECORDED

Mr. G. N. London,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with  
aliases, fugitive, I. O. #1433;  
Clyde Alexander, et al. - Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report 15211  
dated March 29, 1937, in connection with the above-  
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your  
office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following  
specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been  
made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1017715

REGISTERED MAIL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 15211

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1433.  
Clyde Alexander, et al - Victims.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Number: 88-12-264

Specimens: 88-12-264 Q7 Registration card of the Harrisburger  
Hotel, #D-8843, in the name of C. E. Wood.  
Q8 Registration card of the Harrisburger  
Hotel, #D-9230, in the name of C. E. Wood.

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Date received: 3/18/37 MT 3:30 p.m.

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering AE

Return registration cards to Philadelphia Field Division.

cc - San Antonio  
Detroit

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 15211

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
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Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Date received: 3/18/37 MT 3:30 p.m.

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Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Miller #1 ✓

Return registration cards to Philadelphia Field Division.  
*within 5 days in #1 envelope.*

cc - San Antonio  
Detroit

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 11, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re - REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1433.  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - VICTIMS.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed, herewith, registration cards of the Harrisburger Hotel, numbers D-8843 and D-9230, both in the name of C. E. Wood, Allegan, Michigan.

It is requested that the registration handwriting appearing on these cards be compared with the known handwriting of the subject.

It should be noted that these cards were borrowed from the Harrisburger Hotel, with the understanding that they should be returned as soon as possible and it is accordingly requested that the original cards be returned by the Laboratory to this Division as soon as possible so they may be forwarded to the Harrisburger Hotel. It should be noted that the Division of Origin in this case is San Antonio.

Copies of the report from the Laboratory should be forwarded to San Antonio and also to the Detroit Field Division which is conducting the investigation in this connection.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*  
R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Enclosure  
cc Technical Laboratory  
San Antonio

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**

FILE NO. **31-1780 A**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-12-37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-4, 5, 6-37</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>H. S. FARZENSTEIN.</b>          |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND CORTNEY FLEMINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1433.<br/>CLYDE ALLEN ALDER; HAZEL IRENE SMITH,<br/>LHS. ALLEN GILLETTE - VICTIMS.</b>   |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Information received concerning Oldsmobile sedans bearing Michigan license plates, parked at garages, Harrisburg, Pa., during June and July, 1936; suspected registration cards forwarded to Bureau for handwriting comparison. Mrs. Lillian Taylor, Lancaster, Pa., unable to furnish information of value concerning subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. S. Farzenstein, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 3-2-37</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At PHILADELPHIA, PA.</u></p> <p>A circular letter was sent to all garages and parking lots in Harrisburg, Pa. Replies have been received from all of these containing negative information, with the exception of the following: S. Giltbert Ball, Raspberry Street, reported an Oldsmobile sedan, bearing Michigan plates A-1562, stored at his garage June 30, and July 1, 1936, and also July 10, to 15, 1936.</p> <p>Upon personal interview, Ball informed this car was parked at his place by a steady customer whose name he recalled as Wood and whose local residence is the Harrisburger Hotel, from which visits to town he recalled that about July 4, 1936, the car was brought in with a broken piston and he had an argument with Wood as to the nature of the trouble with the car.</p> |                                  |  |  |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R.E. Vetterli</i>  |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE                      |  |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT   |                                  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES                 |  |
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Inasmuch, however, as Ball indicated a friendly attitude toward Wood it was thought advisable to check further in this regard.

E. F. Reeser, room clerk at the Harrisburger Hotel, was requested to furnish Wood's registration cards for June and July, 1936. These cards indicated that Wood registered at the hotel June 30, July 3, July 10, and July 30, 1936 as "C. E. Wood, Allegan, Michigan".

The hotel clerks informed that this card appears as that of a steady customer, evidently travelling salesman. None of the clerks, however, were able to recall him personally so as to inform whether he is identical with the photograph of the subject. Consequently, two of the registration cards, namely D-8843 for June 30, 1936, and D-9230 for July 3, 1936, were borrowed from the hotel and are being forwarded under separate cover letter to the Bureau for comparison by the Technical Laboratory with the known handwriting of the subject.

At the time of the interview with Ball he also informed his records show, on June 13, 1936, a Hudson car, bearing Michigan plates 30009, a Ford car, bearing Michigan plates D-28333, and a Chevrolet car, bearing Michigan plates X-61786. No further information concerning the owners of these cars was available.

No leads are being set out in connection with cars of other makes than Oldsmobile but the information concerning these other cars is being included for any possible future value it may have.

George's Garage, at Harrisburg, in reply to the circular letter, informed that on July 6, Oldsmobile car was parked bearing Michigan plates 42322 and on July 11, another Oldsmobile, bearing Michigan plates H-11654, but that he has no record of the names of the owners or the hotels at which they stopped.

It is not contemplated that this garage will be contacted in person inasmuch as there is evidently no further information to be gained by such contact.

M. W. Greek, 1202 Mulberry Street, informed that his 1936 Oldsmobile sedan, bearing 1937 Michigan plates, has been seen at Summit and Mulberry Streets, Harrisburg, for the last month or six weeks, being driven by a woman, twenty-five to twenty-seven years old, whose address and business are unknown. A letter is being addressed to Mr. Greek to ascertain the license number of this car so that appropriate check can be made by the Detroit Field Division.

Mr. Tim Conway, Assistant Manager of the Columbus Hotel, informed that the search of the records of the hotel requested by Agent, as reflected in reference report, revealed no information of value.

At LANCASTER, PA.

Mrs. Lillian Taylor, 337 N. Mary Street, informed that she formerly operated a rooming house at 322 Chestnut Street, Harrisburg, Pa. She was shown the old and new photographs of the subject and said that the old photograph was familiar to her; that it might have been the photograph of some individual who roomed at 322 Chestnut Street. The aliases known to have been used by the subject during that time were mentioned to her but she was unable to recall them as pertaining to any individual. She further said that she has definitely not seen the subject or heard anything of him or from him since she left Harrisburg, Pa., in the summer of 1927.

It should be noted that Mrs. Taylor is evidently a respectable housewife with several growing children and resides in a poor, but apparently respectable portion of Lancaster, Pa.

Attention is called to the fact that the copies of the reference report are designated for the Pittsburgh Field Division but that contemplated lead for that Division was inadvertently omitted. It is being set out herein.

A review of the Philadelphia file indicates that the Pittsburgh Field Division appears to be in possession of sufficient serials in instant case to give background and is also in possession of the latest photograph of subject which appears on I.O. 1433.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION - Will carry out undeveloped lead in reference report and will make the same check and investigation with regard to 1936 Michigan plates, numbers A-150242222 and U-11654.

PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION at FAIRBOLT, WEST VIRGINIA - Will contact Louis Olvitto to ascertain whether he has heard from the subject recently and has any information which may lead to his apprehension.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION - Upon the return of the various registration cards from the Technical Laboratory, will return them to the hotels from which they were received.

Upon receipt of the information requested from M. W. Greek will set up appropriate leads for the Detroit Field Division to ascertain the identity of the owner of this car.

- P E N D I N G -

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| Mr. Nathan    | ..... |
| Mr. Tolson    | ..... |
| Mr. E.A. Tamm | ..... |
| Mr. Clegg     | ..... |
| Mr. Coffey    | ..... |
| Mr. Dawsey    | ..... |
| Mr. Egan      | ..... |
| Mr. Foxworth  | ..... |
| Mr. Glavin    | ..... |
| Mr. Harbo     | ..... |
| Mr. Joseph    | ..... |
| Mr. Lester    | ..... |
| Mr. Nichols   | ..... |
| Mr. Quinn     | ..... |
| Mr. Schilder  | ..... |
| Mr. Tamm      | ..... |
| Mr. Tracy     | ..... |
| Miss Gandy    | ..... |

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WESTERN UNION

MAR 14 1937

*Charles A. Demers*

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DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U S DEPT OF JUSTICE

CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS WA FUGITIVE IO 1433 IN CUSTODY SHERIFF

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

FILE NO.

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-16-37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3/10,15/37</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>E. D. VALENTINE</b>            |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, w. a. -<br/>FUGITIVE, I.O. 1433;<br/>CLYDE ALEXANDER et al - VICTIMS.</b> |                                  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Office of origin advises telegraphically that Subject Hetherington apprehended by Sheriff Deadwood, S. D. Investigation discontinued.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent L. L. Laughlin, Boston, dated 2-9-37.

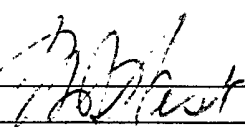

**DETAILS:** AT FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS:

On March 10, 1937 MRS. LENA DEMERS was interviewed at her home, 232 Anthony Street and stated she had learned nothing further concerning her husband.

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

On March 15, 1937 there was received from the San Antonio Field Division a telegram setting out that Subject DEMERS was in the custody of the sheriff at Deadwood, S. D; and that investigation should be discontinued.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  |    |     |
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1360 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 16, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: REV. COURTNEY BETHERINGTON, w.a.,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1433; CLYDE ALEXANDER;  
HAZEL IRENE SMITH, MRS. ALLEAH  
GILLETTE-Victims.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the wire from your Division  
dated March 15, 1937, in which this Division was advised of the  
apprehension of subject Demars.

In view of the fact that there is no further in-  
vestigation to be conducted in this district, this matter is being  
REFERRED UPON COMPLETION to the Division of Origin.

Very truly yours,

MC:AG  
31-1780  
cc:Bureau

R.E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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INVESTIGATION

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OFFICE OF THE



HR:MK  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MARCH 15, 1937

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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88-12-266  
Transmit the following message to:

CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS WA FUGITIVE IO ONE FOUR THREE THREE

ADVISE IMMEDIATELY DETAILS ARREST OF SUBJECT

HOOVER

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MAR 16 1937  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

WESTERN UNION

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March 16, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MECHANICAL SECTION

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O.  
1433; CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al -  
Victims; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC  
ACT.

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum con-  
taining data for Apprehension Order No. 455 on  
Courtney Hetherington, Identification Order No.  
1433.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1072623

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 16, 1937

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APPREHENSION ORDER  
NO. 1433-455

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, with aliases:  
Charles Dawson, Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
Charles A. Dawson, Charles P. VanBlarcom, Charles  
Pierrepont, Reverend Courtney Gouthey, Jr. Courtney  
Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey  
DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont,  
Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson  
Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Albert Hetherington,  
Dr. Brutus Darling, Arthur DeBussey Brockville,  
Charles A. Demers.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1433 on the above named subject is  
hereby canceled, inasmuch as he was located at Deadwood, South Dakota,  
March 13, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

THIS CANCELS IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 1433

88-12-206

HR:MFW  
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March 18, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Information has been received to the effect  
that subject REVEREND COURTNEY WETHERINGTON, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, Index No. 6721, was located at  
Deadwood, S. D. on March 13, 1937.  
~~Kindly cancel wanted notice in FBI Law Enforcement~~  
~~Bulletin.~~

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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| CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| DOMESTIC                 | CABLE          |
| TELEGRAM                 | FULL RATE      |
| DAY LETTER               | DEFERRED       |
| NIGHT MESSAGE            | NIGHT LETTER   |
| NIGHT LETTER             | SHIP RADIOGRAM |

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Antonio Tex March 15 1937

Werner Hanni  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel  
Aberdeen SD

Charles Arthur Demers WA Fugitive IO fourteen three three WSTA Certified copy indictment forwarded viair USA Sioux Falls today request bond five thousand returnable San Antonio instanter

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Ch FBI  
O B Govt rate  
paid

cc US Atty San Antonio  
Bureau ✓

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MAR 15 1937

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

## ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeatable message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeatable-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeatable-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission. In the case of intrastate messages in Texas the company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within ninety-five days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

### THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED

R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

### NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

### DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

### NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

### FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

### DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

### CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

### SHIP RADIOGRAMS

A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

| CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| DOMESTIC                 | CABLE          |
| TELEGRAM                 | FULL RATE      |
| DAY LETTER               | DEFERRED       |
| NIGHT MESSAGE            | NIGHT LETTER   |
| NIGHT LETTER             | SHIP RADIOGRAM |

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

W  
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA  
MARCH 13, 1937 11:50 PM

GUS T JONES  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1216 SMITH-YOUNG TOWER  
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

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CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS WA FUGITIVE IO FOURTEEN THREE THREE IN CUSTODY SHERIFF

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cc: Bureau ✓

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FBI:NY

March 17, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Reverend Courtney Heatherington,  
with aliases - Fugitive;  
Clyde Alexander, et al. - Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 10, 1937.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #1061137

cc-San Antonio.

*Cal*  
*March 17, 1937*



| CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| DOMESTIC                 | CABLE          |
| TELEGRAM                 | FULL RATE      |
| DAY LETTER               | DEFERRED       |
| NIGHT MESSAGE            | NIGHT LETTER   |
| NIGHT LETTER             | SHIP RADIOGRAM |

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Aberdeen, S. Dak.  
March 29, 1937

Gus T. Jones  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Tex.

Charles Arthur Demers WA Fugitive IO fourteen three three WSTA  
Subject leaving Sioux Falls South Dakota today enroute your  
district.

Hanni

KPP:B  
cc: Bureau ✓  
Govt rate - chg.

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials over the stamp]*

## CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

| DOMESTIC       | FOREIGN            |
|----------------|--------------------|
| TELEGRAM       | FULL RATE CABLE    |
| DAY LETTER     | DEFERRED CABLE     |
| NIGHT MESSAGE  | NIGHT CABLE LETTER |
| SHIP RADIOGRAM | RADIOGRAM          |

PATRONS SHOULD CHECK CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED, OTHERWISE MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A FULL-RATE COMMUNICATION

# Postal Telegraph

## THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER

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STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Form

San Antonio Tex March 29, 1937

Werner Hanni  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
610 Alonzo Ward Hotel  
Aberdeen SD

Fugitive

Charles Arthur Demers WA / IO fourteen thirty three WSTA. Wire present status removal USA desires try here next week

Jones

Ch FBI. OB Govt rate  
paid

Copy Bureau -1  
U.S. Atty. San Antonio-1

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED-MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereto; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

#### DOMESTIC MESSAGES

**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**DAY LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

**NIGHT MESSAGES.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

#### CABLE MESSAGES

**FULL RATE MESSAGES** receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

**DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES** at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. For particulars to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

**NIGHT CABLE LETTERS** at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinate to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at rates to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i.e., "Post London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

FJM:MM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 14928

Laboratory Report

Case: Reverend Courtney Heatherington,  
with aliases - Fugitive;  
Clyde Alexander, et al. - Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

March 17, 1937.

Number: 88-12-261

Specimens:

- Q1. Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel, #97843 - C. W. Darling and wife.
  - Q2. Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel, #98201 - M. F. Galcom.
  - Q3. Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel, #98362 - Reverend John J. Lillis.
  - Q4. Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel, #99711 - Doctor D. G. Pierpont.
  - Q5. Registration card of The Penn-Harris Hotel, #571 - C. S. Darling.
  - Q6. Registration card of Governor Hotel (name not shown on card), #32915 -
- Examination requested at Philadelphia.

Date received:

3-10-37

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major [Signature]

It is believed that the handwriting on the submitted specimens, designated as 261 Q1 through 261 Q6, was not written by the subject, Reverend Courtney Heatherington, following a comparison of the submitted specimens with the known handwriting of the subject.

In accordance with your request, the submitted specimens will be returned as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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[Handwritten signatures and initials]

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

JLD:EL  
81-2910

March 18, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHKINGTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O.  
#1453; CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al -  
Victims; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Based on your telegram dated March 15,  
1937, advising that the above subject had been taken  
into custody by the Sheriff of Deadwood, South Dakota,  
no further investigation is being made by this division,  
and this matter is being referred upon completion to the  
division of origin.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc:Bureau ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 19, 1937.

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APPREHENSION ORDER  
NO. 1433-455

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, with aliases:  
Charles Dawson, Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
Charles A. Dawson, Charles P. VanBlarcom, Charles  
Pierrepont, Reverend Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney  
Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey  
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Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson  
Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Albert Hetherington,  
Dr. Brutus Darling, Arthur DeBussey Brockville,  
Charles A. Demers.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Identification Order No. 1433 on the above named subject is hereby  
canceled, inasmuch as he was located at Deadwood, South Dakota, March 13, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

**This cancels Identification Order No. 1433.**

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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Post Office Box 2344,  
Norton, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1937.

Captain William O'Brien,  
Detective Division,  
Fall River Police Department,  
Fall River, Massachusetts.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY BETHUNE, JR.,  
with aliases, I. O. 1433;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

The above captioned individual, sometimes known as Charles A. Demers, concerning whom inquiries were being made in Fall River, Massachusetts, was recently apprehended in Leadwood, South Dakota.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable assistance in this matter and express my appreciation for the excellent cooperation rendered by the members of your department? If there is any way in which this office can be of assistance to you, kindly feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

A. J. WEST,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 24, 1937

Mr. G. L. May,  
Bureau of Entomology & Plant Quarantine,  
Salisbury Road, P. O. Box 141,  
Canaan, Connecticut.

Re: REVEREND COURINLY WITHERINGTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.  
21433; CLIFFE ALEXANDER, et al -  
Victims; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a clip-  
ping from the Bridgeport Herald, Bridgeport, Conn., dated  
March 13, 1937, relative to Robert F. Birt, and the photo-  
graph and description of Charles Arthur Demers, alias Charles  
P. Van Marston, apparently taken from an Identification Order  
issued by this Bureau.

It is noted that you point out the striking  
resemblance between Demers and Robert F. Birt. With reference  
to Charles Arthur Demers, please be informed that this in-  
dividual was taken into custody at San Antonio, Texas, on  
March 15, 1937.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation  
in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Texas**

FILE NO. **31-65 MS**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Buffalo, N.Y.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3/25/37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3/11/37</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>J. E. KILGORE</b>               |
| TITLE<br><b>REVEREND COURTNEY WETHERINGTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1433; CLIFF ALEXANDER; et al - VICTIMS.</b> |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Photograph of subject exhibited to Rev. C. E. Spruill, Toronto, who stated that he had never seen subject, to the best of his knowledge.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent JEROME D. DUFFY, Buffalo, N.Y., 11/16/36.

**DETAILS:**

This case was FUD'd and subsequently reopened to cover an undeveloped lead which was still outstanding at Toronto, Ontario.

**AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA**

The photograph of subject was exhibited to the Rev. C. E. Spruill at Toronto, at which time he advised the writer that he had never seen anyone resembling the photograph of subject. However, he pointed out that he was engaged in revival work in that district and that he did have a great many ministers call upon him, requesting permission to hold revival meetings at his church, and on some occasions he had accepted their offers and allowed them to hold revival meetings. In view of the fact that subject has held meetings at various times, it was thought by Rev. Spruill that he might at some time call at his Tabernacle in Toronto and requested permission to speak at his church. In view of this fact, a copy of I.O. #1433 is being forwarded to Rev. Spruill in order that he may have same before him at all times, and in the event subject does call at his church, he stated he would advise the Buffalo Field Division.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>[Signature: J. L. Pieper]</i>     | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><b>38-12-272</b> |
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1433;  
Clyde Alexander, et al. - Victims;  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 18, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #1061215

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Laboratory Report

Case: March 23, 1937. Number: 88-12-264  
Reverend Courtney Hetherington, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1433;  
Clyde Alexander, et al. - Victims;  
Specimens: White Slave Traffic Act.

- Q7. Registration card of the Harrisburger Hotel, #D-8843, in the name  
of C. E. Wood.  
Q8. Registration card of the Harrisburger Hotel, #D-9230, in the name  
of C. E. Wood.

Examination requested by:

Philadelphia

Date received:

3-18-37

Examination requested:

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Result of examination:

Examination by:

Miller

A comparison of the handwriting on specimens Q7 and Q8 with  
the known handwriting of Reverend Courtney Hetherington, designated as  
88-12-161 A, has resulted in the conclusion that Hetherington did not  
write the questioned material.

Specimens Q7 and Q8 will be returned to your office within  
the next five days, after photographic copies have been made for the  
completion of the Laboratory's files.

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April 6, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Reverend Courtney Letherington,  
with aliases, fugitive, I. O.  
1433; Clyde Alexander, et al.-  
Victims; White Slave Traffic  
Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 2, 1937  
relative to the above-entitled case in which you request  
that the registration cards of the Harrisburger Hotel, D-9843  
and D-9850, both in the name of G. L. Wood, Allegan, Michigan,  
be returned to your field division.

Please be advised that this evidence which was  
designated by the Bureau file numbers 68-12-204 -7 and -8  
was returned to your field division with the Bureau letter  
dated April 2, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 2, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

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ATTENTION TECHNICAL LABORATORY  
Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1433;  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al-Victims.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this  
Division "Attention-Technical Laboratory" dated March 11, 1937,  
which enclosed registration cards of the Harrisburger Hotel,  
Nos. D-8843 and D-9230, both in the name of C.E. Wood, Allegan,  
Michigan.

Inasmuch as subject Hetherington, with aliases,  
has been apprehended it is presumed these cards have no further  
value in the investigation and their return is requested so that  
they may be returned to the Harrisburger Hotel at Harrisburg, Pa.

Very truly yours,

*G.N. Lowdon*  
G.N. LOWDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 607,  
U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, N. Y.

April 9, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O.  
#1433; CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al -  
Victims; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Apprehension Order  
#1433-455 which indicates that the subject of this case was  
located at Deadwood, South Dakota on March 13, 1937.

In view of this fact the lead set out in the  
report of Special Agent L. L. Laughlin at Boston, Massachusetts,  
dated February 9, 1937 for the New York Division is being  
disregarded by this Division and the case is being considered  
referred upon completion to the Division of origin.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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THE ABERDEEN EVENING NEWS, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, APRIL 1, 1937

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## FOUR TAKEN TO FEDERAL PRISON

SIOUX FALLS—(AP)—Four federal prisoners were taken to the United States penitentiary at Ft. Leavenworth Thursday by Charles W. Robertson, United States marshal, and J. H. Johnson, deputy.

Those taken are William J. Brandt, Sioux Falls, former postal clerk, sentenced to a year-and-a-day for thefts from the mails. The others are Edward Pilgrim, Hammond, Ind. and Frank Murphy, transient, who received two-year terms for breaking and entering buildings used as postoffices; and Ellis Goode, Belle Fourche, S. D., sentenced to four years for using the mails to defraud.

Along with this group the marshal and deputy took Charles A. Demers to San Antonio, Tex., to face charges of violating the federal white slave laws. Demers was recently arrested at Deadwood, S. D., where he allegedly posed as a French count.

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THE ABERDEEN EVENING NEWS, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, MARCH 31, 1937

### 'French Count' To Face Slave Charge

SIoux FALLS —(P)— Charles A. Demers, alias Courtney Hetherington, who, federal officers said, posed as a "French count" was ordered removed to Texas to face Mann act charges when he appeared Tuesday before Federal Judge A. Lee Wyman.

Demers was arrested at Deadwood where Dick Costello, chief of police, said he had posed as a "French count." Federal agents said Demers was indicted at San Antonio two years ago on a white slave charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio, Tex.**

FILE NO. **31-10**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>Aberdeen, S. Dak.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>3-31-37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>3-20, 22-37</b>   | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>Werner Hammi: FB</b>           |
| TITLE<br><b>Changed:<br/>CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, with aliases, Charles Dawson, Reverend Courtney Hetherington, Charles A. Dawson, Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles Pierrepont, Reverend Courtney Gouthoy, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey, DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Albert Hetherington, Dr. Brutus Darling, Arthur DeBussey Brockville, Charles A. Demers, Don Morgan, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1433. CLYDE ALEXANDER - Victim</b>   |                                  |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>mag-1</i><br/> <i>ec-2</i> Subject arrested Deadwood, S. Dak., 3-13-37. Admitted identity and charges involved. Fugitive complaint filed, ordered removed to San Antonio 3-29-37.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Telegram, Aberdeen to San Antonio, dated 3-13-37; teletype to Director dated 3-15-37.</p> <p>DETAILS: The title of this case is changed to add the alias of DON MORGAN, under which name Subject was living in Deadwood, S. Dak.</p> <p>On March 13, 1937, Chief of Police Dick Costello, Deadwood, S. Dak., telephoned the writer and advised that he had in custody the above named Subject, who was going under the name of DON MORGAN, and was employed in a furniture store at Deadwood, S. Dak. That former sheriff Whitey Helmer, of Deadwood, had taken Subject's fingerprints and compared them with I. O. #1433, and found them to be identical.</p> |                                  |   |   |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. Hammi</i>  |                                  | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE   |   |
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## AT DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA:

Agent interviewed Chief of Police Dick Costello, who stated that he apprehended Subject following receipt of information from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Robertson, Lead, S. Dak. That Subject at the time of his arrest denied his identity, but after he, Costello, called in Whitey Helmer, former sheriff at Deadwood and fingerprint expert, Subject admitted his identity, upon being fingerprinted and the prints compared with Identification Order #1433.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Robertson, Lead, S. Dak., were looking at some furniture at the Schwarzwald Furniture Store, Deadwood, S. Dak., on March 13. They observed Subject who was then clerking in said store, and Mrs. Robertson, who is an employee of the First National Bank of Lead, S. Dak., which bank is furnished with Identification Orders by the Aberdeen Division, recognized Subject, and upon returning to her home she compared with her husband the description as given on the Identification Order with Subject's description when she saw him in the furniture store, and upon being convinced that the man in the furniture store was identical with the subject of the Identification Order, notified Dick Costello, who caused the apprehension.

Mildred Dallmann, beauty shop operator, Franklin Hotel, Deadwood, S. Dak., stated that she has been going with Subject since last November, and that just a few days ago had furnished Subject \$900.00 in cash and some Oriental rugs, Subject intending to go to Denver, Colo., and start a new business. That she and Subject intended to get married. That Subject had informed her that he had been married and divorced. That he was of foreign extraction, and that he had informed her that they would have a wonderful wedding in the city of Deadwood; that the German ambassador and the French ambassador and other foreign dignitaries had agreed to come and attend the wedding. That after Subject was apprehended he returned to her all but \$30.00 of the money she had given him. Miss Dallmann did not know much about Subject's past, and believed in him when he proposed marriage to her. She stated that to her best knowledge Subject came to Deadwood, S. Dak., some time in June of 1936, and shortly thereafter was employed at the Schwarzwald Furniture Store. That on the day or day before he was apprehended he had quit his position there and was getting ready to go to Denver with her money. She stated that Subject never informed her of his being wanted in connection with any law violation.

Subject was interviewed at the office of the Lawrence County Sheriff, Deadwood, S. Dak. He readily admitted to the writer his identity, and stated that since he has been in Deadwood, June, 1936, he has been going under the name of DON MORGAN. He stated he came to Deadwood from Montana; that he was broke and was hitchhiking into Deadwood. That he was picked up by a truck and brought into the town of Deadwood. That shortly after arriving in Deadwood he obtained employment at the Schwarzwald Furniture Store, and quit on March 12, after obtaining the money from Miss Dallmann. That he intended to go to Denver and open a business for her, and intended to be married to Miss Dallmann. Subject states that his true name is CHARLES A. DEMERS. That he was born in Fall River,

Mass., Sept. 30, 1898. That he was married there. That he attended grade school and commercial school. That after having had considerable difficulty with his family he determined to leave home. Subject admitted readily the charges for which he has been sought, and stated that he met the Victim in this case at a revival meeting which he conducted at Corpus Christi, Tex. That she came to San Antonio to join him. That he then transported her in his personally owned Oldsmobile coupe, Motor No. F-382876, from San Antonio to Memphis, Tenn. That while in Memphis he and Victim were staying at a private home, and while the telephone rang he made his getaway, thinking that the law had caught up with him. He stated that he bought the aforesaid car personally at the Oldsmobile factory dealer in Lansing, Mich., and later sold the car to the largest used car dealer in Memphis, Tenn. Subject stated that he intends to plead guilty to the White Slave Traffic Act charge pending against him in San Antonio, Tex., and that he would move hearing on removal. He stated the only concern he has at the present time is the many state authorities that might be seeking him and place detainers against him after his being convicted on the present Federal charge. Subject declined to go into detail as to any of the various states or the charges these states might have against him, but admitted that he had violated many state laws in various parts of the country. Subject admitted that he has only an ordinary education, but has been able to get by on his wits, and that the various aliases he is known by have been adopted to meet the situation in which he at the time found himself. Subject boasted that he lectured at Columbia University, at Northwestern University, occupied the pulpit of prominent churches throughout the United States, and also conducted lectures at the University of Grenoble, England, and at the University of Scotland. He also claims that he was in South America and spent some time in Buenos Aires. Subject declined to submit a written statement relative to the White Slave charge involved, stating that he could not see why a written statement would assist him any. That he is guilty of the charge and intends to enter such a plea when arraigned in Federal court at San Antonio, Tex.

At the Schwarzwald Furniture Store, Mr. C. Schwarzwald advised that Subject came to Deadwood, S. Dak., some time in June, 1936, and shortly thereafter he employed him in his furniture store. That Subject was a good salesman, and that he did not have any difficulty with him until the last few days of his employment, when he chose to make his own working hours. That he on that ground dismissed Subject from his employment.

Under date of March 26 Subject was taken into Federal custody by Deputy U. S. Marshal Tom Slattery, and arraigned before the U. S. Commissioner at Deadwood, S. Dak., where he waived removal. He was taken to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and on March 29, 1937, he was ordered removed to San Antonio, Tex., by the Hon. A. Lee Wyman, U. S. District Court Judge.

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April 23, 1937.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robertson,  
Lead, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Robertson:

I have been advised of the apprehension of Charles Arthur Jackson, with aliases, a fugitive sought by this Bureau, as a result of the good citizenship displayed by you after you had observed that an individual working at a store in Deadwood, South Dakota appeared to be identical with the subject of an Identification Order issued by this Bureau.

Your alertness in observing this individual and thereafter bringing the information to the attention of the Chief of Police at Deadwood, South Dakota has been brought to my attention.

I want you to know that I appreciate the interest shown by you in seeing that this matter was brought to the attention of a law enforcement officer. Citizens such as you, who assist law enforcement officers by bringing information of this kind to their attention, are indeed a great help in carrying out the duties of law enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

cc-Aberdeen  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio**

**S. A.** FILE NO. **31-1262**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>  | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>April 15 '37</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>4/5, 9, 10/37</b>     | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>C. R. Davis</b>                |
| TITLE<br><b>CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, with aliases: CHARLES DAWSON, REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, CHARLES A. DAWSON, CHARLES P. VAN BIARCOM, CHARLES PIERREPONT, REVEREND COURTNEY GOUTHEY, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, J. WILBUR TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DeBUSSEY,</b>  |                                       |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b> |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:<br><b>ARTHUR HETHERINGTON, DR. COURTNEA, DR. C. DARLING, DeBOUGAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT, ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE CHARLES MAURICE VINSON PIERPONT COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, ALBERT HETHERINGTON, DR. BRUTUS DARLING, ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE, CHARLES A. DEMERS, DON MORGAN I.O. 1433 CLYDE ALEXANDER, Victim</b>   |                                       |   |   |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Subject arraigned before Federal Judge R. J. McMillan, San Antonio, Texas, 4/9/37, entered plea of guilty to indictment, and was sentenced to serve 5 years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Ks. and assessed a fine of \$1,000 on commitment. Disposition sheet and parole report attached. C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reference: Report of SAC Werner Hanni, Aberdeen, S.D. dated 3/31/37.</p>   |                                       |   |   |
| <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Subject was delivered to the U. S. Marshal, San Antonio, Texas, April 3, 1937. On April 5, 1937, subject was interviewed in the County Jail, San Antonio, by this Agent and declined to make a written statement as to his past activities, but verbally stated that he intended entering a plea of guilty to the indictment pending against him at San Antonio, Texas.</p> <p>On April 9, 1937, subject was arraigned before Federal Judge R. J. McMillan, San Antonio, Texas, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging him with having transported Clyde Alexander from San Antonio, Texas, to</p> |                                       |   |   |
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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

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CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS,  
with aliases.

Upon the receipt of information from the Birmingham, Alabama, Police Department in September, 1934, of a possible violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, became interested in the activities of an individual whose true name was later determined to be Charles Arthur Demers.

Demers, age about thirty-eight, who deserted his wife and family in Fall River, Massachusetts, in 1926, traveled about the country representing himself sometimes as a surgeon, but more frequently as an itinerant minister. He appeared to have a flair for distinguished sounding names as indicated by the alias Arthur De Burgey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Ketherington, which he used while conducting revival meetings in Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1933. During his travels it was his practice, upon meeting a woman who appealed to him, to woo her ardently and marry her after a short courtship. After obtaining what money he could from her, or her family or associates, he would desert her and move on to a new field for further operations.

The investigation resulted in Ketherington's indictment on December 16, 1935, by a Federal Grand Jury at San Antonio, Texas, charging him with having violated the White Slave Traffic Act with reference to his transportation of a young woman from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee, on or about August 27, 1934, for immoral purposes. This young woman, as well as one of his other victims, had a child as a result of her relations with Demers.

Extensive investigation was made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a view to bringing about the location and apprehension of Demers to face the charges in this indictment. With this end in view, an Identification Order was issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation containing Demers' photograph, fingerprint impressions, and other identifying data.

During March, 1937, a man and his wife were in a furniture store at Deadwood, South Dakota. This woman was an employee of a bank which receives copies of Identification Orders from this Bureau.

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## White Slave Traffic Act

She recognized an employee of the furniture store as being probably identical with Charles Arthur Demers whose photograph she had seen on the Identification Order. She brought this matter to the attention of the Police Department, and Demers was apprehended and definitely identified by his fingerprints. Demers waived removal from South Dakota to San Antonio, Texas, and, on April 9, 1937, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment in Texas for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, being thereupon sentenced to five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.00. His sentence will probably be served in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Demers' criminal record reflects that on May 31, 1915, he was received at the Elmira Reformatory, Elmira, New York, to serve five years for burglary; in August, 1917, he was received at the United States Disciplinary Barracks, Governors Island, New York, to serve a six months' sentence for desertion; he was also sentenced to thirty days in the House of Correction in Fall River, Massachusetts, in 1926, for neglect of family, being again arrested in Fall River, Massachusetts, for a similar charge in May, 1935, which resulted in his being placed on probation.

Demers was said by those who knew him to be suave in manner, to be an excellent salesman and mixer, speaking several languages, and to give the impression that he was a man of considerable intellect and wide foreign travel.


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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **San Antonio**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>   | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>April 15, 1937</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>C. R. Davis</b>   |
| NAME OF CONVICT WITH ALIASES:<br><b>CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, with aliases: CHARLES DAWSON, REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, CHARLES A. DAWSON, CHARLES P. VAN BLARCOM, CHARLES PIERREPONT, REVEREND COURTNEY GOUTHEY, DR. COURTNEY DARLING, J. WILBUR TAYLOR, ARTHUR ADOLPH DeBUSSEY, DeBOUGAINVILLE CHARLES VINCENT MAURICE PIERREPONT, ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE CHARLES MAURICE VINSON PIERPONT COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, ALBERT HETHERINGTON, DR. BRUTUS DARLING, ARTHUR DeBUSSEY BROCKVILLE, CHARLES A. DEMERS, DON MORGAN, ARTHUR HETHERINGTON, DR. COURTNEEA, DR. C. DARLING.</b>  |   |  |
| <b>PAROLE REPORT</b>   |   |  |
| <p><b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.</b></p> <p>Subject as Rev. Courtney Gouthey while preaching at Corpus Christi, Texas, in August, 1934, met Miss Clyde Alexander and after making ardent love to her, married her in San Antonio, Texas, August 27, 1934, said marriage being a bigamous marriage. With her he visited various friends of Miss Alexander in Texas, then transported her in his personally owned automobile to Memphis, Tenn. on or about September 15, 1934, and after residing at the home of Geo. Hickson, 1516 Latham Ave., Memphis, Tenn. for about one week deserted her there.</p> <p>Subject was indicted at San Antonio, Texas, on December 16, 1935, for transporting Miss Clyde Alexander from San Antonio, Tex. to Memphis, Tenn. for immoral purposes. On April 9, 1937, subject was arraigned before Federal Judge R. J. McMillan, San Antonio, Texas, entered plea of guilty to said indictment and was sentenced to serve 5 years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Ks. and assessed a fine of \$1,000 on commitment.</p> <p>The aggravating circumstances in this case are that subject, before he married Miss Alexander, was married to Lena Emond on November 30, 1922, at Fall River, Mass. and deserted her and four minor children and a divorce was never granted. Subject at Aliceville, Ala. married Virginia Dunston of St. Louis, Mo., December 11, 1931, and deserted her at New Orleans, La. on December 13, 1931.</p> <p>On April 5, 1933, subject married Miss Alleah N. Gillette, Houston, Texas, lived with her in Houston, Tex. and West Lake, La. and deserted her in Houston, Texas, in July, 1933. From this marriage a baby was born on</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES)</p> |   |  |
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On December 9, 1933, subject married Miss Hazel Smith of Birmingham, Ala. under the name of Rev. Courtney Hetherington, resided with her at this place for several months, borrowed \$1,000 from her parents and took her to Chicago, Ill. where he deserted her on March 11, 1934. From this marriage a baby boy was born.

Under the name of Dr. Courtney Darling where he was holding services at the Four Square Gospel Church at Santa Barbara, California, he made ardent love to and married Gwendlyn Pittinger, pastor of said church, on May 8, 1934. Subject spoke of his English relatives being very wealthy and through the pretext of raising \$2,000 to make a trip to England so he could collect \$15,000 due him by inheritance and stating he would then return to Santa Barbara and use his inheritance for the benefit of the church, Helen Eldridge gave subject \$1600. He left Santa Barbara, July 11, 1934, deserting Miss Pittinger. The money borrowed from Miss Eldridge was used by subject for railroad transportation to Lansing, Mich. and for the purchase of an Oldsmobile there on July 16, 1934. Continuous efforts have been made to cause subject's apprehension since 1934 and when he was arrested at Deadwood, S.D. on March 13, 1937, he had on his person \$870 which he had obtained from Mildred Dallmann, a beauty shop operator at Deadwood, S.D. just a few days prior to his arrest.

Subject as in all other cases where he had met and married these other victims had made ardent love to Miss Dallmann. He had obtained \$900 in cash and some oriental rugs on the pretext that he was going to Denver, Colo. and start a new business. Subject admitted to this Agent that if he had not been apprehended he intended to leave Deadwood, S.D. for Denver, Colo. on 3/14/37.

Subject has never obtained a divorce from any of the above women. Subject in all the marriages has boasted of wide travels, nobility connections, and has given out a line of braggadocio resulting in his marrying these women and deserting them, two having children by him.

Subject's age is 38 years, born in Fall River, Mass., September 30, 1898, an American citizen, but claims to be of French descent, and is married. There is nothing known of subject's childhood environment. His legal wife Lena I. Demers, with four children, resides at 232 Anthony Street, Fall River, Mass. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Demers reside at Fall River, Mass. The following is criminal record of subject as obtained from the Identification Division of the Bureau under FBI #596783:

USDB, Governor's Island, N.Y. as Charles A. Dawson alias Charles Arthur Demers, #4146, arrested 8/20/17, desertion, 6 months.

PD, Philadelphia, Pa. as Charles P. Van Blarcom, #77300, arrested 11/18/27, suspicious character; discharged 11/21/27.

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

WBM:EL  
31-2910

May 7, 1937

Mr. Ambrose J. McCall,  
Assistant Attorney General in Charge,  
Bureau of Securities,  
80 Centre Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY  
HETHERINGTON, w.a.-FUG.  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al -  
VICTIMS. WSTA

Attn: Lt. James McCoy

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to two telephone conversations between your Lieutenant McCoy and Special Agent W. B. Moran of this office on May 4 and 5, 1937.

There is enclosed a copy of our Identification Order #1433. This was canceled by Apprehension Order #1433-455, of which it is understood you have a copy, showing that the subject was taken into custody at Deadwood, South Dakota, on March 13, 1937. It is understood that the subject of the Identification Order is the same individual whom your Bureau seeks to indict under the name of Donald Montague.

There is also enclosed an extract from the October, 1935 FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, which covers the modus operandi of Reverend Courtney Hetherington, who is the same person as described in our I.O.#1433.

We are this date writing to our San Antonio Division to inquire as to the Court disposition of the White Slave Traffic Act case pending against this defendant. This information will be furnished you later in order that you may file your detainer with the proper authorities.

If further correspondence is had on this matter, kindly make reference to our file 31-2910.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Bureau  
San Antonio

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R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge. 1937 A.M.

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2-6-15, Fall River, Mass. attempted breaking and entering.  
5-8-15, New York City, N.Y. under names of Van Blarcom, Charles Pierrepont and Charles Dawson, charge burglary; 5 yrs. Elmira Reformatory (M-25369); reconsidered 5-21-15; paroled 9-1916; delinquent 4-1917.  
11-18-24, Fall River, Mass. Assault and battery; sentenced 6-22-25, disposition not known.  
6-19-25, Fall River, Mass; larceny - neglect of family - desertion; discharged on larceny charge; 30 days on other charge in H. of C.  
5-12-26, Fall River, Mass. neglect of family; probation 12-8-26.  
WANTED As Charles A. Demers, alias Charles P. Van Blarcom; deserted wife and minor children in Fall River, Mass. Notify St. Bu., Boston, Mass. for State Society for Prevention of Cruelty to children, Fall River District (Inf. rec. 10-24-32) As Rev. Courteney Hetherington arrested P.D. Des Moines, Ia. 8/22/33 charge larceny; dismissed.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 3, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS,  
with aliases;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

In connection with the interesting case submitted herewith, you are advised that I have used the following names for the victims mentioned in the case files:

Virginia Dunston referred to as  
Vivian Dorchester  
Alleah Gillette referred to as  
Alice Gray  
Hazel Irene Smith referred to as  
Helen Sawyer  
Gwendolyn Pittinger referred to as  
Grace Parker  
Clyde Alexander referred to as  
Cleo Avery.

Respectfully,

M. C. Spear.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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November 22, 1937.

CHARLES ARTHUR DARLING, with aliases;  
Charles A. Daxers, Dr. Courtenay,  
Dr. Courtney Hetherington, Courtney  
Hetherington, Reverend Hetherington,  
Arthur Hetherington, Albert Hetherington,  
Reverend Courtney Hetherington, Arthur  
Delussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vincent  
Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Charles  
Dawson, Charles A. Dawson, Charles F. Van  
Blarcom, Arthur Delussey Brockville, Dr.  
C. P. VanBlarcom, Dr. Courtney Darling,  
C. Darling, Courtenay Darling, Dr. Brutus  
Darling, Dr. C. Darling, Arthur Adolph  
Delussey, Dr. Gouthey, Charles Arthur Gouthey,  
Reverend Gouthey, Dr. C. Gouthey, Courtney  
Gouthey, Reverend Courtney Gouthey, Charles  
Pierpont, Delougaiville Charles Vincent  
Maurice Pierpont, Len Morgan, J. Wilbur  
Taylor, Arthur Adolph Delussey Delougaiville  
Charles Vincent Maurice Pierpont, Maurice Pierpont,  
Charles Pierpont.

WIRE CLAIM TRAFFIC ACT.

On September 15, 1933, the Chief of Police at Birmingham, Alabama, brought information to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, which was to lead the Federal Bureau of Investigation on an investigation of an individual who had a flare for important sounding aliases.

It appeared that in the fall of 1933, an individual known to Birmingham as Reverend Courtney Hetherington and also known as Dr. Courtney Hetherington, professing to be a former doctor from London, England, converted after having been cured of paralysis by religious faith had, during the time he was holding revivals in Birmingham, Alabama, met the daughter of a respectable family there at a church to which he came to preach. This young woman to whom we shall refer herein as Helen Sawyer, age twenty-one, was seen at the church where Hetherington was preaching about August, 1933.

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They became good friends through their acquaintance at the church and on December 9, 1933, they were married in Birmingham, Alabama. Hetherington continued his revivals, in the meantime living with this woman as man and wife with her parents. During this time he told her he desired to give up his revivals and traveling and to re-enter the medical profession. Accordingly, he borrowed \$1,000.00 from this young woman's father for the purpose of opening a laboratory for germ culture and analysis of which he stated the South was badly in need. About March 6, 1934, Hetherington and his bride travelled from Birmingham, Alabama, to Chicago, Illinois, ostensibly for the purpose of purchasing the necessary equipment for him to set up his laboratory. On March 11, 1934, Hetherington left his bride at a hotel in Chicago telling her that he was going to Saukegan, Illinois, to purchase some laboratory fixtures and also to preach there. However, after he left her at this hotel she never saw him again. During September, 1934, this young woman became the mother of a daughter as a result of her association with Hetherington.

It may be more interesting to hereinafter set out the information which was obtained concerning Hetherington's activities in chronological order, although the information, of course, was not obtained in that manner during the investigation, the same being developed bit by bit until Hetherington was apprehended in March, 1937, in South Dakota.

Hetherington was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, during September, 1888, as Charles Arthur Demers, being baptized in that city on September 30, 1893. He was reared in Fall River, Massachusetts. His first encounter with the law, resulting in conviction, appears to have been when he was about seventeen years of age as on May 21, 1916, he was received at the State Reformatory at Elmira, New York, as Charles Dawson, alias Charles Pierpont, alias Charles P. VanBlarcom, #1-25362, to serve a sentence of five years' imprisonment as a result of a conviction on a charge of burglary. This crime of burglary by Demers appears to have been committed in New York City. At the time he was received at Elmira Reformatory, he gave his age incorrectly as twenty-five years and stated his birthplace as Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, stating that his parents were both dead and that he had previously been employed as a bookkeeper and a grocery clerk. On September 20, 1916, he was discharged on parole from Elmira Reformatory, his parole being to the effect that he was to work for a certain individual in Schenectady, New York. However, he did not stay at this employment in Schenectady long and after he left there his employer complained that Demers had attempted to blackmail him. Demers had prior to this arrest at New York City and sentence to the Elmira Reformatory been arrested at Fall River,

Massachusetts, on February 8, 1916, on a charge of attempting to break and enter, although the disposition of this charge is not known.

On November 7, 1916, Demers as Charles Dawson enlisted in the United States Army as a clerk in the Medical Department at Fort Hecox, Schenectady, New York. He deserted from the United States Army being thereafter apprehended on June 23, 1917. He was given a sentence of six months' imprisonment as a result of this desertion and was dishonorably discharged from the Army. He was received at the United States Disciplinary Barracks as Charles A. Dawson, #4146, Governor's Island, New York, on August 20, 1917, to serve this six months' sentence. In the meantime, on April 4, 1917, following his desertion from the Army a parole warrant was issued for him by the State of New York as it will be noted he had been released from the Elmira Reformatory on parole on September 20, 1916. However, this parole warrant was never served, at least not prior to the time of the completion of the investigation reported in this article.

According to documents discovered during the investigation Demers next enlisted in the Canadian Army during February, 1918, as a private under the name of Charles Arthur Demers. Apparently, he was later promoted to a sergeant. On October 10, 1918, he was discharged from the Canadian Army. There is some indication among papers found that he may have been entitled to some medals from the Canadian Army, although the exact nature of these medals and the reason why they may have been awarded to him was not learned during the investigation.

There is some indication that during 1920 Demers was an amnesia victim in Iowa, having been identified there by his father, newspaper articles describing him as a "Mystery Man."

During the first part of the year 1922, Demers, then twenty-four years of age, began courting an eighteen-year-old girl of Fall River, Massachusetts who was to become what is believed to have been his first and only legal wife. While his discharge papers from the Canadian Army indicated him as a widower, it is noted that he also indicated therein that he was twenty-eight years of age at the time of his discharge, and in view of this apparent untruth it is probable that the statement that he was a widower also may have been false. At least no marriage by Demers prior to the one with this young woman was discovered during the investigation nor was there any

indication of a prior marriage other than the statement in his discharge papers from the Canadian Army.

After marrying this young woman in November, 1932, they lived in Fall River, Massachusetts, until June, 1933, when they moved to Connecticut. Shortly after this Demers left his bride for the first time. His wife sold their furniture and returned to Fall River, Massachusetts, to reside with her parents. Demers learned of her return to Fall River and returned there and lived with her at her family's home until the money which she had received from the sale of the furniture had been spent at which time he again departed. Periodic trips to Connecticut and several subsequent returns and stays at the Fall River residence of his wife's family were made by Demers thereafter, each one lasting only a short period of time. During February, 1935, Demers' first child, a girl, was born. Charles Arthur Demers who apparently could not stand domestic or financial difficulties took all the money he and his wife had and departed shortly after the birth of this child. As a result his wife preferred charges against him in court in that he had neglected his family and Demers was ordered to pay \$10.00 a week for his family's support. He paid this amount for a few weeks and then discontinued again leaving his wife. Thereafter he would return for occasional, short visits taking whatever money he could find at home and then going away from his wife and family. About ten months after the birth of this first child, Demers' wife gave birth to a second child, a boy. The next year she gave birth to a second boy. Prior to the birth of this third child, Demers again deserted his family and thereafter never returned.

Prior to the time Demers had married this young woman in Fall River, Massachusetts, in November, 1932, he had worked in various furniture stores in Fall River. Although Demers apparently made good money at these various furniture stores, he never worked very hard and disliked being tied down to any one particular job. Demers was known as a soft and smooth talker and frequently boasted about his blandness and stated that the Police Department would never catch him or make him pay any money toward the support of his family, if he did not wish to do so. It may be well at this point to give a physical description of Demers as he was known during the period

of this investigation of him by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was a small man, about five feet, two inches in height, weighing about one hundred fifty-five pounds. He had black hair which was receding, hazel eyes and a medium dark complexion. He was known to have worn a Van Dyke beard. He was reported to have a scar on his thigh supposedly caused by a stiletto wound. With reference to his hobbies he was said to be quite adept at shooting pool and it was said that he read extensively. He was also said to be an excellent stenographer. Individuals who came in contact with him stated that Demers, although unusually short in stature, made up for this lack in size by an overabundance of "cockiness."

One of the furniture stores in Fall River, Massachusetts, where Demers had been employed informed that Demers had worked there as a salesman hired to sell "clubs," which was nothing more than getting people to open accounts and buy furniture from this store. About the third week that Demers was employed at this furniture store, he returned to the office and turned in approximately thirty-five to fifty new accounts for which he received a commission of (\$2.00 or \$3.00 each). The owner of the store thought that the number of new accounts was unusually large for one week's work, however, he paid Demers the amount due on the number of new accounts turned in. Upon checking these accounts the owner found that most of them were bogus, however, Demers had left the employ of this company after receiving his money and before the accounts had been checked by the store.

At another furniture store in Fall River where Demers had worked during 1933 and 1934, it was learned that Demers was discharged because of his superior attitude and attempt to run the business.

Demers' criminal record reflects that on June 19, 1925, he was arrested by the Police Department at Fall River, Massachusetts, on a charge of larceny, coersion and neglect of family, resulting in his being sentenced to thirty days in the House of Correction, for neglect of his family, the other charges being dismissed. The following year, May 12, 1926, he was again arrested by that Police Department on a charge of neglect of his family and was placed on probation, December 8, 1926. His whereabouts in next again reflected by his criminal record in that on November 10, 1927, he was arrested by the Police Department at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as Charles P. Van Dierck, [77300, on a charge of being a suspicious character. This arrest resulted from Demers, alias Charles P.

Van Hareon, being found in a restaurant in Philadelphia frequented by hoodlums and underworld characters. Demers was overheard to talk of "knocking over" the place and he was thereupon placed under arrest for suspicion. However, he was discharged. It is not known whether Demers at this time was actually associated with underworld characters in a contemplated unlawful activity or whether, as was frequently his custom, he was merely boasting.

The next find Demers on a bus outside of St. Louis, Missouri, where he entered into conversation with Miss Vivian Dorchester, age twenty-three, who occupied a seat directly opposite from him on this bus. Miss Dorchester on this date, December 9, 1931, was returning from St. Louis, Missouri, to her home in Marion, Illinois. Demers told her he was a physician employed by a medical firm in New York City to go about the country performing operations for that firm. He stated that he had been compelled to leave his automobile at St. Louis, Missouri, for repairs and hence was proceeding by bus to Memphis, Tennessee, in order that he might perform an operation in one of the leading hospitals in Memphis. Demers introduced himself to this young woman as Dr. G. V. Van Hareon. During the conversation, Demers told this young woman that he intended to hire an automobile at Marion, Illinois, for the remainder of the trip to Memphis. Upon learning that Miss Dorchester had a car he offered to employ her to drive him to Memphis for \$25.00. Upon arriving at Marion, Illinois, Miss Dorchester introduced Demers to her mother who was favorably impressed with him. Accordingly, she permitted her daughter to accept his proposition to drive him to Memphis, Tennessee. Thereafter, Miss Dorchester and Demers proceeded from Marion, Illinois, to Memphis, Tennessee, in her automobile on December 9, 1931. At Memphis, Miss Dorchester and Demers stopped at the same hotel, occupying separate rooms on separate floors. During their stay at this hotel Demers' conduct was exemplary. On the following day, December 10, Demers told Miss Dorchester that he had been notified by his firm to proceed to New Orleans, Louisiana, to perform an operation there, and accordingly he offered her \$25.00 a day for expenses to drive him in her automobile to New Orleans. Miss Dorchester being favorably impressed with Demers accepted this proposition and the two left Memphis for New Orleans in her automobile about noon, December 10. At this time Demers pretended to be especially fond of Miss Dorchester and proposed marriage which she accepted. En route to New Orleans Demers and Miss Dorchester were

married at a hotel in Aliceville, Alabama, on December 11, 1931. They spent that night at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, driving on to New Orleans the next morning, December 12, 1931. After Demers claimed he had performed an operation at a hospital in New Orleans, he and his bride continued on December 13, 1931, to Houston, Texas, spending the night there at one of the leading hotels. The following morning Demers arose before his bride, paid their hotel bill and left her twenty dollars with a note telling her to meet him in Dallas, Texas, where he had been instructed by his firm to proceed by airplane. Miss Dorchester, now Mrs. Van Blarmon, upon finding this note proceeded in her automobile to Dallas, Texas, but was unable to locate her husband at any of the principal hotels. Accordingly, she returned to her home in Marion, Illinois, and in September, 1932, she secured a divorce from Demers at Marion, Illinois, being granted \$100.00 a month alimony and \$100.00 for attorney's fees. However, this young woman never again saw her husband after he deserted her in Houston, Texas.

He next find Demers back in Houston, Texas, in the early spring of 1933, conducting religious meetings at a mission under the name of Maurice Pierrepont. Here he became friendly with Miss Alice Gray, age thirty-three, who attended these meetings. Miss Gray became ill and Demers, now Pierrepont, frequently visited her during her illness. After her illness they were married at Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1933. In the latter part of May, 1933, Miss Gray, now Mrs. Pierrepont, and her groom went to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he was to conduct a religious meeting, and at this town they resided with a man and his wife. Through his fluent talking, Demers was able to obtain a loan of \$100.00 from this man for the alleged purpose of going to Mexico to recover \$50,000.00 worth of surgical instruments which Demers claimed he had buried in Mexico, giving this man a promissory note for \$100.00 in consideration of this loan. Needless to say the loan of \$100.00 was never repaid by Demers. After about five weeks at the home of this man and his wife Demers and his latest bride went to Beaumont, Texas, for about a week, thence returning to Houston, Texas, where in July, 1933, Demers deserted this "bride" after having been married to her a little over three months. In his courtship of this woman, Miss Gray, Demers indicated that his whole and complete name was Arthur Adolph DeBussy Robinsonville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont. He claimed to



have been born in Paris, France, of noble parentage, and to have served in the French Army as a Colonel during the war. Demers claimed that his mother had been a Countess in France; further claiming that his French wife had died in Mexico while he was in the employ of the French Embassy. This young woman informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents that Demers spoke French fluently, used the Spanish language some and claimed to be versed in fourteen different languages. At the time he deserted this latest victim in Houston, Texas, Demers borrowed a minister's car for the ostensible purpose of visiting an official of the French Government then in Houston, however, he disappeared with the car and the same was found abandoned at Greavest, Louisiana.

During February, 1934, the above mentioned woman, the latest victim of Demers, gave birth to a son by him. She later in 1933 started proceedings to annul her marriage to Demers, although the results of these annulment proceedings were not learned during the course of this investigation.

For about a week during the late summer of 1933, Demers under the name of Arthur DeBussy Brock-ille Charles Marion Finson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington conducted revival meetings at a church in Toledo, Ohio. From here he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he continued to conduct revival meetings. Either at Toledo or at Detroit Demers met a young woman evangelist. He is alleged to have asked her to marry, however, she apparently did not fall for his proposal and they were not married. When he departed from Detroit he allegedly stole some Bibles and hymnals from this young evangelist. She located him in Des Moines, Iowa, and had him arrested there by the Police in August, 1933. However, he was released, not being formally charged, after he had returned her books.

During the middle of September, 1933, he arrived in Chicago, Illinois, where he endeavored to secure some preaching engagements. He met with little success in Chicago and left after having been there four days. While in Chicago he used the name of Dr. Courtney Hetherington claiming to be of English parentage from near London, England. In October, 1933, he spent a little less than two weeks in Cynthiana, Kentucky, preaching at a mission under the name of Reverend Courtney Hetherington. He is alleged to have spent considerable time in this city at the home of a woman who was separated from her husband and induced her to raise sufficient money by contributions to send him on his way purportedly to Nashville, Tennessee.

He next find him in Birmingham, Alabama, during August, 1934, where he became acquainted with Helen Sawyer and married her, later deserting her in Chicago in March, 1934 as related hereinabove.

In the spring of 1934 he is known to have been in Springfield, Missouri, and later at Salt Lake City, Utah, at which latter place he was reported to have been displaying considerable money.

During the first part of April, 1934, Demora now as Dr. Courtney Darling appeared at Santa Barbara, California, to hold Bible Services at a church. Here he made ardent vows to Miss Grace Parker the pastor of the church, marrying her on May 8, 1934. He announced to the congregation of this church that his relatives in England were wealthy and if he could secure \$2,000.00 for a trip to England he would bring back \$18,000.00 for the church. In response to this appeal, a female member of the church gave Demora \$1,000.00 with which to go to England. On July 10, 1934, as Courtney Darling, he purchased fourteen traveler's checks in denominations of \$100.00, a total of \$1,400.00, and on the following day left Santa Barbara purportedly for Chicago en route to London. However, Miss Parker, then Mrs. Darling, never again saw her "husband."

The first two of these traveler's checks were cashed on July 10 and 12, 1934, at Los Angeles, California. On July 14, 1934, Demora, as Dr. C. Darling, registered at a hotel in Lansing, Michigan. Two days later he cashed seven of these checks at a bank at Lansing and purchased a new 1934 Oldsmobile business coupe, paying cash for the car and requesting the same be registered under the name of Courtney Gouthey, advising that he did not desire to use his true name C. Darling as he had been having trouble with his wife and he did not want her to trace the car. He checked out of this hotel at Lansing on July 16 cashing another of his traveler's checks.

On July 17, 1934, he cashed another of these checks at Chicago, Illinois. Six days later he cashed three more checks at a bank in Chicopee, Massachusetts. He registered at a hotel in Taunton, Massachusetts, as Dr. C. Gouthey on July 23, 1934.

Next we find Demora in Corpus Christi, Texas, where after conducting services at a church for about three weeks, he left with Miss Cleo Avery, age twenty-one, of that city, marrying her at San Antonio, Texas, on August 27, 1934, under the name of Reverend Courtney Gouthey. Demora, now Reverend Gouthey, and his new bride

proceeded from San Antonio to San Angelo, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Wichita Falls, Texas; and then to Memphis, Tennessee, where they lived at a private home as man and wife, from September 22 to 26, 1934, when Demers hurriedly departed alone from this home in an automobile after he had seen a telegram from Birmingham indicating that a Reverend Ketherington was wanted by the Birmingham police. At the time of his hurried departure, he had explained at his home that he would be back soon. However, he sold his Oldsmobile Coupe on that date, September 26, 1934, at Memphis, Tennessee, for \$410.00 informing the automobile salesman he was a gambler and having lost all of his money playing poker, he had to sell his car. Demers abandoned this "bride" at Memphis, and she never saw him subsequent to this abandonment.

During the afternoon of November 17, 1934, a note was found by the mother of Miss Helen Sawyer, who, as will be noted hereinabove, was one of the victims married by Demers. This note found in Miss Sawyer's back yard in Birmingham, Alabama, indicated that the writer of the note had dropped in by plane and that he would come soon for "you and the tot ~~and~~ and we will go to England," signed "C. H.," as a plane was noticed circling around the Sawyer home, this young woman believed that Demers dropped this note for her. She stated that Demers was probably referring to their child as he had a known habit of calling small children "tots."

Sometime during November or December, 1934, Demers, as Dr. Guthrey, called at the home of a pastor in Los Angeles, California, and requested this pastor to get in touch with Grace Parker, who, as will be noted above, was one of the many women he married. Demers, as Dr. Guthrey, requested that this pastor should tell Miss Parker that he must see her alone, Demers leaving in an automobile and promising to return later in the evening which he did not do.

About a year later in December, 1935, Demers, under the name of Dr. Iratus Harling, approached a physician at a hospital in Hickory, North Carolina, at which time Demers claimed to be a bacteriologist and medical missionary interested in opening a new hospital for some church or religious organization, and stated that he would like to look over this doctor's laboratory to obtain valuable ideas. This doctor was himself a bacteriologist. After talking to

this doctor for a while relative to him, Demers', accomplices, Demers asked this doctor to cash a personal check for \$20.00 for him. The doctor refused to cash Demers' personal check but offered to give him a check for \$5.00 which Demers did not accept and thereafter hurriedly departed.

On December 18, 1935, Demers was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at San Antonio, Texas, for transporting Miss Cleo Avery from San Antonio, Texas, to Memphis, Tennessee, for immoral purposes in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. Unfortunately, the various other violations of this Federal Statute which had been perpetrated by Demers in his various marital activities, could not be prosecuted by the Federal Government since the same were barred by the Statute of Limitation.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, thereupon, issued an Identification Order for Demers. This order, carrying a photograph of Demers together with his fingerprints, his various aliases, his criminal record, his physical description, and the charge for which he was wanted, was widely distributed throughout the United States. Such Identification Orders as this are placed in all Post Offices, banks, and various other prominent places throughout every town whether it be a metropolis or a small village. During March, 1937, a man and his wife were in a furniture store at Deadwood, South Dakota. This woman was an employee of a bank which receives copies of these Identification Orders from this Bureau. She recognized an employee of this furniture store as being very similar to a photograph which she had seen on an Identification Order at the bank. The Order in question was that for Charles Arthur Demers.

After comparing the individual she had seen with the description on the Identification Order, and being convinced that Demers was the man she had seen in the furniture store, she notified the Chief of Police at Deadwood, South Dakota, and Demers, using the name of Tom Morgan, was apprehended. Although Demers upon his arrest denied his identity, his fingerprints were immediately taken and compared with those on the Identification Order, which identified him beyond any doubt as Charles Arthur Demers, wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

It was found that Demora as Don Demora was still engaged in his old activities, for he had been going with a young woman in Deadwood, South Dakota, since the previous November, and just a few days prior to his arrest she had furnished him \$1000.00 in cash and some Oriental rugs, so that he could go to Denver, Colorado, and start a new business, at least that was what he told her he was going to do. She informed upon interview that she intended to marry him. He had told her that he had previously been married but had been divorced; further advising her that he was of foreign extraction and that they would have a wonderful wedding in Deadwood attended by the German and French Ambassadors and other foreign dignitaries. After he was apprehended, he returned to this young woman all but \$50.00 of the money which she had given to him. She stated that Demora had come to Deadwood, South Dakota, about June, 1936.

Demora readily admitted the charge against him in the indictment at San Antonio, Texas, but refused to further elaborate upon his criminal activities. He boasted that he had lectured at various large universities in this country as well as prominent churches throughout the United States, also claiming that he had lectured in universities in England and Scotland. Of course these boasts were never checked, and as he was so careless with the truth, considerable doubt is attached to his statement.

Demora evaded removal from South Dakota to San Antonio, Texas, and on April 9, 1937, he entered a plea of guilty at San Antonio to the indictment against him for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, whereupon he was sentenced to a total of five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.00. His criminal record reflects that on April 15, 1937, he was received at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, as Courtney Ketherington, alias Courtney Gouthey, alias Charles Arthur Gouthey, #20076, to serve this sentence of five years' imprisonment for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Subsequent to his incarceration in that Federal Penitentiary, inquiries were received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from the New York State authorities concerning the place of his incarceration as they stated that they intended to indict him on several charges of grand larceny with reference to stock frauds, and that they desired to place a detainer against him in order that he might be returned to New York for state prosecution upon completion of his several sentences.

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It is noted that throughout this article the various women with whom Lemons associated have been referred to by fictitious names as it is not believed desirable to reveal their true identities.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 15, 1937.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number **FBI-526763**.

J. E. Hoover

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

| CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS | NAME AND NUMBER  | ARRESTED OR RECEIVED | CHARGE        | DISPOSITION                                 |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|---|
| USP, Governors Island, N.Y. | Charles A. Dawson, alias Charles Arthur Demers, #4146  | 6-20-17              | Escortation   | 6 mos.                                      |
| PD, Phila., Pa.             | Charles F. Van Blaycom, alias Charles A. Demers, #77390  | 11-18-27             | cus. char.    | disch. 11-21-27                             |
| CS, Sioux Falls, S.Dak.     | Courtney Ketherington, aliases: Charles Arthur Demers, Courtney Ketherington, #1124  | 3-13-37              | Mann Act      |   |
| USP, Sioux Falls, S.Dak.    | Charles Arthur Demers, aliases: Courtney Ketherington, Courtney Ketherington, #1190  | 3-13-37              | Mann Act      | 4-4-37 delivered to USP, San Antonio, Texas |
| *                           | As Charles Arthur, #4, #1190, USP, San Antonio, Texas, chg. Mann Act; 4-2-37, sent. 5 yrs. - \$1000 fine to stand committed to USP, Leavenworth. |                      |               |   |
| USP, Leavenworth, Kans.     | Courtney Ketherington, aliases: Courtney Courtney, Charles Arthur Courtney, #77390   | 4-15-37              | White Slavery | 5 yrs.                                      |
| *                           | 2-6-15, Fall River, Mass., atts. D. and E.   |                      |               |   |
| *                           | As Charles Dawson, #77390, arr. MSP PD, 5-2-15, burgs sent. 5 yrs.   |                      |               |   |
| *                           | As Charles Dawson, #77390, rec. Elmira Ref., Elmira, NY, burgs sent. 5 yrs. on 5-21-15; paroled 9-20-16.   |                      |               |   |
| *                           | As Charles A. Demers, arr. PD, Fall River, Mass., 11-18-27, A. and D., disch.  |                      |               |   |

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|                             | <p>As Charles A. Demers, arr. PD, Fall River, Mass., 6-12-25, larc., desertion and neglect of family; sent. 30 days in H. of C. for neglect of family; desertion and larc. ghs. disc. 5-12-26, Fall River, Mass., neglect of family; probation 12-8-26. As Reverend Courtney Ketherington, arr. PD, Des Moines, Iowa, 8-22-33, larc.; disc.</p> <p>WANTED: As Charles A. Demers, alias Charles P. Van Blarcom, deserted wife and minor children in Fall River, Mass. Notify St. Du., Boston, Mass., for St. Society for prevention of cruelty to children, Fall River District, (inf. rec. 10-24-33).</p> <p>As Ronald Montague, aliases: Reverend Courtney Ketherington, Dr. Courtney Darling, Dr. Courtney Demarest, indicted by New York Co. Grand Jury on chg. of G.L. 1st deg., (prob. ident.), (inf. rec. Atty. Gen., Binghamton, N.Y., 7-15-37).</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Charles P. Van Blarcom, believed identical with Reverend Courtney Ketherington, aliases: Dr. Courtney Ketherington, Reverend Courtney Gouthoy, Dr. Courtney Darling, Reverend Doctor Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeDussey DeDugainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeDussey Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont, Courtney Ketherington, Arthur Ketherington, Dr. G. Gouthoy, Dr. C. Darling, Dr. Courtmon, Dr. Pierpont, Dr. Charles Arthur DeDussey du Dugainedale Ketherington, Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom, Dr. Erubus Darling, viol. White Slave Traffic Act. Notify Director, Attention White Slave Supervisor, (inf. rec. Bureau 5-21-36). NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Reverend Courtney Ketherington, with aliases, Fug. Index #3721, located at Deadwood, S.D. on 3-13-37, (per inf. rec. Bureau 3-10-37, Bu. file #33-12).</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Reverend Courtney Ketherington, aliases: Dr. Courtney Ketherington, Reverend Courtney Gouthoy, Dr. Courtney Darling, Rev. Doctor Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeDussey DeDugainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeDussey Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont, Court Ketherington, Arthur Ketherington, Dr. C. Gouthoy, Dr. C. Darling, Dr. Courtmon, Dr. Pierpont, Dr. Charles Arthur DeDussey du Dugainedale Ketherington, Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom, Dr. Erubus Darling, Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles A. Dawson, Charles Arthur Demers, Charles A. Demers, Fug. Index #3721, Bu. file #33-12, O.C. San Antonio, Texas, (inf. rec. 6-15-36).</p> <p>NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Reverend Courtney Ketherington, with aliases, Fug. Index #3721, located at Deadwood, S.D. on 3-13-37, (per inf. rec. Bureau 3-10-37, Bu. file #33-12).</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Charles Arthur Demers, with aliases: Charles Dawson, Reverend Courtney Ketherington, Charles A. Dawson, Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles Pierrepont, Reverend Courtney Gouthoy, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeDussey DeDugainville, Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeDussey Brockville, Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont, Courtney Ketherington,</p> |                      |        |             |

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|                             | <p>Albert Lethorington, Dr. Brutus Darling, Arthur Delaney Brockville, Charles A. Demers; an indictment was ret'd. by a Fed. Cr. Jury at San Antonio, Texas, 7-16-37, charging Charles Arthur Demers with transporting a woman on or about 8-24-37, from San Antonio, Texas to Memphis, Tenn. in viol. of the W.C.T.A. Notify Director, (per inf. rec. I.O. #1433). NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Charles Arthur Demers, with aliases, located at Deadwood, S.D. 3-13-37, (per inf. rec. A.O. #1433-455).</p> <p>Letter Copy of print #77300 PL, Phila., Pa., sent to Canada, Mexico, Bulawayo, Sierra Leon, France, and England on 5-28-36. No record in Canada per letter dated 6-1-36. No record in England per letter dated 6-9-36; disposition requested by England. No record in France per letter dated 6-16-36. No record in Pretoria, S.A. per letter dated 6-25-36. No record in Bulawayo, S.A., per letter dated 6-27-36.</p> |                      |        |             |

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San Antonio office

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

9-15 Date 4/15/37

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

| Bureau File Number | Print Number  | Name and Alias  | Disposition  |
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| 596783             | Phila, Penma. | Charles Arthur Demers   | Sentenced U.S.D.C.   |
|                    | FD #77300     | with aliases: Charles Dawson, Reverend Courtney Hetherington, Charles A. Dawson, Charles P. Van Blarcom, Charles Pierrepont, Reverend Courtney Gouthey, Dr. Courtney Darling, J. Wilbur Taylor, Arthur Adolph DeBussey, DeBougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Pierrepont, Arthur DeBussey Brockville Charles Maurice Vinson Pierpont Courtney Hetherington, Albert Hetherington, Dr. Brutus Darling, Arthur DeBussey Brockville, Charles A. Demers, Don Morgan, Arthur Hetherington, Dr. Courtenea, Dr. C. Darling | San Antonio, Tex. 4/9/37 on P.G. to 5 years Leavenworth, Ks. (U.S.P.) and fined \$1,000. |

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,

Special Agent in Charge, Department of Justice

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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This form to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, N. Y.

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY KETHERINGTON,  
with aliases  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al; Victim  
White Slave Traffic Act

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 7, 1937, Ketherington whose real name is Charles Arthur Demers, entered a plea of guilty in the Federal Court, San Antonio, Texas, on April 9, 1937, for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act and was sentenced to serve five years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and assessed a fine of \$1,000. Ketherington is at present incarcerated at Leavenworth.

Very truly yours,

cc: Bureau

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 7, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas:

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
with aliases.  
CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al - Victims.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter of even date to the Bureau of Securities, State Attorney General, New York City. Such office intends to indict subject on three cases of grand larceny, and is desirous of knowing where to file a State detainer against subject.

Subject is supposed to have operated a stock office at 120 Wall Street, New York City, during 1936, and secured a total of about \$400 from three different persons in a fraudulent manner.

Kindly advise the disposition of the White Slave Traffic Act case against subject, in order that appropriate information may be furnished to the State Attorney General's office.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc:Bureau (enc.)

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607 U. S. Court House  
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May 18, 1937.

Mr. Ambrose J. McCall,  
Assistant Attorney General in Charge,  
Bureau of Securities,  
80 Centre Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Att: Lieut. James McCoy

RE: REVEREND COURTNEY HETHERINGTON,  
w.a. - FUG. CLYDE ALEXANDER, et al -  
Victims - W S T A

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my letter to you dated May 7, 1937, at which time I informed you that as soon as I obtained information as to the place of confinement of Rev. Courtney Hetherington known to you as Donald Montague, you would be advised, in order that you could file a detainer with the proper authorities.

I desire to inform you that I have determined that Hetherington, whose true name is Charles Arthur Demers, was sentenced on April 9, 1937 to serve five years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and assessed a fine of \$1000.00. It is believed that Hetherington is at present incarcerated at Leavenworth.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

April 13, 1939

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS,  
with aliases;  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Upon perusing the Identification Order file in this office and upon comparing the uncanceled Identification Orders appearing therein with the list of Identification Orders that have not been cancelled, according to Bureau letter of March 23, 1939, I find that the Identification Order on CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, which is I.O. #1433, has never been properly cancelled in the files of this office. Upon checking the file in the instant matter, I find that there does not appear therein an Apprehension Order.

Inasmuch as it appears that an Apprehension Order has been issued on CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS, it is respectfully requested that this office be furnished with the appropriate number of Apprehension Orders for the completion of its files.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Richard Hirsch  
327 Central Park West  
New York, New York

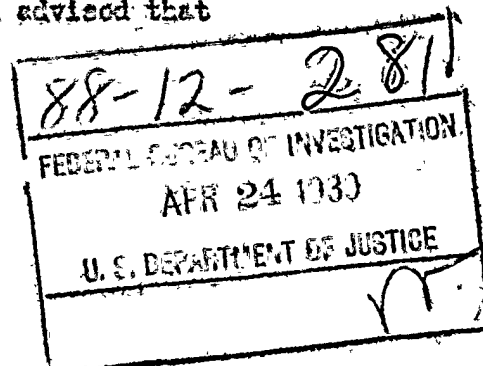
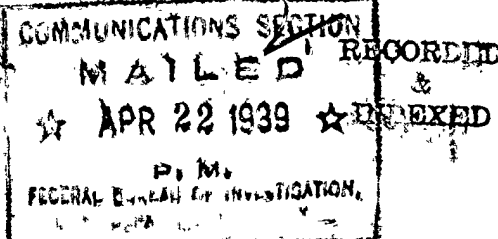
Dear Mr. Hirsch:

I wish to refer to your questions relative to the case of Charles Arthur Demers, I. O. #82-12, and set forth the following information:

1. With reference to the name of the Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where Demers, as Reverend Courtney B. Hetherington, preached, the Bureau ascertained that Demers conducted evangelistic meetings and revivals in several Churches in Birmingham, Alabama, until March of 1934. It was while preaching in Reverend Glen Tingley's Tabernacle, 1818 7th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, that Demers met the soloist whom he married.
2. The Bureau does not have data available for distribution concerning the details of Demers' attempt to blackmail his employer in Schenectady, New York, after his parole in 1916. It was stated that Demers was paroled to this individual, who later reported to the New York authorities that Demers had attempted this blackmail.
3. Information is not available concerning the number or value of the Bibles and hymnals which Demers stole from the woman evangelist and for which he was later arrested.

In December, 1934, Demers was rooming at an address in Memphis, Tennessee, with a woman who was purportedly his wife, when a telegram arrived addressed to George Madison Alexanders. Demers opened the telegram, which was addressed to his wife in Birmingham, Alabama, and advised that

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Reverend Hetherington was wanted by the Birmingham Police Department for desertion of his wife and child. The Bureau has no information relative to the reason for the telegram being addressed to this place.

5. The note which was found in the back yard in Birmingham on the afternoon of November 18, 1934, was believed by his wife to have been dropped from an airplane. An airplane was flying quite low overhead on that day and she and her neighbors actually believed Demers was in it. However, Agents conducted intensive investigations in the vicinity of Birmingham, and interviewed a pilot who stated he flew an airplane of the description furnished by Mrs. Demers in the neighborhood where she lived. He also stated that he flew quite low, but did not have as a passenger any individual who even remotely resembled the description of Demers. An additional investigation developed that an individual answering Demers' description had been seen in this neighborhood, and the probability is that Demers left the note in the yard shortly prior to the time it was discovered.
6. The Bureau does not have any details relative to the stock fraud and grand larceny charges which the New York State authorities have used as a basis for a detainer against Demers, other than the fact that Demers is supposed to have operated a stock office in New York in 1936 and secured \$400.00 from three different persons in a fraudulent manner.

I hope that this additional information will be of value to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Hirsch  
327 Central Park West  
New York City

QUESTIONS ON CASE OF CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS I.C. #88-12

- ✓ 1- Name of church in Birmingham, Alabama where in 1933, Demers as the Rev. Courtney Hetherington, preached. The real name can be withheld in the story, but I need a line on the importance of this church in the community.
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- ✓ 3- Value and number of Bibles and hymnals which Demers stole from a woman evangelist and for which he was arrested in August 1933?
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*Letter Mr. Hirsch  
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April 29, 1939

Mr. H. E. Anderson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
500 Rector Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Enclosed you will find a radio script entitled  
"Charles Arthur Demore, Alias Dr. Courtney Rotherington,"  
which it is suggested you use on your radio broadcast over  
Station KLRA, Little Rock, on May 1, 1939.

Additional material will be forwarded to you  
for your future broadcasts.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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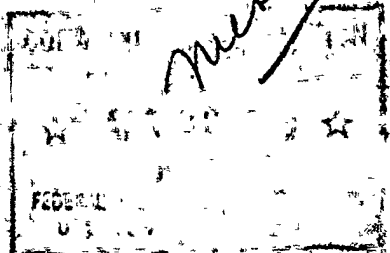
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CHARLES ARTHUR DEMERS ALIAS DR. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON

ANNOUNCER: A man of many names and callings, Charles Arthur Demers, moved from state to state, preying upon innocence. Nobody knows exactly how many times he married and, after flooding his unsuspecting bride, would move on to another locality. From coast to coast he traveled, leaving a trail of broken hearts and promises. It took the G-Men nearly three years to locate him, once his victims started complaining. His case was of such importance that Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation personally supervised the nationwide man hunt. But here is Mr. Hoover's personal representative, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of the FBI's \_\_\_\_\_ Division, who will discuss the activities of this self-styled Doctor of Divinity - Medicine - and scientist, who traveled not only in the United States but abroad.

ANSWER: Indeed, you are correct, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, when you referred to Charles Arthur Demers as a self-styled doctor, scientist and minister. He was, in fact, a colossal faker and criminals of his type are as vicious and obnoxious as any kidnaper or murderer. It is difficult to even approximate the sorrow and grief that he brought to countless homes.

ANNOUNCER: Won't you start right out at the beginning, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, and tell us about the real life of this person?

ANSWER: Gladly, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_. Demers, more popularly known as Reverend Courtney Hetherington, was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, in September, 1898, where he was reared. His first encounter with the law which resulted in his conviction occurred on May 21, 1915. He

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ANNOUNCER: I understand there was little known about his activities from then until 1922, when he returned to his home town of Fall River, Massachusetts.

WITNESS: That is correct. In November of 1922, he married an eighteen-year-old girl in Fall River. She was his only legal wife -- although he later



went through innumerable marriage ceremonies, never did he consider the formalities of a divorce. With his wife he lived in Fall River until June, 1923, and then moved to Connecticut. There he left his wife. She sold the furniture and returned to reside with her parents in Fall River. In time, Demers returned to her and remained until the money she had received from the sale of the furniture had been spent -- then he left again. Spasmodically, he would return and leave. While in Fall River he worked with various firms, always as a salesman in a furniture store. Although he made good wages, he seemingly could not bear to be tied down to any particular job. He was eloquent, smooth and a brilliant conversationalist. The court, at his wife's insistence, ordered him to pay for the support of his three children, but he boastfully stated the police would never catch him or make him pay any money to his family.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. , just what kind of a person was Demers?

ANSWER: In appearance, he was a small man. A little over five feet in height, he was stockily built with black receding hair, hazel eyes and dark complexion. Although short in stature, he made up for his lack in size by an overabundance of nerve and self-confidence. He would have been very successful as a salesman had he been persistent and honest. He was overbearing and in every position which he held, he attempted to run the business. Up until 1931, the life of Demers was punctuated with frequent appearances in the court at Fall River for non-support of his family and desertion. In 1931, Demers started on his harum-scarum career, during which he victimized innocent women all over the nation. In December of that year, we find Demers on a bus outside of St. Louis,

Missouri. He entered into a conversation with a twenty-three-year-old girl from Marion, Illinois, who was returning home. He introduced himself as Dr. C. P. Van Blarcom, and indicated that he was employed by a medical firm to go about the country performing operations. He stated that his automobile had broken down and this made it necessary for him to travel by bus to Memphis, Tennessee. Upon learning that the young lady had an automobile, he offered her \$25.00 to drive him from Marion, Illinois, to Memphis. She accepted. At Memphis they stayed at the same hotel -- occupying separate rooms on separate floors. Demers's conduct was exemplary. On the following day, Demers told her he had to proceed to New Orleans to perform an operation. Then he proposed marriage and she accepted.

ANNOUNCER: And I suppose they were married and proceeded to New Orleans?

ANSWER: That is right, and at Houston, Texas, his bride awoke and found a note with \$20.00 attached, stating that he would meet her in Dallas, Texas. She never saw him again. We next find Demers conducting religious meetings at a mission in Houston, Texas, in 1935. This time he used the name, Maurice Pierrepont. There he became friendly with a young lady who attended his meetings. She became ill. He, of course, visited her, and later they were married, on April 5, 1935. The following month the newly-weds went to Westlake, Louisiana. There they lived with a man and his wife. Demers obtained from this man a loan of \$250.00 for the alleged purpose of going to Mexico to recover \$50,000 in surgical instruments, which he claimed was buried there. Needless to say, this loan was never repaid.

ANNOUNCER: Did Demers stay with his new bride for any length of time?

ANSWER: Three months. He deserted her in Texas. From her, Special Agents of the FBI ascertained that Demers claimed his full name to be Arthur Adolph DuBussey Debougainville Charles Vincent Maurice Piorrepont. He informed her he was born in Paris, France, of noble parentage, and had served in the French Army as a Colonel during the World War. His mother, he stated, had been a countess in France and his French wife had died in Mexico while he, Demers, had been in the employ of the French Embassy. Demers spoke French fluently and had some knowledge of the Spanish language. In all, he claimed to be versed in fourteen foreign languages.

ANNOUNCER: And then where did Demers go?

ANSWER: To Toledo, Ohio, where he conducted revivals, and then to Detroit, Michigan, where he met a young feminine evangelist. He held several religious meetings in Detroit and after the young lady evangelist rejected his proposal of marriage, he departed from the city with her hymnals and Bibles. She subsequently located him in Des Moines, Iowa, and had him arrested. The property was returned to her and the charges were dropped. In the fall of 1933, he preached in missions in Chicago, Illinois, and worked south through Kentucky until he reached Birmingham, Alabama. It was here that he came to the attention of the FBI. He arrived in Birmingham, professing to be a former doctor from London, England. He had taken up religious work, he claimed, after having been cured of paralysis. In Birmingham, he conducted revivals and evangelistic meetings, and at one of the churches met the daughter of a respectable family. She was twenty-one and was the soloist in

the church. On December 9, 1933, they were married. Now Demers was known as Dr. Courtney Hetherington. He continued his meeting and resided with his newest wife's parents. He expressed a desire to re-enter the medical profession and borrowed \$1,000.00 from the young woman's father for the purpose of opening a laboratory for germ culture and analysis. In March of 1934, Hetherington, with his bride, traveled to Chicago, Illinois, for the ostensible purpose of purchasing the necessary laboratory equipment. He left his bride at a Chicago hotel and she never saw him again.

ANNOUNCER: Did she ever hear from Demers again?

ANSWER: Indirectly, yes. But under peculiar circumstances. One afternoon in November of 1934, an airplane was heard and observed flying at a very low altitude in the neighborhood where this girl lived with her mother. The mother later went into the backyard and found a note, fastened to a bolt. She called to her daughter and they read the contents of this note. It purported to be from Hetherington, and stated he had dropped it from a plane; further, that he would soon return and take her to England with the "tot." Hetherington always referred to their infant child as the "tot." His deserted bride at first actually believed he had dropped the note from the low-flying airplane. However, Special Agents of the FBI, in investigating this incident, located the pilot of a plane which had circled low over the neighborhood on the afternoon in question. He positively stated that he had never seen anyone resembling Demers. The Special Agents likewise established the improbability of anyone's successfully dropping a bolt of this size from a plane with sufficient accuracy to land in the yard. They also ascertained that a man answering Demers' description had been seen

driving a car in this neighborhood on the day the note was found.

ANNOUNCER: And where did the G-Men next locate a trace of him, Mr. ?

ANSWER: From Chicago Demers traveled to California. Soon after his arrival, he appeared at Santa Barbara to hold religious meetings at a church. On May 4, 1934, he married the pastor of this church. He thereafter announced to the congregation that his relatives in England were wealthy, and if he could secure \$2,000 for a trip to England, he would return with \$15,000 for the church. In response to his appeal, a feminine member of the congregation gave him \$1,600.00. Neither his wife nor members of the church saw him after this. He returned to Massachusetts, but he was unable to stay in one place long, and we next picked up his trail in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was known as Reverend Courtney Gouthey. After conducting meetings for three weeks he left -- with a twenty-three year old girl. He took his newest bride to Memphis, Tennessee, where they lived in a private home.

ANNOUNCER: Wasn't it at this point that the Federal Bureau of Investigation entered into the case? When Demers transported this girl in interstate commerce, he violated the White Slave Traffic Act, over which the FBI has investigative jurisdiction. Now J. Edgar Hoover could order the G-Men to bring this libertine to justice, and the full force of the government was directed against Demers' activities.

ANSWER: Yes. A Federal Grand Jury at San Antonio, Texas, indicted Demers for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. Unfortunately, the various other violations of this Federal Statute which had been perpetrated by Demers in his nefarious activities could not be prosecuted by the Federal Government, since they were barred by the Statute of Limitations. Gradually we were getting closer to Demers. The Special Agents of the

FBI found that in December of 1935, Demers approached a physician in a hospital in Hickory, North Carolina, and introduced himself as Dr. Brutus Darling. This time he claimed to be a bacteriologist and medical missionary, interested in opening a new hospital. He desired to look over this doctor's laboratory. The doctor himself was a bacteriologist, and a keen judge of human nature for he refused to cash Demers' check for \$50.00 but offered to cash one for \$5.00. Demers refused and hurriedly departed.

ANNOUNCER: Certainly Demers proved himself to be very versatile and brazen, Mr.           . What other means did the Federal Bureau of Investigation adopt to apprehend him?

ANSWER: Extensive investigations were conducted all over the country. Constant contact was maintained with his family in Fall River, Massachusetts, but they had heard nothing from him. Strangely enough, a relative offered to wager with a Special Agent that the Bureau would never apprehend Demers, as much as he would like to see him in jail; and then, two days later, Demers was caught. Mr. Hoover had directed the issuance of Identification Orders. In these wanted notices appeared Demers' photograph, together with his fingerprints, his various aliases, criminal record, physical description, and the charge for which he was wanted. They were placed in all post offices, banks, and various other prominent places throughout the nation.

ANNOUNCER: Did this bring results, Mr.           ?

ANSWER: Yes, it did, Mr.           . During March, 1937, a man and his wife were in a furniture store at Deadwood, South Dakota. The wife was

employed in a bank which received these Identification Orders. You will recall that Demers had experience as a furniture salesman -- and she recognized an employee of a local furniture store as being similar to the photograph on the wanted notice which she had seen at the bank. This good citizen promptly notified the Chief of Police at Deadwood, South Dakota, and Demers, this time known as Don Morgan, was apprehended. Although he denied his identity, his fingerprints were taken and compared with those on the Identification Order. They were identical.

And was he still engaged in his old activities?

Yes. It was found that Demers, as Don Morgan, was going with a young woman in Deadwood and just a few days prior to his arrest, she had furnished him with \$900.00 in cash so that he could go to Denver, Colorado, and start a new business -- at least, that is what he told her he was going to do. Later they intended to be married. And Demers had told this girl they would have a very pretentious wedding in Deadwood -- one which would be attended by the German and French Ambassadors and other foreign dignitaries. After his apprehension, he returned to the young lady all but \$20.00 of the monies she had given to him. Demers readily admitted the charges against him but refused to elaborate upon his activities. He boasted that he had lectured at various large universities in this country, as well as in prominent churches throughout the United States. He also claimed that he had lectured in universities in England and Scotland.

ANNOUNCER: Of course, he was so careless with the truth, that little faith could be placed in these statements. But tell us, Mr. , what

disposition was made of the case against Demers?

ANSWER: Demers waived removal from South Dakota to San Antonio, Texas, and on April 9, 1937, he entered a plea of guilty at San Antonio, whereupon he received a five year prison sentence and was fined \$1,000.00. Later he was received at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to serve this sentence. Subsequent to his incarceration, inquiries were received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from New York State authorities concerning his place of imprisonment, as they stated they intended to indict him on several charges of grand larceny with reference to stock frauds. Apparently Demers had operated as a stock broker on Wall Street in New York City and obtained money from various persons through fraudulent transactions.

ANNOUNCER: This interesting narrative, Mr. , vividly illustrates the manner in which the men of the FBI, led by its Director J. Edgar Hoover, can run to earth those predatory criminals who flee from state to state to avoid apprehension and prosecution. The career of that peculiar individual known as Reverend Courtney Hetherington is an illustration that natural talents, if misdirected into criminal channels, lead only to prison and disillusionment.



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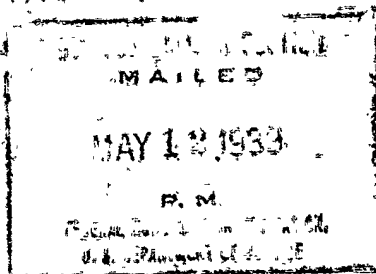
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Mr. John Shuttleworth  
Editor  
True Detective Mysteries  
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122 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Shuttleworth:

I have your letter of May 4, 1939, together with the article "Charles Arthur Demers--Bantamweight of Crime" prepared by Mr. Richard Hirsch, and the following changes in the story are recommended:

On page 9, it is mentioned "a police alarm soon uncovered him in Des Moines, Iowa."  
As a matter of fact there was no police alarm spread for him and the woman evangelist located Demers in Des Moines through her own efforts.

On page 18 it is suggested "The whorls and ridges....." be changed to read, "The ridge formations on his fingertips were identical."

In accordance with your request I am happy to enclose a photograph of Demers together with an Identification Order which the Bureau prepared on him.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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122 East 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y.

May 4, 1939

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith for the FBI files a carbon copy  
of a story written by Richard Hirsch entitled CHARLES  
ARTHUR DEMERS--Bantamweight of Crime, which we anticipate  
publishing.

This is submitted in the hope that if you have any changes  
to suggest in support of accuracy or in the public inter-  
est you will advise me at your convenience.

I would also appreciate it if I could have a picture of  
Charles Arthur Demers and the FBI Identification Order on  
him.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

Re: REVEREND COURTNEY KETHERINGTON  
with alias  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Dear Sir:

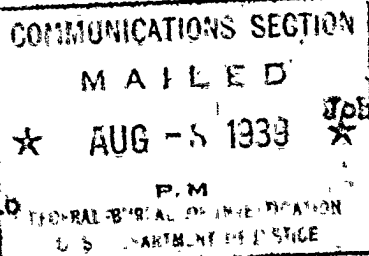
Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated July 23, 1939, in which you furnish information received by your division from Dr. E. A. Hudson, Superintendent of Masonic Hospital, El Paso, Texas, relative to the scheme being perpetrated by an individual, giving the name of Clements.

It is noted that in view of the similar circumstances involved in this case, you have requested to be advised concerning the possibility of Courtney Ketherington's connection with Clements.

Inquiry of the Bureau of Prisons has disclosed that the records of that Bureau reflect that Courtney Ketherington is still incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. A further inquiry at the Board of Parole has revealed that the Board has not, as yet, received any information concerning the parole or conditional release of Ketherington.

In view of this information it is evident that Ketherington, himself, is not a party to the scheme discussed in your letter.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc San Antonio  
Dallas  
Los Angeles

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

El Paso, Texas  
July 28, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: Reverend COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, with  
aliases, I. O. #1433, A. O. #1433-455.  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

Dear Sir:

Dr. E. A. HUDSON, Superintendent of Masonic Hospital,  
916 N. Piedras Street, El Paso, Texas, advised Special Agent D. K.  
BROWN that on July 27, 1939, an individual giving the name of  
CLEMENTS had approached him with a proposition concerning health  
insurance, a subject in which Dr. HUDSON is greatly interested.

Dr. HUDSON is the head of a group of Texas doctors who  
have recently been instrumental in obtaining state sponsorship of  
insurance and hospitalization on a group basis in the State of Texas  
and CLEMENTS, apparently knowing of Dr. HUDSON's connection with  
this group, advised that he, in conjunction with a Dr. DARLING, was  
promoting health organizations throughout the United States whereby  
groups could purchase health insurance at the rate of 15¢ per month  
or 25¢ per month including hospitalization. CLEMENTS' plans called  
for the use of one of the smaller hospitals in each town in the  
United States wherein a doctor employed by the health association  
was supposed to be in residence at all times. The plan further  
called for clinical and laboratory work, which would be conducted  
by doctors traveling in trailers throughout the United States.  
After a brief explanation of the plan this individual furnished to  
Dr. HUDSON approximately two hundred insurance policies, which he  
requested Dr. HUDSON to pay for and then sell among the citizens in  
El Paso.

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The scheme was so obviously a fraud to Dr. HUDSON that he  
refused to listen further to CLEMENTS' story and requested him to  
leave the hospital. However, during the course of conversation with  
CLEMENTS, Dr. HUDSON asked who the director of the health associ-  
ation would be and CLEMENTS immediately informed that they had a  
wonderful physician by the name of Dr. DARLING as head of the  
organization. CLEMENTS also advised that he and Dr. DARLING had

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Director, July 28, 1939

Re: Rev. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, was  
I.O.#1433, A.O.#1433-455. W.S.T.A.

recently been in Los Angeles promoting their scheme and that they were then en route to Dallas, Texas, where they intended to promote the scheme.

Dr. HUDSON was greatly incensed at CLEMENTS' activities and gave the matter considerable thought after CLEMENTS had left his office, finally recalling that two or three years ago he was attending a session of the North Carolina police training school and a representative of the Bureau had given a lecture which included information concerning the operations of a Dr. DARLING, who was wanted for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. He therefore came to the conclusion that it was possible the Dr. DARLING wanted by the Bureau was connected with CLEMENTS in this apparently fraudulent scheme.

A photograph of the above captioned subject was exhibited to Dr. HUDSON, who advised that CLEMENTS was not identical with Subject HETHERINGTON, but that HETHERINGTON was the individual referred to by the Bureau Agent at the training school in North Carolina.

Dr. HUDSON furnished the following description of CLEMENTS, who he states apparently was well acquainted with hospital administration but had only a slight knowledge of medicine:

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| Age:           | 40   |
| Height:        | 5' 6"  |
| Weight:        | 200 lbs.   |
| Hair:          | Completely bald  |
| Eyes:          | Brown  |
| Build:         | Heavy  |
| Mustache:      | clean shaven   |
| Complexion:    | Medium fair  |
| Race:          | White  |
| Clothing:      | Gray suit, white shoes trimmed in brown,<br>no hat.  |
| Peculiarities: | Ears protruded, "burrow ears"; nose<br>slightly pockmarked; cigar smoker;<br>very fluent talker; wore large cameo<br>ring on left little finger; claims to<br>have Ph. D. from some German university;<br>claims to have many friends in U. S.<br>Public Health Service. |

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Director, July 28, 1939

Re: Rev. COURTNEY HETHERINGTON, was

I.O.#1433, A.O.#1433-455. W.S.T.A.

There is suggested to the Bureau the possibility that HETHERINGTON might presently be connected with some such scheme as outlined by Dr. HUDSON in the event he has been released from the penitentiary. It is therefore suggested that the Bureau furnish the El Paso Office and other offices receiving copies of this letter with any information in the Bureau's files with any indication that HETHERINGTON has been given a conditional release from the penitentiary at this date.

Very truly yours,

*R. J. Untreiner*

R. J. UNTREINER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Dallas

cc-Los Angeles

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Henri Dubois  
Post restante  
Chicago, Ill



Mrs. Lorraine F. Brown

Woodstock, Va.

(Personal)

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Dear Madam:-

All the content of this letter is true and sincere.

After the World war I came to these States and since then I lived too much in lonesomeness.

Thinking of you that perhaps are lonesome too at this time it seems to me, if I am right, that trying to get acquainted will bring out such happiness that only can come down from heaven.

I shall be glad to forward to you my photograph taken at the time of the war, in which I lived in, as I am of French descendants, and when our American University conferred on me the degree

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of Doctor of Laws, some years after  
I came here. I am of course a  
member of the American Bar at  
present. I am living now in a  
suburb of Chicago, Ill.

If you believe, therefore, that you  
are the one elected by my heart  
you will become interested in  
corresponding, and I am sure  
and promise that you will never  
regret to have so resolved.

I am eagerly waiting a line  
from you during the coming week in  
order to open fully the treasury  
in store in my heart to you.

Your sincere admirer

Henri Dubois

Poste restante, Chicago, Ill.

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SUPERVISOR

Birmingham, Ala.  
Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1933.

Dear Bro. & Sister Fable:

Greetings in Jesus' Most Precious Name! My most ardent apologies for my dereliction.

I had really intended writing you long before this, but somehow never got to it. Since I last wrote you, I concluded a revival here, another 18 day revival in Abbeville, Ala. and am preparing to close another in Sayreton Sunday.

One more surprise. On the 9th of this month, I took unto myself a wife!! No longer will I travel alone. There will now be two of us in the Lord's work. No more seeking a singer for Mrs. Hetherington is well known in the churches and over the radio. This greatly simplifies matters.

The Lord has indeed been kind to me, and I can show my gratitude to Him only by serving Him more fervently.

My thoughts return to  
 Queensboro quite often and I am  
 wondering if the Devil still holds  
 sway in that favorite seat of his.  
 My prayers are that his nefarious  
 and hellish grip will soon be  
 broken and that many souls will  
 be reclaimed to do the Lord's bidding.

At this time, Mrs. Hetherington  
 joins herself to me in extending  
 to you our most heartfelt wishes  
 for a very Merry Christmas and  
 a Happy and Prosperous New  
 Year in which the Lord will  
 always have preeminence.

Remember me to all those  
 who manifested an interest in  
 my humble ministry.

~~We shall be pleased~~  
~~to hear from you as often as~~  
~~possible.~~

Sincerely,  
 Yours in Christ  
 Rev. & Mrs. Courtney Hetherington  
 2604 42nd Ave. No.  
 Birmingham,  
 Ala.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 16523

Laboratory Report

Case:

Rev. Courtney Hawthornthorn,  
with aliases-Fugitive.  
Olydo Alexander, et al-Victim.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Number:

62-12-201

Specimens:

- 62-12-201 Q1 Registration card of Penn-Curtis Hotel #2732, Dr. B.  
Darling and wife. The (wife spelled wf.)  
" Q2 Registration card of Penn-Curtis Hotel #2732, Dr. B.  
Darling.  
" Q3 Registration card of The Penn-Curtis Hotel #2732,  
Rev. John J. Hillis.  
" Q4 Registration card of The Penn-Curtis Hotel #2732,  
Dr. B. G. Murphy.  
Examination requested by: Q5 Registration card of The Penn-Curtis Hotel #2732, Dr. B.  
Hillis.

Date received:

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Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major/1

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Darling.

62-12-201 Q5

Registration card of Governor Hotel (Name not shown on  
card) #22015-Rev. E. Denial.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 15211

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Reverend Courtney Hetherington,  
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1433.  
Clyde Alexander, et al - Victims.  
White Slave Traffic Act.

Number: 88-12-264

Specimens: 88-12-264 Q7 Registration card of the Harrisburger  
Hotel, #D-8243, in the name of C. E. Wood.  
Q8 Registration card of the Harrisburger  
Hotel, #D-9230, in the name of C. E. Wood.

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Date received: 3/18/37 MT 3:30 p.m.

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Return registration cards to Philadelphia Field Division.

cc - San Antonio  
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Mrs. Lorraine P. Brown

Woodstock, Va.





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July 2 - '35

Dear Madam:-

Perhaps my letter was quite  
a puzzle to you. To prove to you  
however that it was from a gentleman  
and that every word is very true,  
herewith is enclosed a strip of a  
paper with a snap of the man who sent it.  
I decided to write you where I  
had a chance to see your photograph.  
I discovered that your physiognomy  
is a perfect matching with the one  
you will find here, and I thought  
and still think that it would  
prove a perfect fine match or  
superhuman one -

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If you are not, with this  
proof, fully persuaded, I shall  
ask only a favor, which I am sure  
you will not deny, in seeing the  
trust that I put in you. And this  
is only to send back the present  
letter and its content and the first  
one in order that I might destroy  
them like the sweet illusion is des-  
troyed. At the same time I assure you  
that I destroy your address and that  
you will no hear from me hereafter.  
(Please do it this week -)

With my best wishes of happiness  
and begging to forgive and forget  
this incident

Sincerely,

Henri Dubois. General Delivery  
Chicago, Illinois

88-12-161-F

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1923.

Dear brother Kilvid!

I received the letter this morning and I can't say how I feel! I've tried and tried to express my thoughts, but with no success. I am both happy and brokenhearted. Happy because Lill says that there is a change in Lina and brokenhearted because she is not with me.

It is out of the question for me to go back to Fall River for it would be the same life all over again. Yet, I cannot send for Lina, for Lina almost broke and is doubly yesterday the sea

a pity, what a pity! Every-  
thing gone, everything lost, and  
all for temper. What a tragedy  
The happiness of two lives shat-  
tered because of this.

I can't write more  
at this time, I am all in  
and too weak.

Please give the enclosed  
to Lina and answer soon.

Please tell dad and mother  
not to worry so much.

Love.

Arthur.

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I can't expect success. It  
looks as though I can last but  
a week or two at it. Work is  
scarce here and the pay is very  
poor. However, if, within two  
or three weeks, I can land a  
steady job and Lina wants to  
come to me, I will do my best.  
The best is not much, because  
money talks, and I can't even  
whisper.

If only I could eat and  
sleep regular. I only eat once  
or twice a day, and then but  
very little. I haven't slept more  
than two hours a night since  
I left. Last night I didn't go  
to bed at all.

God! if things hadn't  
turned out as they have. What





Mr. Alfred Deane

162 Blackstone St.

Fall River,

Mass.





DEPT. OF POLICE - CLEVELAND, OHIO  
SCIENTIFIC IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

J Edgar Hoover, Director,

May 8, 1946

FBI Washington D C.

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For the completion of our files, will you forward at your earliest convenience,  
dispositions of the following cases.

*Dep-6*  
Superintendent

*Geo. J. Matasich*  
of Police

| NAME.           | Our Number | Your Number | CHARGE                           | Arrest Date | DISPOSITION    |
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| Chas A Demers ✓ | F96949     | Ident.Or.   | Wanted<br>White Slave Traf. Act. |             |                |
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INDEXED Mr. Charles L. Burgess  
30 Norwood Avenue  
Staten Island 4, New York

116 Dear Mr. Burgess:

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Your letter of January 5, 1948, has been received. Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau does not have information indicating whether the individual concerning whom you have written is presently incarcerated in any penal institution. Also we are unable to furnish a copy of his photograph. The Bureau of Prisons maintains a register of individuals detained in Federal penitentiaries. Its data, however, would fail to reflect a person in a state or local institution.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: File 65-45799 reflects an investigation of Henry John Burgess to determine the truth of allegations that he was pro-German. Correspondent is his brother and when interviewed by Bureau Agents in 1943 stated he had been engaged in writing detective stories. He said he had never been arrested and had never been belonged to or attended any meetings of the German-American Bund or any similar organization. At one time correspondent was alleged to have written a letter containing pro-Nazi statements indicating that he had attended Bund meetings in the Bronx. Several individuals state that correspondent wrote to his brother about attending Bund meetings and in praise of Hitler. The records of the Identification Division reflect that Charles Arthur Demers, FBI #596783 is not known to be incarcerated in

**BURGESS:**

any institution nor have fingerprints for him been received since he was given a conditional release from Leavenworth 10/18/40. Although we have photographs of Demers, in view of correspondent's background it is believed inadvisable to send him one.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

January 5, 1947

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Identification Division,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing on the exploits of one Charles Arthur Demers of Fall River, Mass., and in order to complete my yarn I would like to know if Demers is still incarcerated in any penal institution at the present time, or what his present status is.

On April 9, 1937, he pleaded guilty to a White Slavery charge in San Antonio, Texas; and was given five years. That's as far as my records go.

Also, if it is possible, I would appreciate having a picture of Demers to accompany my story on the man.

Thanking you most cordially for any help you may extend me, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

*Charles L. Burgess*  
Charles L. Burgess

30 Norwood Avenue  
Staten Island, 4, N.Y.

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